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# Cervical cancer prevention and control: Global overview on disease burden and WHO Cervical Cancer elimination goals.

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# Why cervical cancer?

- Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women globally, with an estimated 604 000 new cases and 342 000 deaths in 2020.
- About 90% of the new cases and deaths worldwide in 2020 occurred in low- and middle-income countries
- Nearly all cases of cervical cancer can be attributed to HPV infection
- Women living with HIV are 6 times more likely to develop cervical cancer compared to women without HIV
- Cervical cancer burden reflects inequalities in multiple domains
- Cervical cancer offers interventions that one can wish for cancer control



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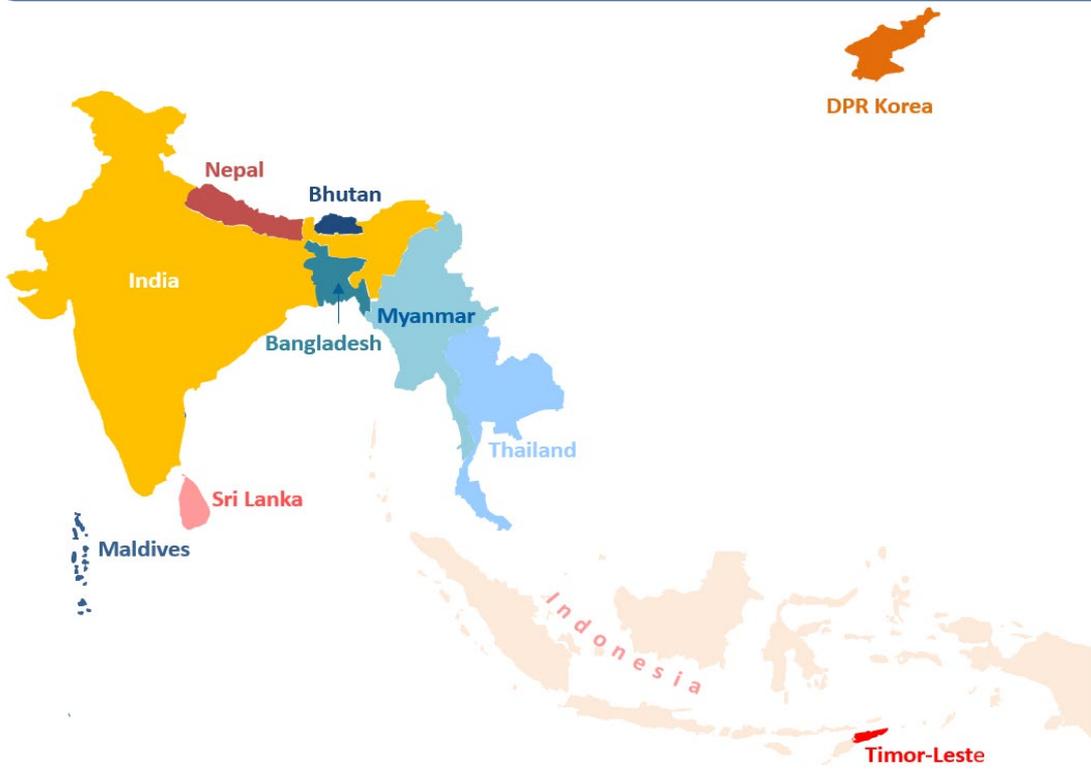


# WHO South-East Asia Region; Cervical cancer snapshot

More than 2 billion (26% ) of global population

Third most common form of cancer in the SEA region and contributes to 32% of the global cervical cancer burden of disease and 34% of global deaths.

