

KII Guide for UNEPI (ST1)

NAME OF INSTITUTION: UGANDA NATIONAL EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION (UNEPI)

ASSESSMENT OF BARRIERS TO EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF IMMUNIZATION SERVICES IN UGANDA: *KEY INFORMANT INTERVIEW TOOL*

Introduction: This is to introduce you to a study assessing the factors limiting effective access to immunisation services in Uganda. The study is aimed at understanding access and utilization of immunization services in Uganda. As a key stakeholder, you are requested to respond to the questions listed below. Your responses will be treated confidentially and the findings used only to improve the expanded programme on immunization services in Uganda. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

- 1) Briefly explain the current structure of UNEP.
- 2) How is the immunization program coordinated at the central level? *Probe for the roles of UNEP in the vaccines supply chain.*
- 3) Are there any policies or frameworks that are in place to promote and guide vaccination services in Uganda? *Probe for these policies*
- 4) Are there mechanisms in place to coordinate immunisation efforts between the Ministry of Health, local governments, National Medical Stores, and development partners?
- 5) Is there a national immunisation technical advisory group (NITAG) in place? *To what extent does it influence policy formulation in Uganda?*
- 6) Are there sustainability mechanisms in place to counter the dwindling funding from donors given the current state of donor dependency for immunisation programmes in Uganda (e.g. Gavi support)?
- 7) What strategies are in place to increase domestic funding from Government of Uganda for immunization in Uganda?
- 8) What is the national policy on vaccine procurement and supply chain management in Uganda?
- 9) How is cold chain infrastructure governed and maintained at national and sub-national levels?
- 10) Are there strategies in place to ensure vaccine availability during stockouts or supply chain disruptions?
- 11) What policies govern the training and deployment of health workers for immunisation services?

- 12) Is there a plan to integrate community health workers (VHTs) into immunisation program in Uganda?
- 13) In your opinion, what is the current rate of fully immunized children in Uganda? *Probe whether it's below or above the national target?*
- 14) Are there policies to guide community mobilization and demand generation for immunization services in Uganda?
- 15) Does Uganda have a national strategy to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation?
- 16) How is vaccine quality and safety regulated in Uganda?
- 17) If the current rate of fully immunized children is below the national target? What are the factors associated with this rate?
- 18) Please give any recommendations on the improvement of access to immunization services in Uganda.