UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

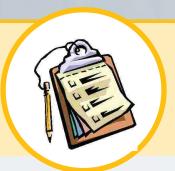
For Walk-in-Coolers (WIC) and Walk-in-Freezers (WIF)

Daily Checks



- 1. Check that both cooling units operate alternately, changing every 24 hrs.
- 2. Monitor that continuous auto-recording of cold room temperature is functioning.
- 3. Record temperature manually at least two times a day.
- 4. Check that evaporator unit drain pipe is not blocked.

Weekly Checks



- 1. Change the paper disc of the automatic temperature recorder every week and file it safely.
- 2. Test if alarms are functional.
- 3. Check the flow and quantity of refrigerant; check for leakage (bubbles).
- 4. Check fuel stock for generator. Ensure enough fuel is available at all times.
- 5. Test if generator is functional. Generator should be in the auto-start mode.
- 6. Observe extent of ice-formation on evaporator unit, and defrost if necessary.

Always check and record VVM status whenever you receive or issue vaccines.

Do's and Don'ts



Do's

- 1. Stack vaccines only on shelves.
- 2. Stack vaccines to allow circulation of air between the boxes of vials. Leave at least 5 cm gap between a vaccine box and the adjoining wall of the cold room.
- 3. Indicate batch number, vaccine name, and expiry date on the shelves as ready reference for easy retrieval of a vaccine.
- 4. Store only OPV in WIF; all other vaccines in WIC.
- 5. Always wear warm clothes when entering cold room. Warm clothes should include a jacket, trouser, gloves, and a cap.

Don'ts

- 1. Never shut down cold room while loading or unloading vaccines.
 - 2. Never over-load cold room.
 - 3. Never store vaccines on the floor or under the evaporator.
 - 4. Never store freeze-sensitive vaccines in front of the evaporator.

Monthly Checks



- 1. Service generator and change filters if required.
- 2. Check battery terminals, and lubricate terminals with petroleum jelly.
- 3. Check water level in battery, refill with distilled water.
- 4. Check all panel joints, doors, and strip curtains.
- 5. Check stock, especially any vaccine stored for longer than the recommended period.
- 6. Check the foundation bolt of compressor.

Call the Cold-room Technician



- 1. If any leakage is creating condensation.
- 2. If temperature sensors do not show the correct reading.
- 3. If generator does not start automatically.
- 4. If there is insufficient cooling in any of the units.