In 2020  
190 874 new cases and  
116,015 deaths were  
estimated due to cervical  
cancer, the region's third  
commonest cancer

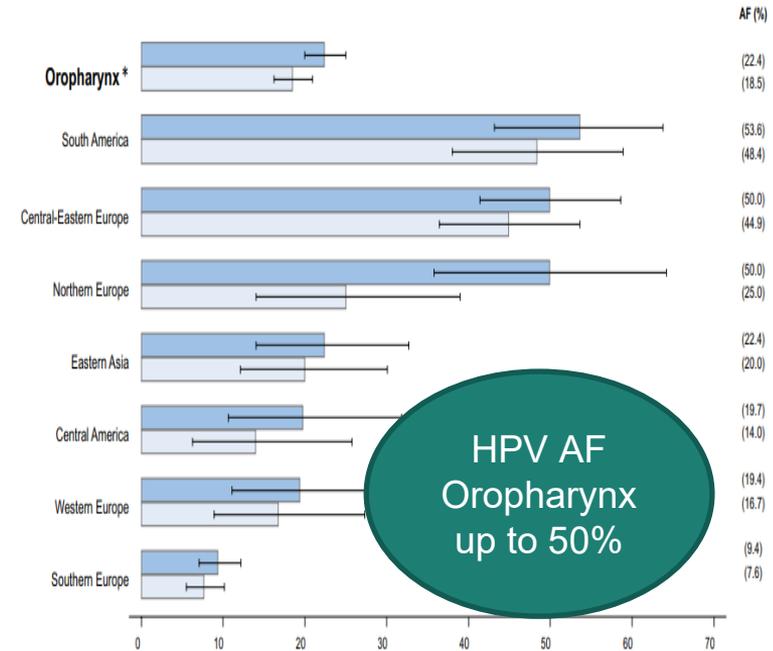


Population	ASR(W)
Maldives	24.5
Indonesia	24.4
Myanmar	22.6
India	18.0
Thailand	16.4
Nepal	16.4
Bhutan	14.2
Timor-Leste	14.0
Korea, Democratic Republic of	11.2
Bangladesh	10.6
Sri Lanka	9.2

# HPV related cancers Asia

Table 2: Key statistics in Asia and its regions

Population	Asia	Central Asia	Eastern Asia	South-Eastern Asia	Southern Asia	Western Asia
Women at risk for cervical cancer (Female population aged >=15 yrs) in millions	1,766.4	26.9	691.0	256.3	695.5	96.7
<b>Burden of cervical cancer and other HPV-related cancer</b>						
Annual number of new cervical cancer cases	351,720	4,945	129,567	68,623	143,183	143,183
Annual number of cervical cancer deaths	199,902	2,678	66,436	38,530	89,307	89,307
Standardized incidence rates per 100,000 population:						
Cervical cancer	12.7	12.7	10.8	17.8	15.4	4.14
Anal cancer						
Men	0.33	0.78	0.24	0.37	0.45	0.29
Women	0.26	0.60	0.22	0.26	0.31	0.22
Vulva cancer	0.41	0.70	0.33	0.57	0.46	0.47
Vaginal cancer	0.34	0.29	0.17	0.25	0.69	0.21
Penile cancer	0.74	0.19	0.40	0.83	1.35	0.08
Oropharyngeal cancer						
Men	1.27	1.11	0.63	1.05	2.44	0.29
Women	0.26	0.47	0.13	0.27	0.49	0.12
Oral cavity cancer						
Men	6.51	4.52	2.55	3.32	13.6	2.23
Women	2.44	1.55	1.19	1.82	4.73	1.27
Laryngeal cancer						
Men	3.36	2.51	2.41	3.07	4.67	5.29
Women	0.43	0.35	0.26	0.31	0.74	0.54



# Control, elimination, eradication

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- ✓ Control – It is the reduction of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, and/or mortality to a locally acceptable level as a result of deliberate efforts; continued intervention is needed to maintain reduction, e.g. diarrheal diseases
- ✓ Elimination as a public health problem is a term related to both infection and disease. It is defined by achievement of measurable global targets set by WHO in relation to a specific disease. E.g. HIV due to MTCT
- ✓ Eradication - to mean permanent reduction to zero of a specific pathogen, as a result of deliberate efforts, with no more risk of reintroduction, e.g. smallpox

Ref: Dowdle WR. The principles of disease elimination and eradication. Bull World Health Organ. 1998;76 Suppl 2(Suppl 2):22-5.



