16 November 2021 – The Immunization, Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Polio Transition (IVP) programme in the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, in collaboration with the Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals at WHO headquarters, organized a virtual workshop on 8 November 2021 to introduce the COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing tool (CVIC tool).

The objective of the workshop was to support Member States in estimating the costs of their updated national deployment and vaccination plans (NDVPs). An updated NDVP with costing is a prerequisite to apply for Gavi's COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Support (CDS) and will also help in resource mobilization by identifying gaps.

Triangulate Health Ltd, a contractor of IVP, facilitated the workshop. Technical staff involved in planning and implementation of COVID-19 vaccination from 9 countries representing all income groups in the Region participated in the workshop. After an introduction to the CVIC tool, its data requirements and outputs were explained so that participants could understand the usefulness of the CVIC tool and make the necessary preparations for costing of their NDVPs using the tool.

Following the workshop, additional in-depth support will be provided through separate consultation with each country team, specific to their context and needs. These country consultations will be conducted between 24 and 29 November 2021. IVP, with the support of the Triangulate Health team, will provide need-based training for concerned technical staff in countries for using the tool.

Expected outcomes

The countries are encouraged to coordinate together, and align with all national partners, to work on the costing exercise to be able to populate the CVIC tool with their respective country data by the end of December 2021.

For more information please see COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing tool

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