

High-Level Webinar: Financing the Future – Securing Immunization Coverage in Africa - September 12, 2024

On September 12, 2024, the high-level webinar “Financing the Future: Securing Immunization Coverage in Africa” addressed pressing financing challenges with over 111 million children missing vaccines. Rachel Ndirangu from PATH opened the session, stating, “These are not just statistics—these are children left vulnerable to preventable diseases.”

Dr. Mike Mulongo highlighted systemic issues, including reliance on external funding, while proposing reforms in taxation and public financial management. “Immunization financing cannot stand alone; it must integrate into broader economic strategies,” he emphasized. Success stories like Nigeria’s direct facility financing model illustrated the impact of timely disbursements on vaccination rates.

The webinar called for regional collaboration, domestic resource mobilization, and innovative funding mechanisms like Malawi’s earmarked taxes. By addressing fiscal constraints and ensuring accountability, stakeholders aim to secure a resilient future for immunization in Africa.