



KINGDOM of ESWATINI
Ministry of Health

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HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV) & VACCINE INTRODUCTION

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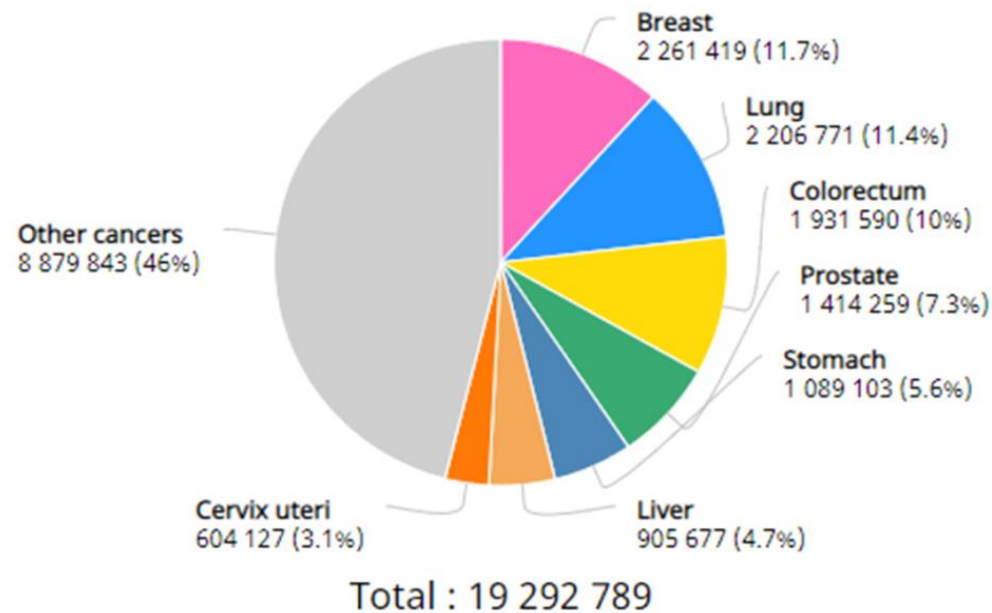
PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO:

- DEFINE HPV
- DESCRIBE HOW IT IS TRANSMITTED
- DESCRIBE HOW IT CAN BE PREVENTED
- WHICH ILLNESSES CAN BE CAUSED BY HPV
- INTRODUCTION OF HPV VACCINE
- KEY MESSAGES

