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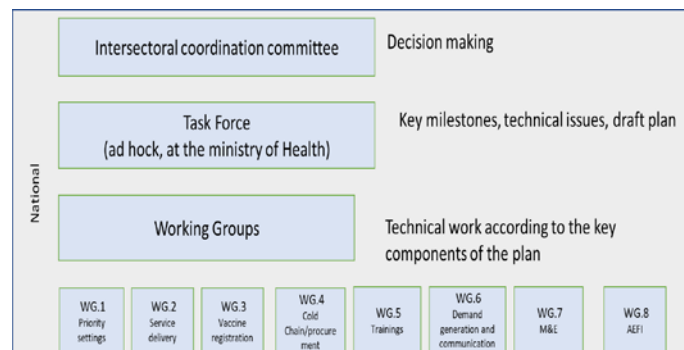
Covid 19 Vaccine Deployment Plan Development

Georgia signed a Commitment Agreement with the GAVI Alliance on September 18 to secure access to the vaccine through COVAX Facility amid increased global demand, and thus, protect the country population from serious disease caused by COVID 19 and reduce mortality while restoring normal economic activity. 1,484,400 doses of vaccine have been ordered, which is enough to vaccinate 20% of the country population. Under the agreement, the country has transferred \$ 4,601,640 as upfront payment. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia continues to work with the European Union and other countries, as well as with manufacturers to provide additional doses of vaccines and in a short time.

In consultation with partners (WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, WB, ADB, USAID, EU) the country opted for development of the Covid 19 Vaccine Deployment Plan. To streamline the process, a decision-making and coordination mechanism has been set up.

Covid 19 Vaccine Deployment Plan Development process

The Intersectoral Committee will lead the plan development process, key agreements at the sector level will be coordinated at the Ministry level, and the Center for Disease Control will coordinate the work of technical working groups assisted by the experts from Curatio International Foundation and other experts mobilized by with assistance of the Asian Development Bank.



The working groups are designed in line with the WHO Covid 19 Vaccine Deployment Plan framework and include the following:

- WG 1 Priority setting
- WG 2 Service delivery
- WG 3 Vaccine registration
- WG 4 Cold chain/procurement
- WG 5 Trainings
- WG 6 Demand generation and communication
- WG 7 M&E
- WG 8 AEFI

Priority groups for vaccination have been identified by the Working Group and NITAG has been consulted. The coordination committee is scheduled to discuss and make a decision by the end of December, 2020. During the same period, the service delivery strategy and scenarios will be prepared, which are designed for the gradual acceptance of the different vaccines. By the end of 2020, all important policy decisions will be made by the country, which will guide the working groups in all other areas, although other working groups will continue to work in parallel, primarily on creating demand and communication.

Partner Assistance in both planning and implementation, as well as mobilizing additional resources, is crucial to the country. The government of Georgia is working in this direction.



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