

Do's and Don'ts for mOPV1 Distribution (sub) District and HC level

During the coming NID rounds, monovalent OPV type 1 (mOPV1) will be used. MOPV1 is the most appropriate vaccine for the type of virus causing polio during the current outbreak. Trivalent OPV (tOPV) will not be used for the NID, but will continue to be used for routine immunization.

It is critical to prevent the use of tOPV during the campaign and the use of mOPV1 during the routine after the campaign.

mOPV1 should be stored and used under the same conditions as tOPV.

Districts, sub Districts and HC must be extremely diligent in the storage and distribution of vaccine during this time, as there will be two types of OPV at each site. The following 'Do's and Don'ts' must be respected:

- Do!**
1. You will be supplied with only mOPV1 for the NID rounds. If you receive tOPV for the campaign, do not use and contact the regional store.
 2. Ensure that everyone who is involved in vaccine storage and distribution is aware that mOPV1 is being used in these NID rounds.
 3. When vaccine is received, check each box to be sure it contains mOPV1. Open each box and check the vials. Be careful – the 2 vaccine labels look very similar!



4. In stock keeping records of polio vaccine at all levels, ensure **mOPV1** is specified as opposed to **tOPV**. Use a different page for mOPV1.
5. Designate separate deep-freezers / ILRs / cold boxes for storage of tOPV and separate deep-freezers / ILRs / cold boxes for storage of mOPV1.
6. At HC level either all tOPV should be returned to central store for the duration of the rounds, or it should be kept in separate and labeled boxes, sealed by the supervisor.
7. Label each deep-freezer, ILR, and cold box clearly showing which type of vaccine is stored in each.
8. Distribute **ONLY mOPV1** during the NID.
9. Check every cold box and vaccine carrier sent out to be sure that only OPV1 is being used.
10. After the first round HC and sub districts should return unused mOPV1 vials with good VVM to the district store for future use. District store should keep these in designated and clearly labeled deep freezers.
11. Use tOPV for routine immunization between rounds.

DON'T!

- Don't use tOPV for the NID or mOPV1 for routine vaccination*
- Don't store both vaccines in the same deep-freezer or ILR, unless rigorously separated.*
- Don't distribute vaccine during the NID without checking carefully that it is mOPV1.*
- Don't be afraid to ask – it's better to be sure than send the wrong vaccine to an area.*