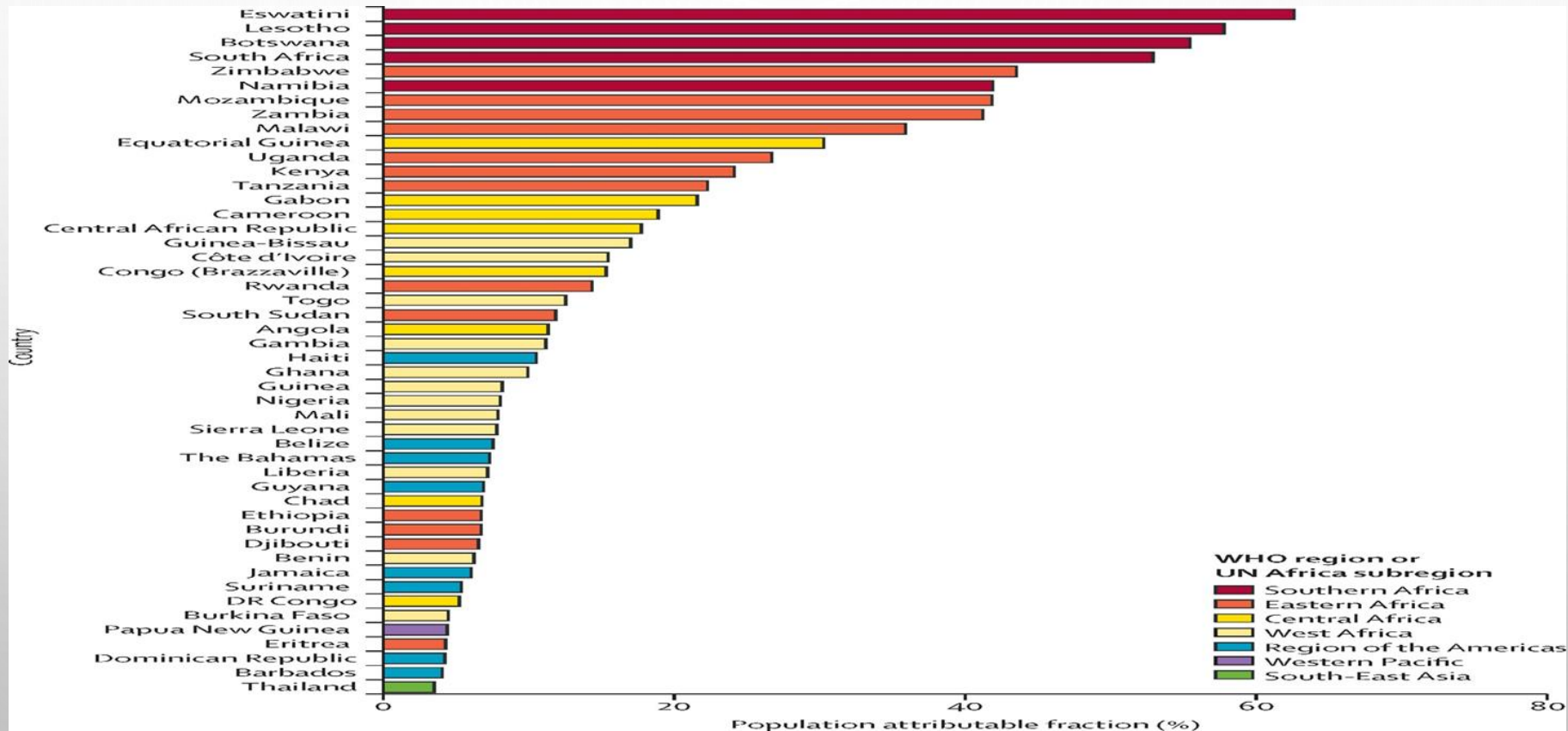
GLOBAL CANCER BURDEN

Estimated number of new cases in 2020, worldwide, both sexes, all ages



Data source: GLOBOCAN 2020
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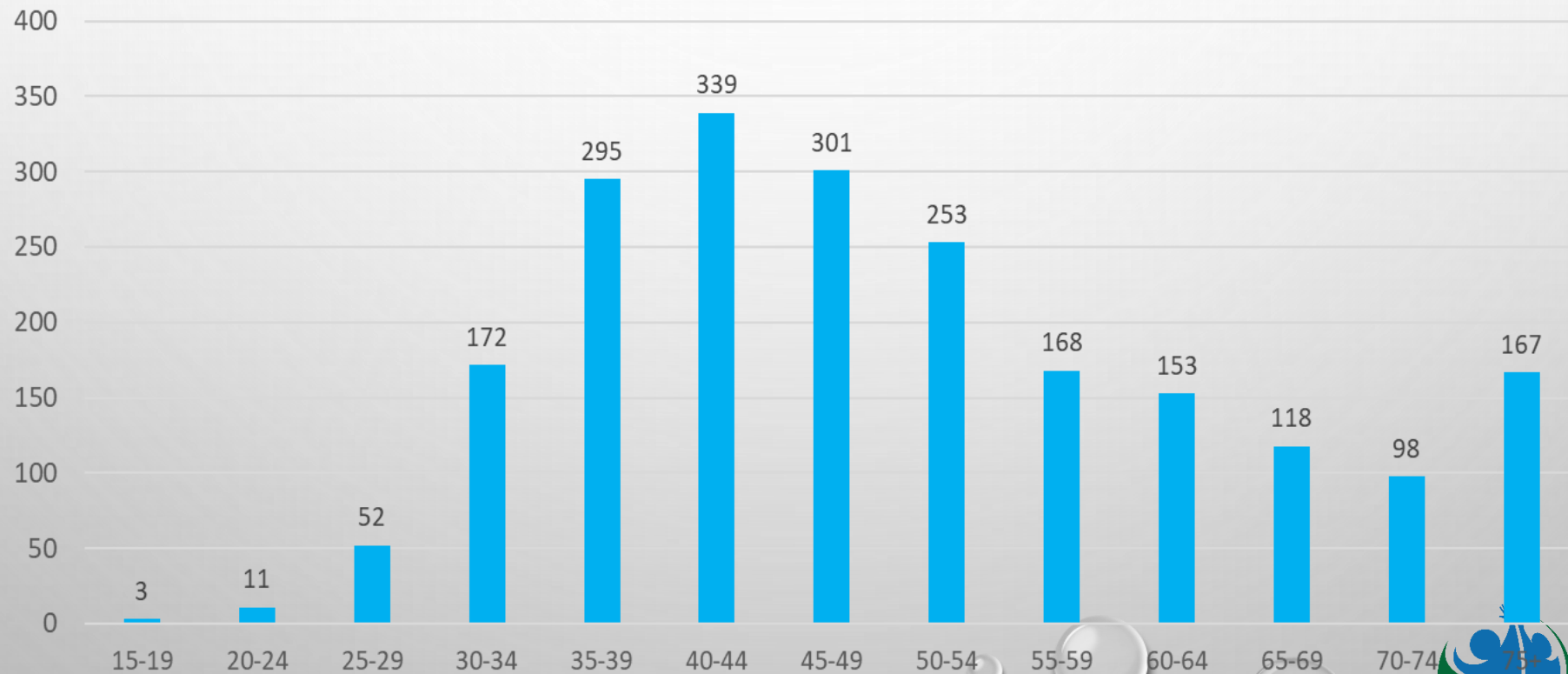
CERVICAL CANCER BURDEN IN AFRICA



Eswatini has the highest cervical cancer incidence rate in Africa

BURDEN OF CERVICAL CANCER IN ESWATINI

Number of cervical cancer cases by age - 2016-2022



WHAT IS HPV?

