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Subject: Suggestions for health facility data collection  
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Should data collection for vaccine coverage be further enhanced by collecting data on recorded vaccinations from health facilities? If yes, for all children, or for those without vaccine records at home?

Data collection from health facilities adds many complications to an already complicated survey. When would this be recommended and when not, given limitations that may apply?

WHO/UNICEF previously suggested:

Search local facility registries for documented evidence of vaccinations: Traditionally information on the child's vaccination history has been based on home-based records (e.g., vaccination card, child health card, etc.) and the recall of the child's caretaker. In some countries, the child's health card may be retained at the local health center. In almost all instances, a record of the child's vaccination history is recorded in a facility register. We recommend that survey teams consider routinely searching local health care facility records for evidence of the sampled child's immunization history to increase the proportion of vaccinations that are based on documented evidence.

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