

25 million children were un-or under-vaccinated in 2021, 2 million more than in 2020, and 6 million more than in 2019

Coverage of the third dose of diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis vaccine (DTP-3) dropped a further 2% compared 2020, to 81% in 2021, leaving 25 million children vulnerable to vaccine-preventable diseases

The Immunization Agenda 2030 aims to make vaccination available to everyone, everywhere, by 2030. The Covid-19 pandemic, associated disruptions, and Covid-19 vaccination efforts have strained health systems in 2020 and 2021, resulting in 25 million children missing out on vaccination, 6 million more than in 2019 and the highest number since 2008. The number of children missing out on any vaccination - "zero-dose children" - increased by 5 million in 2021 compared with 2019, going from 13 to 18 million.

In this analysis, zero-dose children are those who lack any dose of DTP. Under-vaccinated are those who received one dose, but not a third protective dose.