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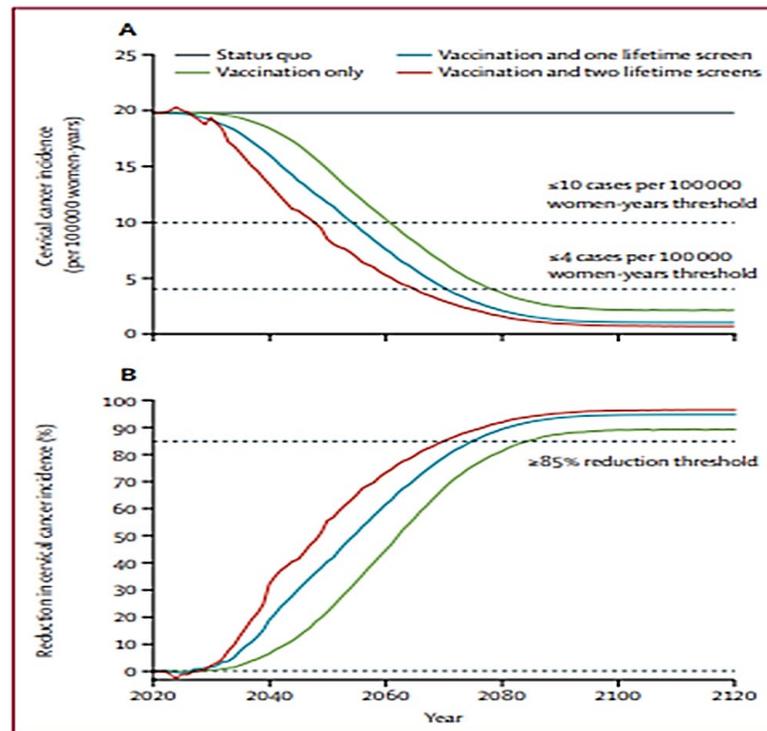


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## Impact of HPV vaccination and cervical screening on cervical cancer incidence: a comparative modelling analysis in 78 lowincome and lowermiddle-income countries

- High HPV vaccination coverage of girls can lead to cervical cancer elimination in most LMICs by the end of the century.
- Screening with high uptake will expedite reductions and will be necessary to eliminate cervical cancer in countries with the highest burden.

Ref: Brisson M, et al. Lancet. 2020 Feb 22;395(10224):575-590.

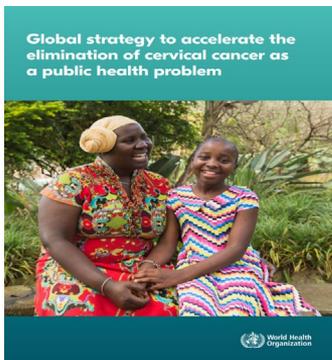


# Global strategy for the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem

## Cervical Cancer: An NCD We Can Overcome

WHA 73.2 3 Aug 2020

Global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem and its associated goals and targets for the period 2020–2030



