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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Ben Nangombe
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FROM: Mr. Robert Nandjila
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DATE: 23 August 2023

RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STANDARDIZED AND INTEGRATED IMMUNIZATION PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

1. Namibia introduced the National Routine Immunization Schedule for childhood vaccination at independence in 1990, with only a few vaccines at a time, with the objective to reduce the incidence and prevalence of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPDs) by promoting and providing immunization services in a comprehensive manner.
2. The national schedule was subsequently expanded when new and effective vaccines and technologies come into being that significantly contributed to the reduction of morbidity and mortality due to VPDs. In addition to childhood immunization, new vaccines were also introduced for adolescent and women of childbearing age.
3. Private sector joined the state in providing vaccination, the much-needed game changing preventative intervention to the people, albeit the cost involved. However, there has been different immunization schedules offered in the private health facilities in comparison with one offered in the public health facilities, hence a decision to review, harmonize and standardize the immunisation schedule to be offered in private and state facilities guided by national and global standards.
4. In the meeting of the Nation Polio Certification Committee (NCC) on **24 November 2022** with the Executive Director, the challenge of the different vaccination schedules implemented in the private sector was raised and the need to integrate was discussed and agreed by both parties.
5. Based on the afore-mentioned background, a standardized and integrated vaccination schedule was agreed for implementation with the representatives from the private health facilities and medical association that provide vaccination services.

Thank you.

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**INTEGRATED NATIONAL ROUTINE IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE FOR
CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENTS**

| AGE | VACCINES IN THE SCHEDULES | | ADMINISTRATION |
|------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| | Private | Public | Routes/Sites |
| Intervals | | | |
| Birth | • BCG | BCG | Intra dermal (Left Shoulder) |
| | • Hep B 1 | Hep B 0 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| | • OPV 0 | OPV 0 | Oral |
| 6 weeks | • DtapIPV/Hib1/Hep B | Penta 1 (DPT/Hib/Heb) | IMI (Left thigh) |
| | • PCV: 1 | PCV: 1 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| | • RV:1 | RV:1 | Oral |
| | N/A | OPV | Oral |
| 10 weeks | • DtapIPV/Hib1/Hep B | Penta 2 (DPT/Hib/Heb) | IMI (Left thigh) |
| | • PCV: 2 | PCV 2 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| | • RV:2 | RV 2 | Oral |
| | N/A | OPV 3 | Oral |
| 14 weeks | • DtapIPV/Hib1/Hep B | Penta 3 (DPT/Hib/Heb) | IMI (Left thigh) |
| | • PCV: 3 | PCV 3 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| | N/A | IPV 1 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| | • (RV:3 – Rotasiil requires 3 doses) | RV 3 | Oral |
| | N/A | OPV 3 | Oral |
| 9 months | • Measles single dose | Measles Rubella | Subcutaneous (Right Deltoid) |
| | • Meningococcal: 1 serogroups A,C,W and Y | N/A | IMI (Left thigh) |

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| | N/A | *IPV 2 | IMI (Right thigh) |
| 12 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varicella: 1 | N/A | IMI (thigh/ deltoid Right) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hep A: 1 | N/A | IMI (thigh/ deltoid Left) |
| 15 months | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMR | Measles Rubella | Subcutaneous (Right deltoid) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DtapIPV/Hib1/Hep B | N/A | IMI (thigh/ deltoid Left) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCV: 4 | N/A | IMI (thigh/delt Right) |
| 18 months – 2 years 6 months from 1 st dose | Hep A: 2 | N/A | IMI (thigh /deltoid) |
| 3 months from 1 st dose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varicella:2 | N/A | Subcutaneous (deltoid) |
| Booster dose from 1 st dose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meningococcal: 2 serogroups A, C, W and Y | N/A | IMI (Left thigh) |
| 5 years | DtapIPV | N/A | IMI (deltoid Right) |
| | N/A | DT and OPV | IMI (Left thigh) |
| 10 - 12 years | DtapIPV | N/A | IMI (deltoid Right) |
| | N/A | Td and OPV | IMI (Left thigh) |
| 9-14 years | HPV1 for girls | *HPV1 for girls | IMI (Left deltoid) |
| | HPV2 (6 months apart) for girls | *HPV2 (6 months apart) for girls | IMI (Left deltoid) |

*: Vaccine/dose planned for introduction

N/A: Vaccine/dose that is currently not in the schedule



Ben Mangombe: Executive Director