

## Disease Burden in Ethiopia

Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in Ethiopia.

In Ethiopia, about 6,300 new cervical cancer cases are diagnosed annually and over 4,800 deaths from cervical cancer occur.<sup>1</sup>

Safe and effective vaccines are available against the human papillomavirus (HPV), which is the cause of cervical cancer.

## Protecting girls at risk

PATH, through funding from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, partnered with the Federal Ministry of Health to introduce HPV vaccines into the national routine immunization program in Ethiopia and mitigate cervical cancer deaths.



LOGISTICS



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MONITORING & EVALUATION

PATH provides technical assistance to Ethiopia for the planning, logistics, social mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation of the national program.



Adolescent girls in Ethiopia show their vaccine cards after receiving the HPV vaccine. Photo: PATH

## HPV vaccine schedule

The World Health Organization recommends two doses of HPV vaccine for girls aged 9-14 years and three doses for girls aged 15 years and older or those who are immune compromised or HIV positive (regardless of age). Due to the global supply constraint of HPV vaccines, Ethiopia made an informed decision to vaccinate a single-age cohort of all 14-year old girls until the vaccine supply stabilizes and allows for multiage cohort vaccinations to girls ages 9 through 13 years.

In December 2018, Ethiopia's first nationwide immunization campaign against HPV reached over 2.4 million girls.

Ethiopia's HPV vaccination program uses the quadrivalent HPV vaccine delivered through schools with two doses administered six months apart.

<sup>1</sup> GLOBOCAN 2018. Cervical Cancer Estimated Incidence, Mortality and Prevalence Ethiopia in 2018.

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