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Decision-Making

Stakeholders: National Immunization Advisory Committee, Epidemiological Surveillance and Infectious Disease Control Unit, Medical and Public Health Services of Ministry of Health (MoH).

Introducing a new vaccine: The National Immunization Advisory Committee reviews epidemiology and cost-effectiveness data, clinical protocols, manufacturer presentation and WHO/ECDC guidance to recommend vaccines to the MoH, who makes the final decision. The advisory committee (a form of the National Immunisation Technical Advisory Group – NITAG) is a multidisciplinary group that includes patient organisations, academics, the Cyprus Medical Council, public health, nursing, pharmacy, and the Director General of MoH.

Ministry of Finance Involvement: Yes. The Ministry of Finance participates in health budget discussions and debates in parliament.

Financing

Primary Funding Source: The MoH budget. Vaccinations that do not fall under this are paid out of pocket, with some exceptions, such as when the MoH accepts requests for consideration to cover costs.

Ringfencing: Yes. The MoH ringfenced budget includes the funds required to deliver the national immunisation program. Funding can be increased with a supplementary budget if there are justifiable needs.

Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability: Yes. The vaccination program is sustainable through stable government budget allocations.

Critical Financing Challenges: Expanding vaccination coverage in response to a growing number of unvaccinated migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

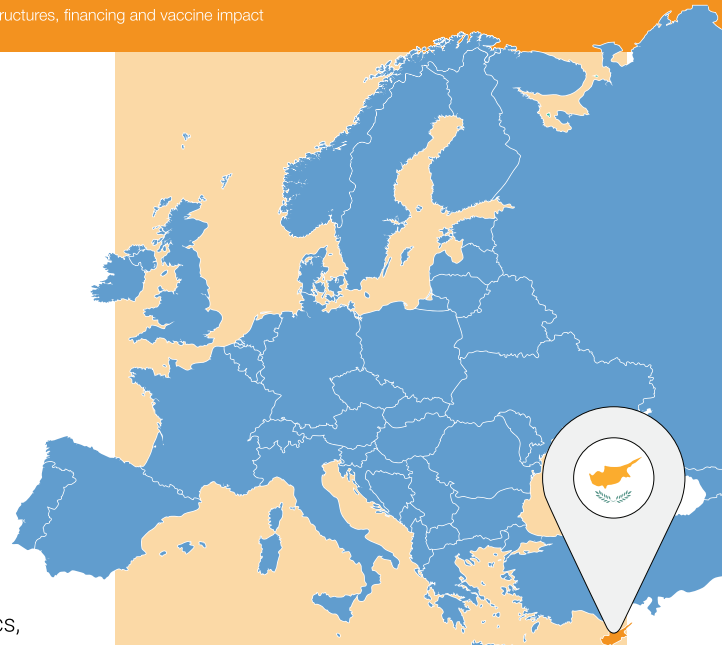
	Yes	No
Ministry of Finance Involvement	✓	
Ringfencing	✓	
Financial Mechanisms for Sustainability	✓	
External Funding Sources		✓
Influence of Public-Private Partnerships		✓

Landscape

History: Vaccinations for high-risk groups, including children and individuals with chronic conditions, are provided free. Vaccination costs have increased 10-fold since the National Immunisation Program was implemented under General Health System conditions.

Most funded campaign: Seasonal influenza, due to its importance in preventing illness and reducing healthcare burdens.

Future: The financial landscape for immunisation in Cyprus is stable, and no immediate changes are planned. COVID-19 financing followed EU collective procurement and was still applied for COVID-19 vaccines at the time of writing.



Centralised Health System



8.1%
of GDP spent
on healthcare



2.2%
of healthcare
budget is spent
on prevention



43%
Over-65 influenza
vaccination
coverage

Adult vaccination (18+) recommendation against 7 diseases:

Diphtheria*
Tetanus*
Pertussis*
Pneumococcal disease*
Meningococcal disease
Influenza*
Herpes Zoster*

*6/7 are
government
funded

