

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF MAUNITAG

Vaccination remains one of the most effective and cost-efficient public health interventions ever developed. Through immunization, countless lives have been saved, diseases have been prevented, and communities have been protected from outbreaks that once caused significant illness and death. Maintaining these achievements requires continuous scientific review, careful planning, and evidence-based decision-making.

MAUNITAG plays a vital role in supporting the Ministry of Health and Wellness by providing independent, transparent, and evidence-based recommendations on immunization policies and programmes. The group brings together national experts from various disciplines, including public health, epidemiology, paediatrics, infectious diseases, microbiology, pharmacology, and other relevant fields, to assess scientific evidence and advise on the optimal use of vaccines in Mauritius.

The functions of MAUNITAG include reviewing the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases, evaluating the safety, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of vaccines, advising on vaccine introduction and programme implementation, and providing guidance during emerging public health threats. Through these activities, MAUNITAG helps ensure that immunization policies are adapted to the country's needs and are aligned with the latest scientific knowledge and international best practices.

As new vaccines become available and disease patterns evolve, the role of MAUNITAG becomes increasingly important. Our commitment is to support informed decision-making that protects the health of all people living in Mauritius, strengthens public confidence in vaccines, and contributes to the achievement of national and global health goals.

Thanks to the ongoing support of the public, we will continue to safeguard the health of present and future generations through well-founded immunization policies.

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