

ROTA

COUNCIL

Rotavirus Organization of Technical Allies

Diarrhea sickens and kills more children than virtually any other illness.

The Rotavirus Organization of Technical Allies (ROTA) Council is working to change this.



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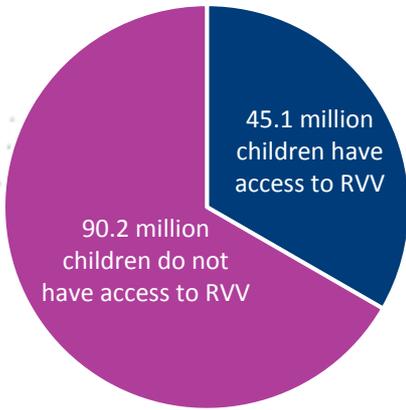
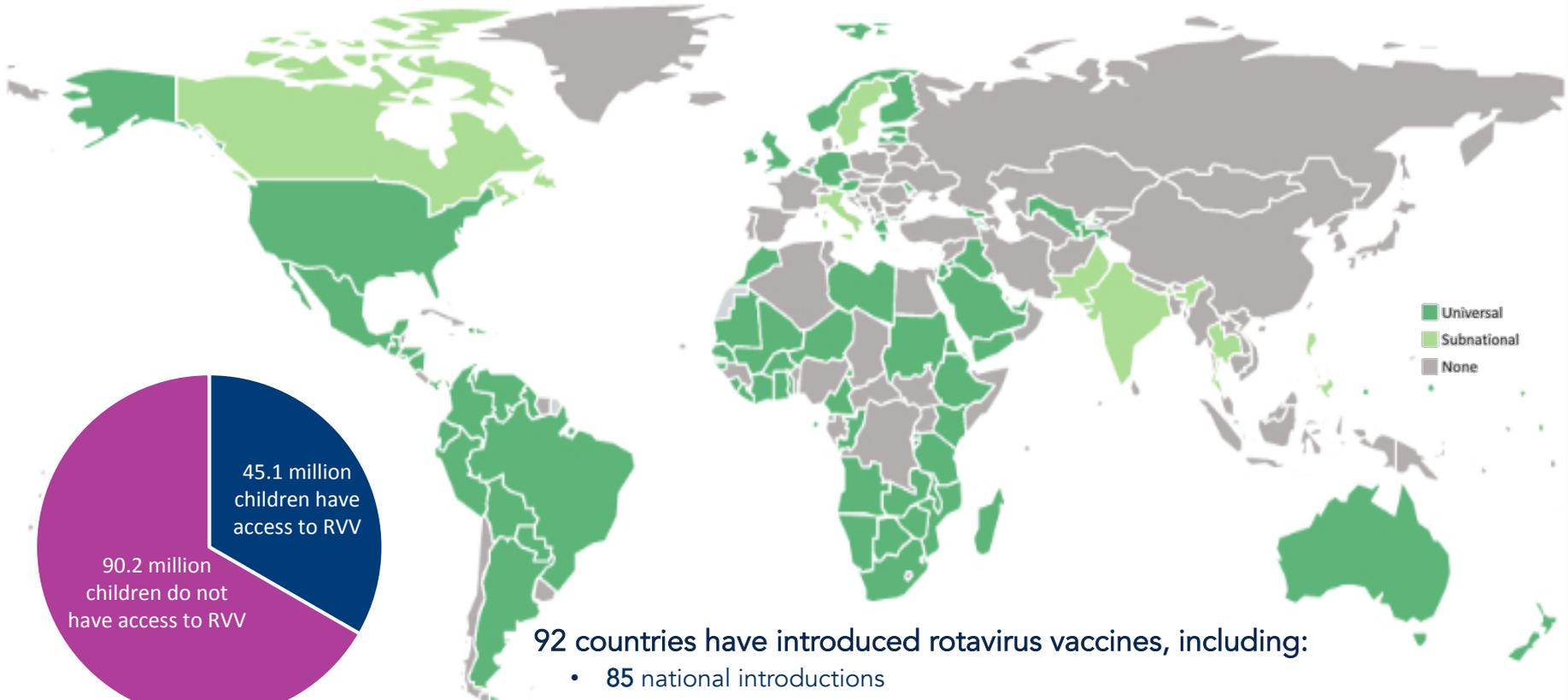


The problem

- Diarrhea is a leading cause of child illness and death
- Rotavirus is most common cause of severe diarrhea
- Kills 215,000 children and hospitalizes hundreds of thousands more
- 40% of diarrhea-related hospitalizations in children <5 caused by rotavirus
- Preventing illness is critical
- More than 90 million infants still do not have access to rotavirus vaccines



Rotavirus vaccine introduction status



92 countries have introduced rotavirus vaccines, including:

- 85 national introductions
- 2 phased introductions
- 5 sub-national introductions

