## BEHAVIOR PROFILE: FULL COURSE OF IMMUNIZATIONS

### HEALTH GOAL
Improve maternal and child survival

Caregivers complete a full course of timely vaccinations for infants and children under 2 years

† Percentage of children 12-23 months who had received all 8 basic vaccinations

### BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS

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### FACTORS

#### STRUCTURAL

- **Service Provider Competencies:** Caregivers do not visit health providers for vaccinations because they don't trust them or believe they are doing a good job.
- **Accessibility:** Caregivers are unable to immunize their children because of lack of vaccines.
- **Service Experience:** Caregivers do not return for immunizations because vaccines were not available during past visits.

#### INTERNAL

- **Attitudes and Beliefs:** Many caregivers do not take their child for vaccinations because of religious opposition.
- **Attitudes and Beliefs:** Many caregivers do not take their child for vaccinations because they fear side effects.
- **Knowledge:** Caregivers do not adhere to the immunization schedule because they do not know about the need for immunizations.
- **Knowledge:** Caregivers do not adhere to the immunization schedule because they do not know when their child should return for their next vaccine.

### SUPPORTING ACTORS AND ACTIONS

#### INSTITUTIONAL

- **Policymakers:** Ensure vaccinations are available through regular mobile outreach.
- **Managers:** Conduct regular supervision to reinforce competencies of providers.
- **Providers:** Discuss importance, schedule and any concerns regarding vaccinations with all new mothers.
- **Logistics Personnel:** Actively monitor stocks of vaccine and cold chain viability.

#### COMMUNITY

- **Religious Leaders:** Actively support and encourage all new families to fully vaccinate their children.

#### HOUSEHOLD

- **Family Members:** Encourage and provide support to caregivers to complete immunization schedule.

### STRATEGY

#### ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

- **Partnerships and Networks:** Increase ownership and governance of programs by involving local communities in the planning and supervision of activities.
- **Policies and Governance:** Ensure vaccinations are offered for free and explore reimbursement or vouchers for transport.
- **Policies and Governance:** Ensure vaccine providers are both men and women or from religious groups to alleviate religious and cultural concerns.

#### SYSTEMS, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- **Quality Improvement:** Implement pre and in-service education training and learning opportunities for health care providers that focus on vaccination, such as to proactively address caregiver concerns during consultations.

#### DEMAND AND USE

- **Communication:** Highlight significant benefits of vaccinating children in communication activities to ensure that caregivers place high priority on immunization completion.
- **Communication:** Promote use of the Child Health Card to help families track immunizations.