

As ASHA, ensure that all children in your village and nearby area are fully immunized before their first birthday.

If a child is not given the right vaccines in time, it is necessary to get them started whenever possible and complete the primary immunization before the child reaches its first birthday.

### **Roles and responsibilities of ASHA:**

- You should be well versed with the National Immunization Schedule.
- You should be aware of the number of children less than one year of age in your village.
- Assist AWW and ANM in making the arrangements for immunization in AWC.
- You should advise the mother to bring the immunization card every time she comes with the child for immunization.
- You should advise the mothers on use of Auto Disable (AD) syringes for immunizations, which come in pre-sterilized packs with a fixed needle. This helps in prevention of infection.
- You should help the mother in correct positioning of the child during immunization.
- Counsel the mothers that minor ailments, such as fever, cough, cold etc. are not a contra-indication for immunization.
- You should guide the mothers regarding minor side effects after immunization
  - Mild fever
  - Baby has Mild rash after measles immunization
  - Pain, tenderness and swelling at the site of injection
  - All these can be managed by giving ¼th tablet of Paracetamol.
  - Baby should be referred to PHC/FRU if after immunization
- Baby is crying for more than three hours.
- High-grade fever.
- Baby is drowsy, convulsing or unconscious.
- You should ensure that all babies are immunized. Help AWW in tracking dropouts especially orphans and the children of migrants.
- You should also know about the incentive money in immunization and from whom to get the same and when.