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Context from measles and rubella control and elimination program in India

Vaccination activities

Goals and objectives for modelling questions: Is elimination feasible? By when? What strategies are most effective

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The Basic SIR model

Extensions of the basic model to include: vaccination activities

Age structure

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Evaluate the expected dynamics of the model and compare against observed epidemiology from historical pattern

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Critical model parameters

 R_0 and its components β and γ Basic approaches to estimating R_0 from age at infection and seroprevalence

Age-mixing matrix

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When we don't know the parameters or the model structure directly from epidemiological intuition, then we can fit to each individual setting.

We SHOULD fit to each setting, even to evaluate whether epidemiological intuition holds for our problem