



VACCINE FINANCING: A DOMESTIC RESOURCE MOBILIZATION PERSPECTIVE

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**1) Protecting all Fijians from
COVID19**

**2) Reduce Mortality & Morbidty
related to COVID19**

**3) Supporting the Economical
Recovery for Fiji**

**Objective of
the
COVID19
Vaccines**

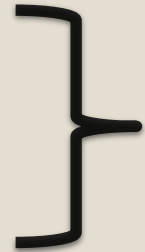
Background

- Fiji received its first batch of vaccines on the 6th of March- from the COVAX Facility:

- To date we have received:

- **12,000 (Covax)**

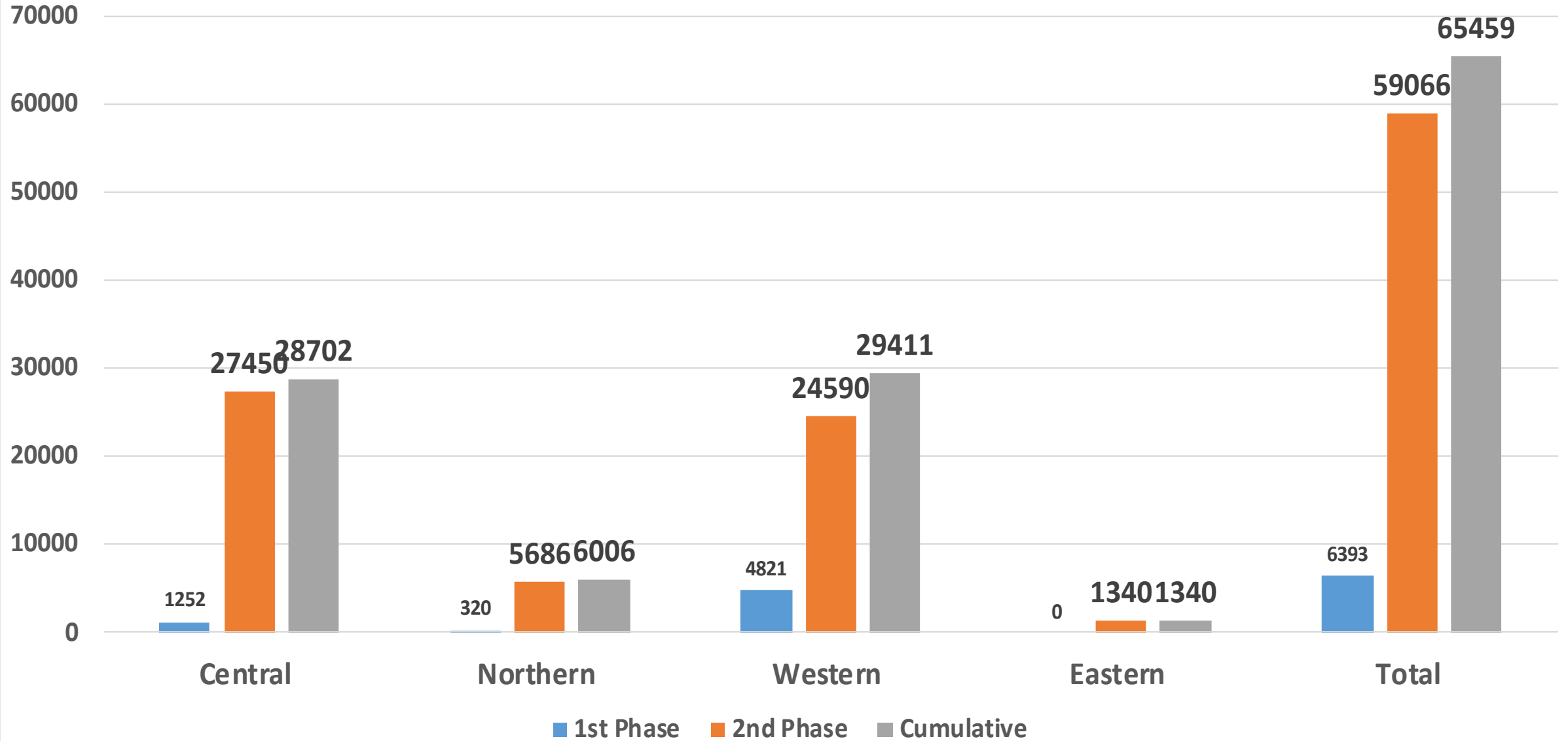
- **100,000 (Covishield)**



56,000 individuals

- **24,000 (Covax- short shelf life) – for 24,000 individuals (started roll out again just this week).**