## Target & Approach

### Elimination of Cervical Cancer

**THRESHOLD:** Countries to reach < 4 cases 100,000 women

### 2030 CONTROL TARGETS

90%

of girls fully vaccinated with HPV vaccine by 15 years of age

70%

of women screened with a high performance test by 35 and 45 years of age

90%

of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment and care

**SDG 2030:** Target 3.4 – 33.3 % reduction in mortality from NCDs

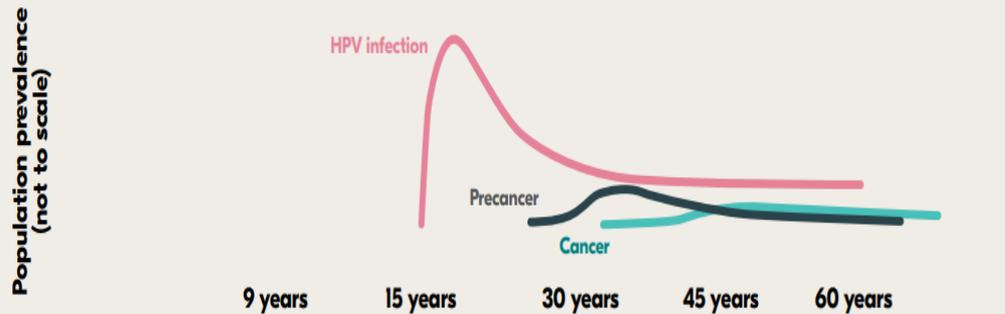


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# Life course approach to cervical cancer control

Fig. 9. Life-course approach to cervical cancer interventions



## Primary Prevention

### Girls 9–14 years

- HPV vaccination

### Girls and boys, as appropriate

- Health information and warnings about tobacco use
- Sexuality education tailored to age and culture
- Condom promotion/provision for those engaged in sexual activity
- Male circumcision

## Secondary Prevention

### Women > 30 years of age

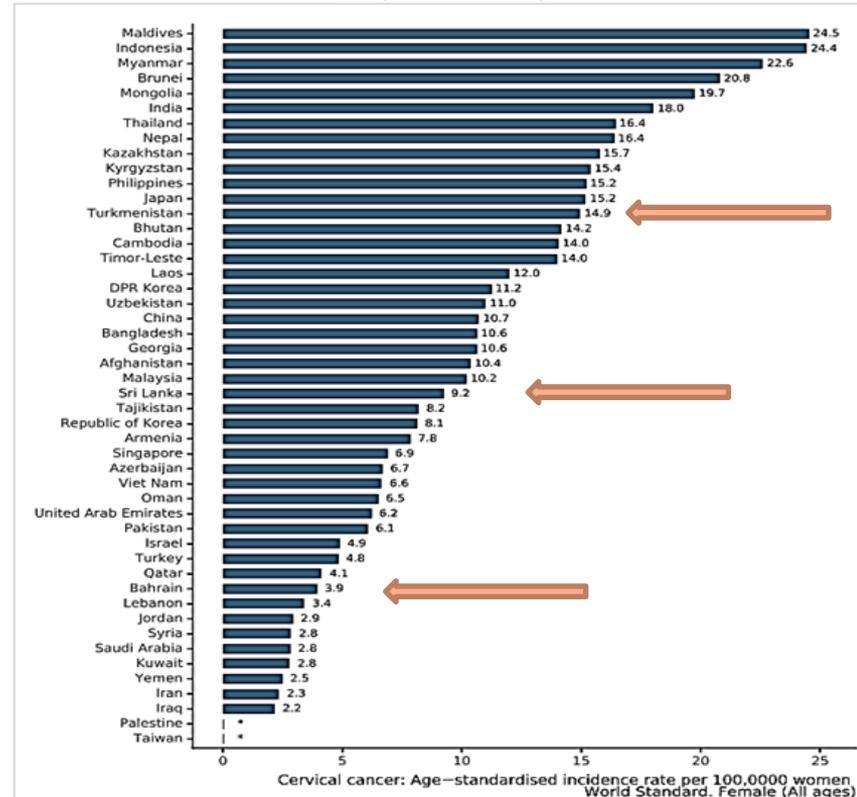
- Screening with a high-performance test equivalent to or better than HPV test
- Followed by immediate treatment or as quickly as possible, of precancerous lesions.

