Burden of Rotavirus Gastroenteritis in Children in Africa: Impact of Rotavirus Vaccines

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Scope

1. Rotavirus disease burden
2. Rotavirus vaccines
3. Impact of Universal RV Vaccination
4. Rota Council
5. Conclusions
ROTA COUNCIL-Global partner
Goal of the ROTA Council

To accelerate the introduction of rotavirus vaccines through the use of evidence and strategic communications targeting policymakers and other key decision makers.
What the ROTA Council does

As credible scientific authorities, we provide evidence for decision making by:

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<th>Communicating</th>
<th>• the rotavirus burden and need for prevention</th>
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<td>Delivering</td>
<td>• accurate information on vaccine safety and efficacy, underscoring the availability, affordability and life-saving, health-improving potential of vaccines</td>
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<td>Serving</td>
<td>• as an independent body for the latest evidence on rotavirus vaccines</td>
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<td>Working</td>
<td>to ensure that vaccines are seen as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing all diarrhea causes</td>
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How the ROTA Council works

**Technical symposia & workshops**
- To researchers, health care workers & decision makers

**Advocacy symposia & workshops**
- Provide advocacy training to Health Care Workers, Researches & Others

**Advocacy & technical materials**
- Provide support to council members, partners & vaccine advocates

**Scientific consensus building**
- on critical technical topics, such as intussusception

**Media management**
- around RV vaccines introduction through commentaries, opinion editorials, and interviews

**Decision maker engagement**
- to discuss process, key barriers and information needs for introduction with Ministry of Health officials
Conclusions

- Rotavirus disease remains an important public health concern especially in LIC
- Effective, safe and cost-effective vaccines are now available where they are most needed
- More countries have been introducing the vaccines in the RI though coverage has remained below expectation
- We call more advocacy by all stakeholders [UNICEF, ROTA COUNCIL, KPA] to redouble their efforts towards bringing about enhanced utilization of the Vaccines