National Vaccination Data -1st & 2nd Phase Cumulative



Question 1a: How did you design your COVID-19 vaccines strategy?

- i) Systems Approach from any immunization program
- ii) Guided template by the WHO & UNICEF with additions by MOHMS (Family Health Unit)
- iii) Three main oversight committees:
 - ❖ **Interagency Coordinating Committee who acted as technical advisors to the MHMS**
 - ❖ **National Coordinating Committee made up of divisional medical and nursing heads**
 - ❖ **Communications Steering Committee**

Question 1b: What were your main considerations in doing so?

- ❖ Regulatory authority
- ❖ Target Population
- ❖ Cold Chain
- ❖ Deployment
- ❖ Adverse Events Following Immunization
- ❖ Digital Platform (Registration & Vaccination)
- ❖ Financing
- ❖ Communications etc.

Question 1c: How are you prioritizing populations for COVID-19 vaccines and why?

Phase 1

Front- liners: all individuals in border control at the air and sea ports; front-line health care workers; and their immediate family members.

Phase 2

Vulnerable Individuals: all individuals with some sort of comorbid issues such as Diabetics, Hypertension, Cardiac, Mental Health Illness, Cancer, Disability, Rheumatic Heart Diseases, etc. though not limited to these.

Phase 3

All individuals above 60 years of age, followed by all individuals above 18.

All individuals >18 years of age = **~650,000**

(70% of Fiji Population)

Question 1d: Where do you anticipate procuring/ accessing vaccines from?

- i) Covax Facility
- ii) Government to Government Initiative (E.g India)
- iii) Procurement – Manufacturers

Question 2a: What are your estimates of costs for providing coverage, and what are the main cost drivers?

- ❖ NDVP estimates for the four-tiered approach is FJD 22.85m
- ❖ The main cost drivers are:
 - **Unsubsidized vaccine cost: FJD 13.8m (after the initial COVAX 20% coverage)**
 - **Vaccine Impact Assessment: FJD 3.16m**
 - **National roll-out operational costs: FJD 3.14m**
 - **Subsidized vaccines to reach 20% initial coverage: FJD 1.38m**

Question 2b: How is your country/ does your country anticipate financing the vaccine coverage [external assistance, domestic health spending]?

- ❖ The vaccines are anticipated to be financed from COVAX and bilateral development partners

Question 2c: What challenges do you anticipate with planning and financing COVID-19 vaccine coverage?

- ❖ Specific Distribution Plan of COVAX/
- ❖ Global supply issue
- ❖ Increase in cases in specific sites – for e.g India & PNG

Question 3a: What challenges do you anticipate with implementing the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out?

i) Vaccines trickling in slowing into the country:

- ❖ affecting logistics issues on the ground
- ❖ A start and stop strategy.

ii) Vaccines through the COVAX Facility delayed

- ❖ To a certain level unavoidable due to the supply demand issues globally

iii) Positive cases of COVID19 in Fiji

- ❖ Strategy changes (suiting the situation)

iv) Vaccine hesitancy

- ❖ Overcoming this through communications materials and demand creation

Question 3b: How does the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out affect your country's national immunization program and access to other essential services?

❖ Separation of teams doing normative and campaign services

❖ Human resource on the ground:

i) More HR to my COVID19 vaccination team: (Specific teams for)

a) Logistics

b) AEFI

c) Communications

d) IT support

ii) Involvement of Non- Government Organisations (Red Cross/MSP/RFHAF)

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