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Health ministry launched new vaccine

Health Ministry launched Pentavalen vaccine in Karawang to replace previous inefficient vaccine, said Nafsiah Mboi, Health Minister. The new vaccine is a combination of DPT and HB vaccines and it prevents diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis B, and type B haemophilus influenza. PT Biofarma produces Pentavalen vaccine. Its development and production are partially funded by GAVI Alliance (US\$23.9 million) and is cheaper since it is produced locally, said Helen Evans, GAVI Alliance CEO. GAVI Alliance has prepared US\$4 million to improve health sector, including healthcare workers training program.

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Pentavalen vaccine is launched

Health Ministry plans to implement new vaccination program with Pentavalen for two-month infants to prevent five infectious diseases (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and type B haemophilus influenza). The Biofarma-made vaccine may prevent two to three million deaths among infants. The vaccination program will be implemented in four provinces (West Java, Yogyakarta, Bali, and West Nusa Tenggara), funded by Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunization (GAVI Alliance) until 2016. The vaccine is a result of six-year development consisting of five antigens, said Juliman, Production Director of PT Biofarma. Pentavalen vaccine has less immunization frequency and lowers production, storage, needles and healthcare worker costs.

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Nine injections is a history

Health Minister, Nafsiah Mboi, inaugurated new vaccine (Pentavalen) on Thursday (22/8). Pentavalen is combination of DPT, HB, and Hib to prevent five infectious diseases. Previous vaccine takes 9 times of injection and Pentavalen only takes three times. Four provinces have been assigned to receive new Pentavalen vaccination program for more than 800,000 infants. In basic immunization program, newly born infants are given hepatitis B vaccine, one-month infants are given polio and BCG up to four 2,3, and 4-month old. Advanced immunization must be given to 1.5-2-year old children to increase their immunity against measles, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, and Hib.

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Health minister inaugurated pentavalen vaccine

Health Minister inaugurated new Pentavalen vaccine and advanced immunization program for toddlers in Karawang. Pentavalen can prevent five diseases (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B and Hib) at once while advanced immunization for 1.5-2-year old children can increase immunity against measles, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B and Hib. Pentavalen vaccination program will be commenced in four provinces first and all provinces in 2014. Karawang has 93% of Universal Child Immunization (UCI) and West Java 91.7%, higher than national target (90%).

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