



Case Studies **Achieving High Coverage of** **Two-dose Vitamin A** **Supplementation**

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Delivering VAS has been a persistent challenge for Chad. It is a large country, with 23 provinces, and where access can be a challenge, for example in the areas of Tibesti and Lac provinces. Two-dose coverage has yo-yoed over the last few years, from a low of 0% in 2016 to 70% in 2018. This has been driven, in large part, by the reliance on other delivery platforms: since 2018, VAS has typically been co-delivered with immunization campaigns using a door-to-door approach. More recently however, opportunities to integrate vitamin A have diminished as partner priorities have changed.

Chad has therefore started conducting standalone VAS campaigns, which has had a significant impact on costs. A national campaign is estimated to cost approximately USD \$800,000 due to the large geography and hard-to-reach nature of some parts of the country.

Chad only held one campaign in 2020 due to COVID-19. In January 2021, due to resource constraints, VAS was co-delivered with immunizations in 10 provinces, targeting 9–59-month-old children. In March 2021, the remaining 13 districts were covered through an integrated VAS/immunization campaign, also targeting 9-59-month-old children.

To get Chad back on track, NI is working with the government and partners to ensure that a national campaign takes place in September 2021. This support is secured through NI's GAC-funded emergency response project. However, nation-wide campaigns should also take place in February 2022 and August 2022 to ensure that children are fully protected. Looking forward to 2022, there is a significant and urgent funding gap of USD \$1.6 Million.

Beyond the immediate need to boost coverage and ensure that all children receive two doses of VAS during this critical period when the continent is grappling with ongoing waves of COVID-19, NI would provide technical support to the government to undertake a detailed situation assessment and develop a costed, context-specific action plan that articulates the most appropriate and cost-effective delivery platform to achieve high (>80%) coverage in the target age groups, that includes that critical first dose at 6 months.

CHAD	
U5MR (per 1,000)	114
Two-dose coverage (2018)	70%
Eligible children (National, 6-59 months)	2,584,557
Annual Funding Estimate (USD)	\$1,600,000
3-year Funding Estimate (USD)	\$4,800,000