

## A Statement of Purposes

In the aftermath of a pandemic, community concerns about vaccines are often heightened due to uncertainty and fear. It is therefore crucial that the IC plays a pivotal role in promoting immunisation and building trust in vaccination in programs, thereby making a significant impact on public health and safety.

## 10 key points for promoting immunisation in the post pandemic era:

- 1. Education and Awareness: Develop comprehensive educational campaigns to inform the public about the importance of vaccination, debunk myths, and provide accurate information about vaccine safety and efficacy.
- 2. Tailored Messaging: Tailor communication strategies to address diverse communities' specific concerns, ensuring culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate outreach.
- 3. Collaboration with Healthcare Providers: Forge strong partnerships with healthcare professionals to disseminate accurate information, strengthen public confidence, and facilitate easy access to vaccination services.
- 4. Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy: Conduct research to identify reasons for vaccine hesitancy and develop targeted interventions to address these concerns sensitively and effectively.
- 5. Vaccine Equity: Advocate for equitable distribution of vaccines, ensuring accessibility and affordability for vulnerable and underserved populations (particularly for NIP listed vaccines).
- 6. Building Trust: Establish transparency and accountability in vaccine programs, collaborating with authorities to foster public trust and confidence in immunisation initiatives.
- 7. Public Engagement: Organise community forums to provide a platform for open discussions, answering questions, and clarifying misconceptions about vaccines.
- 8. Monitoring and Evaluation: Implement robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the impact of vaccination campaigns and identify areas for improvement.
- 9. Partnership with Media: Collaborate with media outlets to disseminate accurate and evidence-based information, counter misinformation, and increase public awareness.
- 10. Long-Term Planning: Develop sustainable, long-term vaccination strategies to address future health crises effectively and ensure ongoing protection for the community.