## Tertiary Prevention

### All women, as needed

- Treatment of invasive cancer at any age
- Surgery
  - Radiotherapy
  - Chemotherapy
  - Palliative care

Figure 9: Age-standardised incidence rate of cervical cancer cases attributable to HPV by country in Asia (estimates for 2020)



# HPV vaccination

On the basis of the recent data on efficacy and effectiveness, SAGE endorsed the optimization of the HPV vaccine schedules. **For 9-14 year olds, national immunization programmes can use either a single-dose or a 2-dose vaccination schedule with an interval between doses of at least 6 months.**

## HPV Vaccine Introduction Clearing House

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# Cervical cancer screening



WHO recommends that HPV self-sampling should be made available as an additional approach to sampling in cervical cancer screening services, for women aged 30-60 years.

## How does HPV self-sampling as part of cervical cancer screening work?

Self-sampling involves an individual obtaining a kit and collecting one's own vaginal sample. Collection can be done alone in private, in a health facility or another location. The individual (or a health worker) sends it to a laboratory for testing and the results of the test are returned to the individual. In the case of positive test result, the individual is linked to follow-up clinical assessments and treatment.

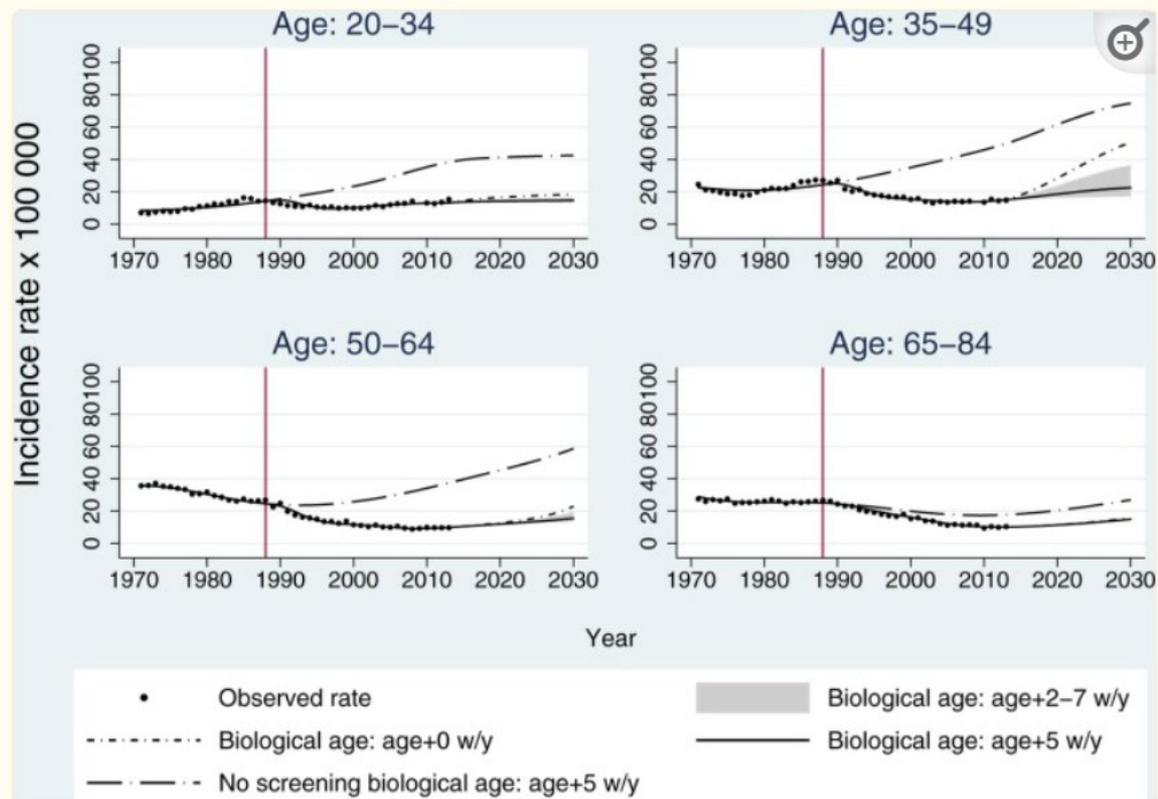
There are now kits which allow people to collect their own samples to be tested. These methods include: a single-use swab or cervical brush with a tube containing collection/ transport medium.

