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Strengthening the COVID 19 vaccination program (COMIRNATY – COVID 19 mRNA vaccine, Nucleoside modified – Pfizer BNT) for eligible school children

It has been brought to my notice that the coverage of COVID 19 vaccination among eligible school children is considerably low given the total target population. Among children aged 12-15 years only around 0.8 million out of a total of 1.4 million have been vaccinated with a single dose. In the age group 16-19 years, only around 0.35 million have received a second dose out of 1.14 million who had received the first dose. Disruptions due to the Advanced Level Examinations, end-of-term examinations, and early school closure for the New Year, and the prevalent situation in the country may have contributed to the low vaccination coverage.

You are hereby instructed to take necessary measures in your province/district to organize accelerated school-based vaccination programs to complete the vaccination of the following two age groups within the next two weeks.

- Children aged 12-15 years a single dose of COMIRNATY COVID 19 mRNA vaccine (Nucleoside modified - Pfizer BNT)
- 2. Individuals aged 16-19 years second dose vaccination with COMIRNATY COVID 19 mRNA vaccine (Nucleoside modified Pfizer BNT) for those who have received a single dose

The vaccine should be offered at Medical Officer of Health clinics for those who are not able to obtain the vaccine from the school.

Please bring the contents of this letter to the attention of relevant officers in your province/ district.

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