



EAST AFRICA CENTRE FOR VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATION (ECAVI)

What is The East Africa Centre for Vaccines and Immunization (ECAVI)?

The East Africa Centre for Vaccines and Immunization (ECAVI) is an initiative of health professionals, working with and through the Paediatric Associations in Eastern Africa, to promote advocacy, training, research and improving and strengthening immunization health systems; and promoting improved uptake and training on new and available vaccines; towards the control of morbidity and mortality associated with vaccine preventable diseases and cancers in Eastern Africa (including the five EAC member states Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, plus Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti and Somalia). Founded on 1st August 2014, ECAVI provides a platform, link and forum for exchange and sharing of up to date and accurate information about vaccines in Eastern Africa. ECAVI runs up to date programs for training and continuous education about vaccines to health professionals, policymakers, programme managers and vaccine handlers within Eastern Africa. It provides up to date information and responds to questions about vaccines, to health care providers, medical/nursing students, parents, and the general public. ECAVI advocates for and participates in continued research in the area of vaccines, through designing low cost easy to implement systems and models to improve vaccine uptake, coverage and how vaccines can be made safer, while encouraging the utilization of new research findings on current and newer vaccines into existing programs for vaccination and immunization within Eastern Africa.

VISION: An Eastern Africa free of vaccine-preventable diseases

MISSION: To promote and encourage the use of current vaccines and uptake of new vaccines and improved vaccine uptake/coverage in Eastern Africa through supporting training, capacity building, vaccine data management systems, product development, continued research and utilisation of new vaccine research findings on vaccines in Eastern Africa.

HOW TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT ECAVI

ECAVI operates a very proactive, educative and interactive Facebook page that responds to questions asked by followers professionally and as accurate as possible called [East Africa Centre for Vaccines and Immunization-ECAVI](#). The ECAVI website <http://e-cavi.com/> and twitter handle (@_ecavi) complement in these roles, and together, these three platforms provide up to date and detailed vaccine related information in the Eastern Africa Region, with details on vaccine programmes, opportunities for Vaccine research and collaboration within Eastern Africa regions, gaps and avenues for additional vaccine advocacy, research, training and promotion within Eastern Africa. It also provides useful links for vaccine related information and programs within Eastern Africa. You can contact ECAVI through the email, cell or post office address numbers indicated in the footnote on this brief.

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