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VACCINE PROCUREMENT
Pratictioners Network (VPPN)

ONBOARDING HANDOUT

How to use the Vaccine Procurement Practitioners Network?

Dear new Member,

Welcome to the Vaccine Procurement Practitioners Network!

Ready to strengthen your national immunisation programme? You have just joined an exclusive community of immunisation professionals where candid conversations happen and real solutions emerge!

As a VPPN member, you will:

- Exchange **real-world strategies with fellow government officials who understand your challenges,** through peer-to-peer dialogue**;**
- Learn **about cutting-edge developments that impact your vaccination programmes,** thanks to a dedicated resource portal**;**
- Engage in dynamic online events **featuring expert insights and government success stories that address your questions.**

This confidential space is designed for professionals like you to speak freely, ask bold questions, and share experiences that matter. Don't just observe — dive in and contribute to the conversations shaping global immunisation practices!

Your expertise is valuable. Your challenges are shared. Your solutions are waiting!

Where to start on the VPPN?

On the Timeline
- Say hi to the community and introduce yourself!
- Share your questions, challenges or any contribution on vaccine procurement!

To find VPPN news
- Have a look at the latest Monthly snapshot on the Timeline!
- Consult the Announcements!
- Read our last newsletter!

To learn about vaccine procurement
- Browse through our Library, Themes, Tools & Resources and VPFs menus!
- Read key resources, including:
  Q&A SERIES on Market Intelligence
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  EAP VPF Final Report
  WCA VPF Final Report

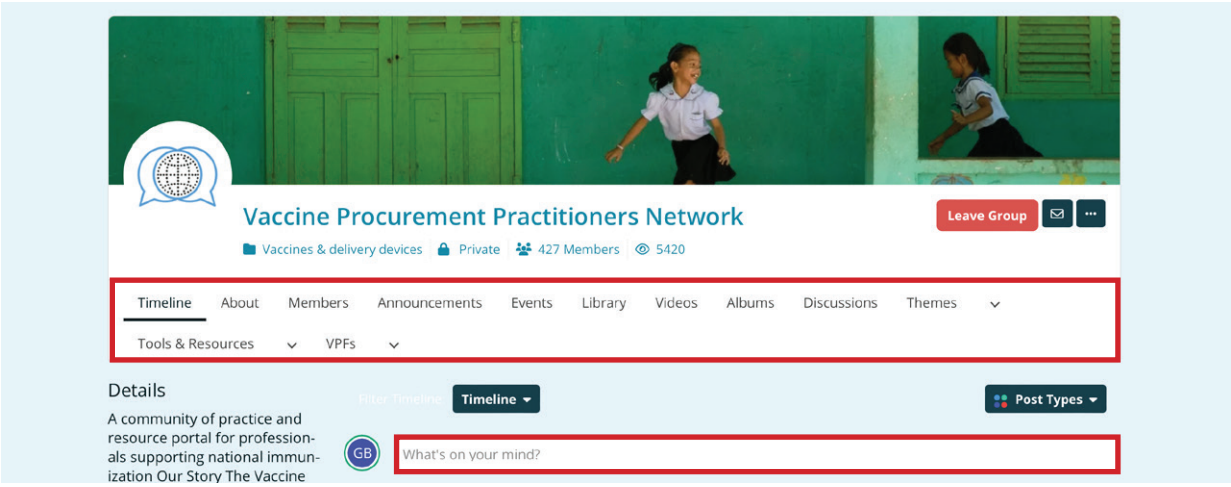
To attend upcoming VPPN webinars
- Check the VPPN news and your mails!
- Once notified, register to the event!

1. Knowledge exchange through peer-to-peer dialogue

The VPPN is **country-driven**, which means that members are encouraged to share tested knowledge and lessons learnt openly. Over the years, we have indeed noticed that procurement practitioners **benefit greatly from exchanging with peers** about immunisation challenges, country-led initiatives and best practice.

- **Timeline:** This is the quickest way for you to post a question, raise a challenge, start a discussion or publish a contribution on vaccine procurement. You can simply use the "What's on your mind?" box that appears as soon as you open the VPPN. The timeline is also your VPPN newsfeed at a glance, with all latest publications and news, including our Monthly snapshots and VPPN newsletters.
- **Members:** The Members menu allows you to find other fellow practitioners and start private conversations.
- **Discussions:** Open the Discussions menu to access ongoing conversations on the latest VPPN topics. You can add a question or contribution to an existing discussion or create a new discussion to address one of your concerns. With the Timeline, Discussions constitute the main space for online peer-to-peer dialogue.

VPPN specific menus and main sharing box



2. Resource portal

To form a valuable knowledge base, we curate vaccine procurement and innovation resources tailored to community needs, including articles, immunisation reports, and market updates.

Our flagship publications include the **Q&A Series** (featuring country experiences on specific themes through interviews, often introducing related online events) and the **Lessons Learnt Series** (concise 2-page summaries capturing key takeaways from online discussions). These resources are regularly published on our platform for all members to access.

- **Library:** The Library is your main tool to search the whole VPPN database, by typing keywords in the "Search" box or by using the available filters.
- **Themes:** Our Themes pages introduce each key area of the vaccine procurement cycle based on UNICEF's e-learning course, namely 1) vaccine manufacturing, 2) regulatory considerations, 3) forecasting, planning and budgeting, 4) market intelligence, 5) monitoring & evaluation and, 6) strategic vaccine procurement. You can also find on these pages all the resources linked with each theme.
- **Tools & Resources:** Find here the UNICEF-driven projects to support countries vaccine procurement, including 1) the strategic vaccine procurement assessment toolbox, 2) the Strategic Vaccine Procurement e-course and, 3) a list of other UNICEF resources.
- **VPFs:** Launched in 2015, the Vaccine Procurement Forum is a learning event that promotes knowledge and best practice exchange to support countries ensure sustainable access to quality-assured vaccines. The VPPN was established following the first VPF, as its online community of practice. The VPF pages gather all the resources linked with each global or regional VPF.
- **Announcements:** All main news on the VPPN are shared through announcements, that are automatically sent to members through e-mail notifications.
- **Albums:** Browse through the pictures taken at our global and regional VPFs!

3. Online events

Tackling current immunisation challenges, our webinars **address the community's knowledge needs** on the basis of regular member surveys and reviews of regional circumstances. They feature experts and government representatives who highlight their specific experience and lessons learnt, and always include a Q&A session that allows members to **directly exchange with peers and partners**.

- **Events:** Click here to see past and future VPPN events.
- **Videos:** This section mainly includes videos from our webinars and VPFs. All our webinars are indeed recorded, which allows you to watch or listen to past events whenever you want.

We would like to hear from you

As you have seen above, the VPPN is first and foremost your platform. It gets richer thanks to your contributions and we want to involve you in planning its content and activities.

Your opinion matters as it helps us better **tailor our offer to your needs**.

Please, take a few minutes to send us some **feedback** and answer the following questions:

- What is your involvement with vaccine procurement?
- What are your expectations from the VPPN?
- What kinds of procurement challenges are you facing (for example, forecasting, contracting, meeting your programmatic objectives, etc)?

Many thanks for your time! We wish you a pleasant and useful browsing on the VPPN.

Do you have a question?
My name is Dyuti and I am your community of practice manager.
I would be glad to answer your questions about vaccine procurement or the VPPN.



Feel free to contact me:

- **By e-mail at dschuwey@unicef.org**
- **Or on the VPPN directly!**