



Regional Sensitization Workshop on Analyzing and Monitoring Inequities in Immunization

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Location	Panama City, Panama
Dates	6-7 April 2017
Participants	The workshop included participants from countries in the Region (Argentina, Brazil, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela), as well as representatives from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Purpose	The purpose of the workshop was to provide participants with tools to strengthen analytical capacities, to measure social inequalities in health and generate evidence of their presence.

The workshop was attended by representatives of the ministries of health and PAHO country offices from 15 countries in Latin America and four from the Caribbean, as well as by participants from CDC and Gavi.



Participants at the Regional Sensitization Workshop on Analyzing and Monitoring Inequities in Immunization in Panama, April 2017. Photo credit: Panama country office, PAHO

Conceptual, methodological and instrumental bases to measure, analyze and monitor social inequalities in health in the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) were reviewed during the workshop, which was organized as a collaborative effort between PAHO's Special Program on Sustainable Development and Health Equity (SDE) and the Comprehensive Family Immunization Unit (IM). The workshop included theoretical presentations, group work and use of automated



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spreadsheets, bibliographic reviews and plenary discussions. Additionally, sub-national disaggregated coverage data obtained through surveys were reviewed.

At the end of the workshop, a virtual presentation was made on the Innov8 strategy, which provides an operational approach to the Sustainable Development Goal of "leave no one behind." PAHO intends to be the first region to pilot this strategy in response to the EPI's needs.

Hopefully, the knowledge gained during the workshop will guide the institutionalization of health inequality monitoring within the analytical work of the EPI. Ideally, implementation of the Innov8 strategy will not only help measure and monitor inequalities, but also find practical and effective ways to address them.