But more than 90 million children lack access to these life-saving vaccines

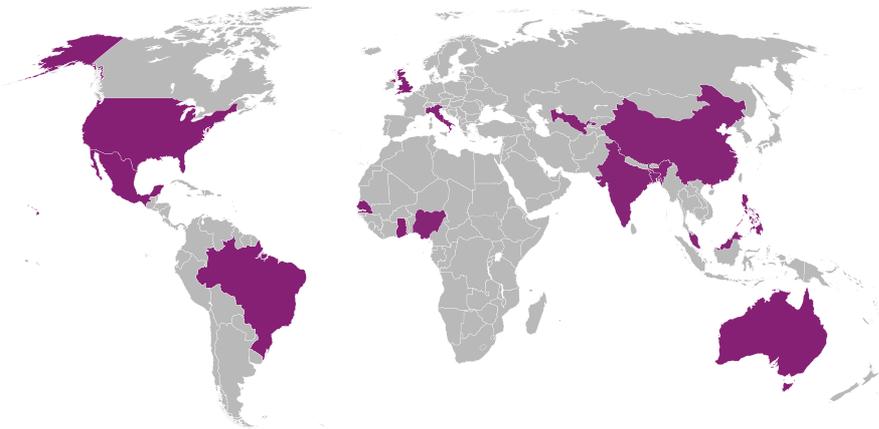
Our mission

To accelerate the introduction of rotavirus vaccines through the use of evidence and strategic communications targeting policymakers and other key decision makers



Meet the Council

The ROTA Council, chaired by Dr. Mathuram Santosham, comprises 23 members from more than 15 countries.



Council Chair		Core Partners		
	Mathuram Santosham USA		Deborah Atherly USA	
	Jon Andrus USA		George Armah Ghana	
	Julie Bines Australia		Lulu Bravo Philippines	
	Nigel Cunliffe UK		Shams El Arifeen Bangladesh	
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What the ROTA Council does

As credible scientific authorities, we provide evidence for decision making by:

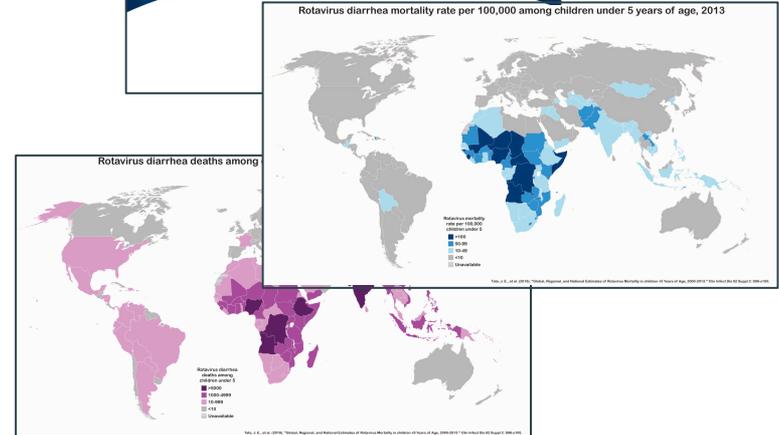
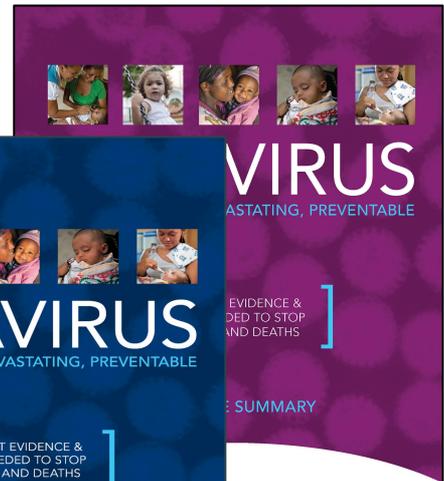
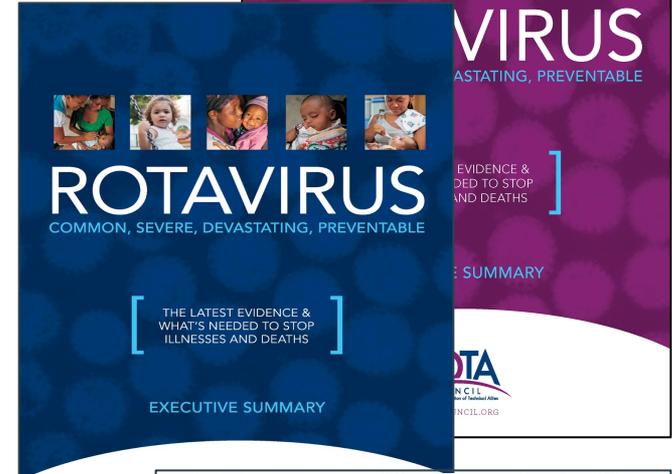
- **Communicating** the rotavirus burden and need for prevention
- **Delivering** accurate information on vaccine safety and efficacy, underscoring the availability, affordability and life-saving, health-improving potential of vaccines
- **Serving** as an independent body for the latest evidence on rotavirus vaccines
- **Working** to ensure that vaccines are seen as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing all of diarrhea's causes



Technical and advocacy resources

Technical and advocacy materials aim to increase the use of evidence in decision making

- Talking points
- Fact sheets
- Maps and multimedia
- Presentations
- Reports



Session agenda

- ❑ Overview of diarrheal disease and rotavirus
- ❑ Currently available vaccines and global introduction status
- ❑ Health impact of rotavirus vaccines
- ❑ Barriers to rotavirus vaccine introduction in Asia
- ❑ Discussion of evidence gaps in the rotavirus vaccine investment case for middle-income countries and how participants can work to fill them
- ❑ Immunization financing for non-Gavi countries
- ❑ Translating evidence into advocacy and policy