



# Routine Immunization Surveillance and Response in Lebanon's Low Coverage Areas

## Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Polio and Immunization

## Objectives

The main aim of the Routine Immunization Surveillance and Response in Lebanon's Low Coverage Areas project is to mitigate the spread of measles and improve vaccination coverage among zero-dose children in Lebanon by enhancing access to vaccines and addressing vaccine hesitancy.

## REGIONS OF WORK

High-Risk Governorates.

## BENEFICIARIES

Zero-dose children, healthcare workers and public health system.

## PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as the following:

Phase I – Preparation Phase: Mapping and Database Creation - Identification of Zero-Dose Children - Rapid Community Assessment (RCA) - Community Engagement Planning

Phase II - Implementation Phase: Community Outreach and Education - Vaccination Campaign Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation - Sustainability Planning

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD in collaboration with CDC will support Connecting for Research Development (CRD) in Lebanon to implement set of activities for the Routine Immunization Surveillance and Response in Lebanon's Low Coverage Areas project aims to address the urgent public health challenge of low measles vaccination rates among children, exacerbated by the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative focuses on identifying zero-dose children, enhancing access to vaccines for marginalized communities, and combating vaccine hesitancy through targeted community engagement and outreach. Key components include mapping areas with low vaccination coverage, conducting household surveys to understand barriers to vaccination, and implementing education programs about the importance of measles vaccination. Additionally, the project will conduct vaccination campaigns in collaboration with Primary Healthcare Centers and local municipalities, while establishing a sustainable tracking system to monitor unvaccinated children and dropouts. By employing a multi-faceted approach, the project aims to significantly improve immunization coverage, reduce vaccine hesitancy, and safeguard children's health against vaccine-preventable diseases in Lebanon.



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<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Ministry of Health (MoH) and Connecting for Research Development (CRD)</b>

**Currently . . .**

**What is next . . .**

## OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS



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