- **HPV** STANDS FOR **HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS**,
- WHICH IS DEFINED AS THE
- IT IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF A NUMBER OF CANCERS INCLUDING CERVICAL CANCER



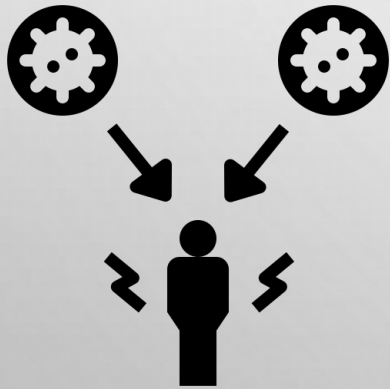


HOW IT IS TRANSMITTED

- HPV IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH SEXUAL EXPOSURE WITH A PERSON INFECTED WITH HPV

NOTE:

YOU CAN GET HPV AND NOT KNOW, BECAUSE THE VIRUS OFTEN HAS NO IMMEDIATE SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS.



RISK FACTORS FOR HPV INFECTION

- BEING SEXUALLY ACTIVE GIRLS/WOMEN
- HAVING SEXUAL INTERCOURSE FOR THE FIRST TIME AT AN EARLY AGE (18)
- HAVING MULTIPLE SEXUAL PARTNERS
- HAVING OTHER GENITAL INFECTIONS AND NOT TREATING THEM EARLY

PREVENTION OF TRANSMISSION

- ABSTAINING
- DELAYED SEXUAL DEBUT
- HAVING A FAITHFUL SEXUAL PARTNER
- SEEKING EARLY TREATMENT FOR ANY GENITAL INFECTION
- TAKING THE HPV VACCINE FOR PROTECTION

COMMON CANCERS CAUSED BY THE HPV

- CANCER OF THE CERVIX
- CANCER OF THE PENIS
- CANCER OF THE ANUS/RECTUM/COLON (INTESTINES)
- CANCER OF THE VULVAR AND VAGINA
- CANCER OF THE MOUTH AND THROAT

INTRODUCTION OF THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV) VACCINE

- THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH HAS INTRODUCED THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS (HPV) VACCINE FOR IMMUNISATION AGAINST CANCER OF THE CERVIX (CERVICAL CANCER)

SAFETY OF THE HPV VACCINE

THE HPV VACCINE IS **SAFE, EFFECTIVE** AND **FREE** IN PUBLIC FACILITIES AS APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, WHO AND UNICEF.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS LINKED TO THE HPV VACCINE, APART FROM:

- MINOR PAIN CAUSED BY THE NEEDLE
- SWELLING WHICH MAY OCCUR AT THE INJECTION SITE.

IF SWELLING OCCURS DO NOT MASSAGE BUT GO TO THE NEAREST HEALTH FACILITY.

NUMBER OF DOSES

- THIS VACCINE WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY INJECTION IN THE LEFT UPPER ARM.
- THE DOSES WILL BE ONE WITH AN INTERVAL OF 6 MONTHS (MINIMAL)

WHAT IS THE TARGET GROUP FOR THE HPV VACCINE

- DUE TO STUDIES DONE, THE HPV VACCINE IS MORE EFFECTIVE TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT SEXUALLY EXPOSED.
- THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI HAS TARGETED GIRLS AGED 9-14 BOTH IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL FOR THIS CAMPAIGN.

BUT IN LATER STAGES THE TARGET MIGHT CHANGE

FOR A CHILD TO BE VACCINATED, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR A PARENT TO SIGN A CONSENT FORM, AS AN UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT TO THE IMMUNIZATION OF THE CHILD

KEY MESSAGES

- LET US WORK TOWARDS ELIMINATING SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED CANCERS
- CERVICAL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE THROUGH THE HPV VACCINE:

LET US BE THE HPV RELATED CANCER FREE GENERATION

AS A GIRL:

A CANCER FREE GENERATION IS POSSIBLE; TAKE THE HPV VACCINE

TAKE PRIDE, TAKE THE HPV VACCINE

AS A PARENT:

TAKE A STAND AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER; ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE VACCINATED

ANY CONCERNS THAT NEEDED CLARIFICATIONS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU SIYABONGA