

# Global Vaccine Action Plan

## *Secretariat Annual Report 2016*

### *Priority Country report on progress towards*

### *GVAP-RVAP goals*

## DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

### A. Progress towards achievement of GVAP goals

#### 1. Summary

This summary table describes the current situation in DRC regarding achieving the GVAP goals. Data used to assess progress towards achievement of GVAP goals are included in the annex (Country immunization profile).

Area	Indicator	DR Congo
4. Rubella/CRS Elimination	Rubella vaccine coverage	Vaccine not introduced
	SIAs planned?	SIAs planned for 2017

#### Rubella

Rubella has also not been eliminated in DRC and rubella vaccine is not yet used in the public sector. Sentinel site surveillance for rubella – in the same three sites where rotavirus and bacterial meningitis surveillance is taking place – has just begun. However, for several years, blood samples of suspected measles cases that test negative for measles are tested for rubella and the number of positive rubella cases found each year through this testing has more than doubled in five years – from 320 in 2011 to more than 760 in both 2013 and 2014. Few cases of CRS have been detected, however. The sentinel site surveillance should provide better estimates of rubella and CRS incidence.

The 2015-2019 cMYP calls for the immunization program to conduct measles-rubella vaccination campaigns in 2017, followed by the introduction of two MR doses in the routine schedule in 2018. Activities have yet to take place (as of mid-July 2016) to apply for GAVI funding for the SIAs.

## ANNEX: Country immunization profile

Figure 1: All vaccines national coverage, DRC, 2000-2015

