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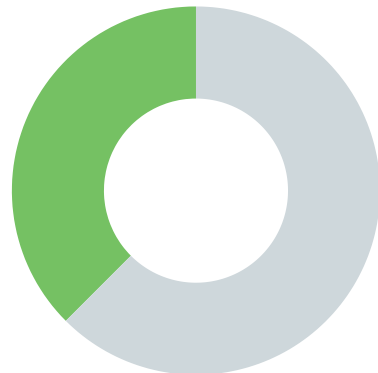
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Progress on Activities

Action Area* (Technical area)	Activity Description	April
Pharmacovigilance: Vaccine safety monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen spontaneous surveillance system and AEFI reporting 	<p>In April, MTaPS facilitated a meeting of the national expert review committee to discuss the current situation in the country, and reported AEFIs from the COVID-19 vaccine. Thirteen (13) serious AEFIs have been registered to date, including eight deaths. The committee has reviewed the cases and made the following determinations: coincidental (6), vaccine product-related reaction (2), post-vaccination anxiety (2), inconclusive (1), one report was sent back for further assessment of causality (1). The committee also decided to investigate a second death case in a vaccination center, and recommended tests and diagnostic examinations (e.g., chest x-ray, RBS, CBC, CT scan, RT PCR for COVID-19, ECHO, ECG, etc.) for serious AEFIs. The committee also recommended to create/increase public awareness that vaccination should not be given to active COVID-19 cases (symptoms or a positive test) and vaccinations should be postponed for at least one month following infection.</p>
IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support/develop IPC guides/SOP/job aids for health facilities, immunization service delivery points, and other facilities 	<p>MTaPS visited two COVID-19 vaccination sites and used the National COVID-19 vaccination supervision checklists to assess site readiness in preparation for the adaptation of the related IPC training module. We found that sites were not compliant with a number of IPC requirements, including hand hygiene, sitting arrangements to maintain a "safe distance", glove changing and disposal. We also noted violations of the aseptic non-touch technique for vaccine administration. The findings will be used for adapting the tool and IPC training materials.</p>
IPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide training on IPC for Covid-19 for HCW and other staff 	<p>This activity has not yet started.</p>
Procurement and supply chain management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen human capacity 	<p>This activity has not yet started.</p>
Procurement and supply chain management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of national and regional PSM and distribution plans for Covid-19 commodities and vaccines 	<p>This activity has not yet started.</p>
Policy, coordination, and planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support coordination mechanisms, working groups, stakeholders 	<p>This activity has not yet started.</p>
Pharmacovigilance: Vaccine safety monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish/strengthen electronic reporting and data management for PV 	<p>MTaPS is providing technical assistance (TA) to the Pharmacovigilance & COVID-19 Safety Surveillance cell. The TA includes regular communication and coordination with the relevant stakeholders, troubleshooting of the online adverse events following immunization</p>

troubleshooting of the online adverse events following immunization (AEFI) reporting system, compilation of AEFI reports and investigation and causality assessment documents, line listing of serious AEFIs, development of case summaries, etc.

Pharmacovigilance:
Vaccine safety
monitoring

- Support development/adaptation of policy, frameworks, guiding documents, briefs, SOPs, strategies, tools, or systems

MTaPS subject matter experts have reviewed the draft active surveillance protocol for adverse events of COVID-19 immunization in Bangladesh developed by the Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control And Research (IEDCR) and the DGHS (MOH) providing recommendations for improvement, including adverse event definitions, signals, reporting forms and data management procedures. The team is in discussion with government counterparts regarding arrangements for a virtual workshop on the active safety surveillance protocol to be held in May. The workshop participants will include relevant pharmacovigilance and public health experts.
