

Vaccination data collection from health facilities: Albania

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 - Institute of Public Health (IShP)
 - Part of the Ministry of Health
- Fieldwork teams visited each enumeration area
- Point of contact in EA was the health center workers

Health care system in Albania

- Mixture of public and private
 - Primary care centers baby clinics, health posts (fixed post sites and outreach activities)
 - Outreach activities community participation
 - Private sector primary and secondary care
- Private sector
 - Mostly private doctors in urban areas
 - Same national standards and vaccination schedule apply
 - Same registration requirements
 - Required to provide information to public health system when needed
- Urban areas typically 1 (or 2) public health posts, possibly 1 (or 2) private doctors
- Rural areas typically only one health post

Data collection

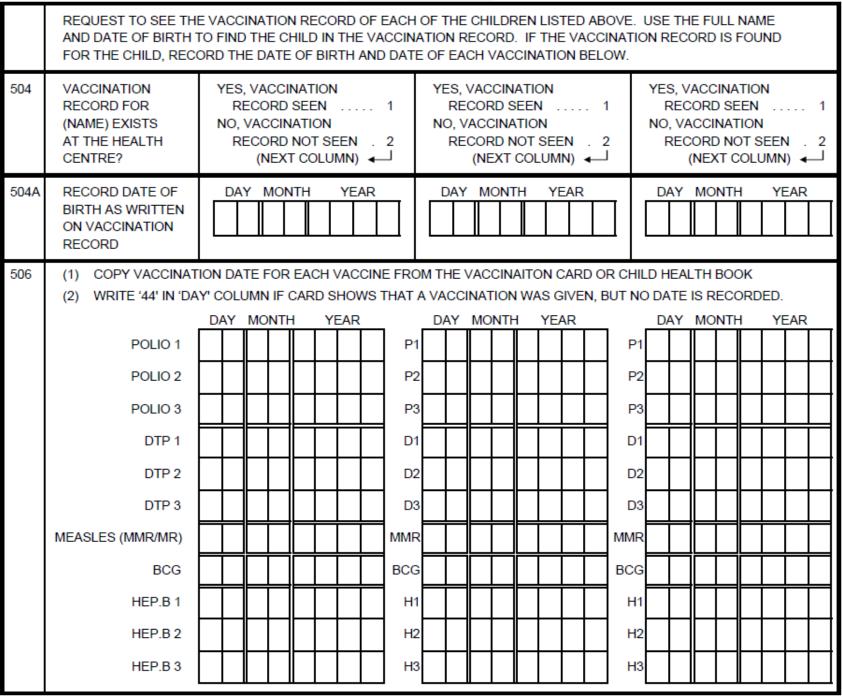
- Home-based records:
 - Child health booklet (newer)
 - Vaccination card (older)
- Mother's recall

Health facility records

Form for recording vaccination data from health facility

		CHILD IMMUNIZATION REC	ORD FROM HEALTH CENTRE			
PSU N	IUMBER	HOUSEHOLD NUMBER	MOTHER'S NAME AND LINE NO.			
501	ENTER IN THE TABLE THE LINE NUMBER, NAME, AND SURVIVAL STATUS OF EACH BIRTH IN 2003 OR LATER. COMPLETE THE TOP HALF OF THIS FORM FOR ALL OF THESE BIRTHS. BEGIN WITH THE LAST BIRTH. (IF THERE ARE MORE THAN 3 BIRTHS, USE ADDITIONAL FORMS).					
502	LINE NUMBER FROM 212	LAST BIRTH LINE NUMBER	NEXT-TO-LAST BIRTH LINE NUMBER	SECOND-FROM-LAST BIRTH LINE NUMBER		
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503A	RECORD MONTH AND YEAR OF BIRTH FROM 215 AND ASK DAY OF BIRTH	DAY MONTH YEAR	DAY MONTH YEAR	DAY MONTH YEAR		
503B	RECORD NAME OF HEALTH CENTRE AT WHICH VACCINATION RECORD IS KEPT	HEALTH CENTRE	HEALTH CENTRE	HEALTH CENTRE		

HEALTH CENTRE VISIT



Health facility records

- Organized in paper registers by
 - Date of birth
 - First, father's and last name
 - Register has one column for each type of vaccine
 - recording vaccination date
- Data collection
 - Team supervisor collected forms for each child from interviewers after household interview
 - With help of health center worker, found each eligible child in the register
 - Recorded dates of vaccination for each eligible child

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Results

Home based record:	No health facility record	Health facility record found	Total children under 5
Never had a card or booklet	6	113 (95%)	119
Vaccination card seen	12	815 (99%)	827
Child health booklet seen	0	206 (100%)	206
Either exists but not seen	23	250 (92%)	273
No longer has card or booklet	20	141 (88%)	161
Total children under 5	61	1525 (96%)	1586

Results

- Based on the union of
 - Health facility record
 - Vaccination card or child health booklet
 - Mother's recall
- If vaccination was recorded in any of these ways it was accepted
- When dates conflicted, priority was given to the health facility record

Results – DPT3 (children 12-23 months)

Interview:		ot recorded in ealth facility register*	Recorded in health facility register	Total children under 5
Not given		2	30	32
Vaccination date recorded on card		3	174	177
Vaccination marked on card (no date)		0	3	3
Reported by mother		6	46	52
Mother did not know		0	(1)	1
Total		10	254	265

* No vaccination record found in health facility, except 1 with no DPT3 on record

Key elements

- Ministry of Health involved in the survey
- Health center workers were point of contact in EA for interviewing teams
- Vaccination records in easily accessible register
- MoH required staff to give access to vaccination register
- Information ordered logically by date of birth (DoB)
- Identifying information needed was DoB, first, father's and last name.
- All vaccination data recorded in a single line in the register