

## VPPN Knowledge Sharing Session Managing vaccine supply with reduced shelf life: Impact of COVID19 on vaccine security, 22 April 2021

## List of Presenters\*



Michaela Briedova Contracts Specialist Vaccine Centre, Supply Division, UNICEF

Having more than 12 years of experience in procurement and contracting for vaccines as well as contraceptives within UNICEF and UNFPA, Michaela has joined UNICEF Supply Division in 2009 initially working with Procurement Services for Vaccines and since 2016, she focused on contracting of a specific portfolio of vaccines - Measles Containing Vaccines. Since 2020, Michaela's portfolio includes Ebola vaccines with contract management of recently established first global Ebola vaccine stockpile as well as Malaria vaccines, with close cooperation with partners engaged in the work leading towards potential WHO's recommendation of wider roll out of Malaria vaccine, which could be made as early as in October 2021. Michaela has been engaged with VPPN since its conception and enjoyed the interactions with countries during Vaccine Procurement Practitioners' Exchange Forums, held annually in Copenhagen, which will hopefully resume in the years ahead. Michaela is also involved in several cross-cutting scopes of work, including engagement in development of the Joint WHO-UNICEF Interim Guidance on acceptance of vaccines with reduced shelf life.



Maricel de Quiroz-Castro Technical Officer Essential Programme on Immunization, Vaccine Supply and Logistics Team, WHO HQ

Maricel is currently focusing on supply chain aspects of COVID-19 works, e.g. developing guidance/resources and training materials on vaccine cold chain and supply chain aspects. She is engaged in other workstreams such as vaccine traceability, vaccine wastage (member of the steering committee on Gavi Alliance wastage study), waste management, controlled temperature chain, M&E works (e.g., Al2030, Gavi 5.0, IVB Strategic Framework), EVM resources development and assisting on country support on EVM assessments.



Manuel E. Lavayen Supply Chain Manager Supply Chain Strengthening Centre, UNICEF

Manuel specializes in management consulting and international development having worked with over 25 governments across 14 years to strengthen their national systems. Experienced in engaging donors and partners to attain collective impact and developing evidence-driven and context-specific policies and strategies to lead supply chain transformational change. Recently he has:

- 1. Participated in the WHO/EURO COVID-19 Preparedness Technical Working Group, co-leading the Supply and Logistics sub-group in the development of relevant technical guidance and supporting Member States in their readiness efforts.
- 2. Developed relevant technical guidance (internal and external) to increase preparedness levels to roll out vaccines, enhance supply chain resiliency levels and manage inventory levels proactively.
- 3. Developed the organisation's Supply Chain Strengthening Approach and methodology to guide our +170 country offices throughout their journey to ensure all children thrive every day, everywhere.



Michelle Seidel Senior Adviser Immunization, Programme Division Health, UNICEF

Michelle in her current role works in collaboration with global partners and agencies to support governments to strengthen immunization systems to improve coverage and equity, which includes improvements in sustainability and solarization, effective vaccine management and improved data management and stock monitoring. She has been the programmatic focal point for the Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform at UNICEF since it's inception. Prior to this she led UNICEF's cold chain work in Nigeria and also worked for CHAI in Malawi supporting the UN Commission on Life Saving Commodities. Michelle has experience in EPI in the public sector and has worked at almost all levels of the health system in her own country, South Africa. She also has private sector experience



Buya Jallow Supply Officer, Supply Division, UNICEF

Buya has over 5 years of experience in Immunization and Supply Chain Management at UNICEF. Within her current role as a Supply Officer at the Vaccine Centre in Supply Division, she manages two vaccine procurement strengthening initiatives and supports planning and partnerships. She was previously the Immunization Officer at the UNICEF Gambia Country Office where she has worked extensively in immunization supply chain & logistics, new vaccine introductions and health systems strengthening.

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