Where HPV tests are available as part of the national programme, HPV self-sampling offers an additional option to improve cervical cancer screening coverage.

Self-sampling can help reach a global target of 70% coverage of screening by 2030. Women may feel more comfortable taking their own samples, rather than going to see a health worker for cervical cancer screening.

Self-collection of a sample for cervical cancer screening by swabbing the vagina<sup>1</sup>

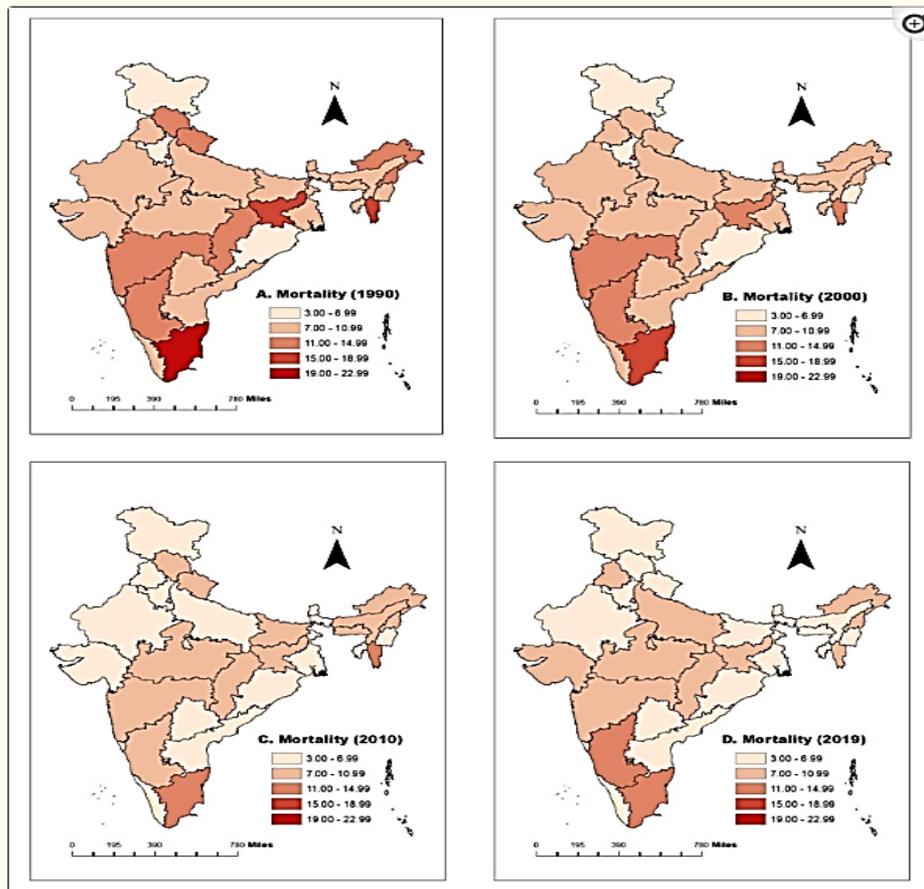
# No screening scenario England



Under the no-screening scenario, ASR would have been threefold higher in 2013 using the log link: observed ASR 12.8 (95% CI 12.3 to 13.3) versus no-screening scenario 37.9 (95% CI 36.4 to 39.3)

Impact of screening on cervical cancer incidence in England: a time trend analysis  
Francesca Pesola and Peter Sasieni

# Change in mortality from cervical cancer in India



State-wise mortality of cervical cancer among women for 1990 - 2019. Figure (A, B, C & D) represents that cervical cancer mortality has decreased over time, but not uniformly.

Secular trends in incidence and mortality of cervical cancer in India and its states, 1990-2019: data from the Global Burden of Disease 2019 Study  
Mayank Singh et al

# Cervical cancer management



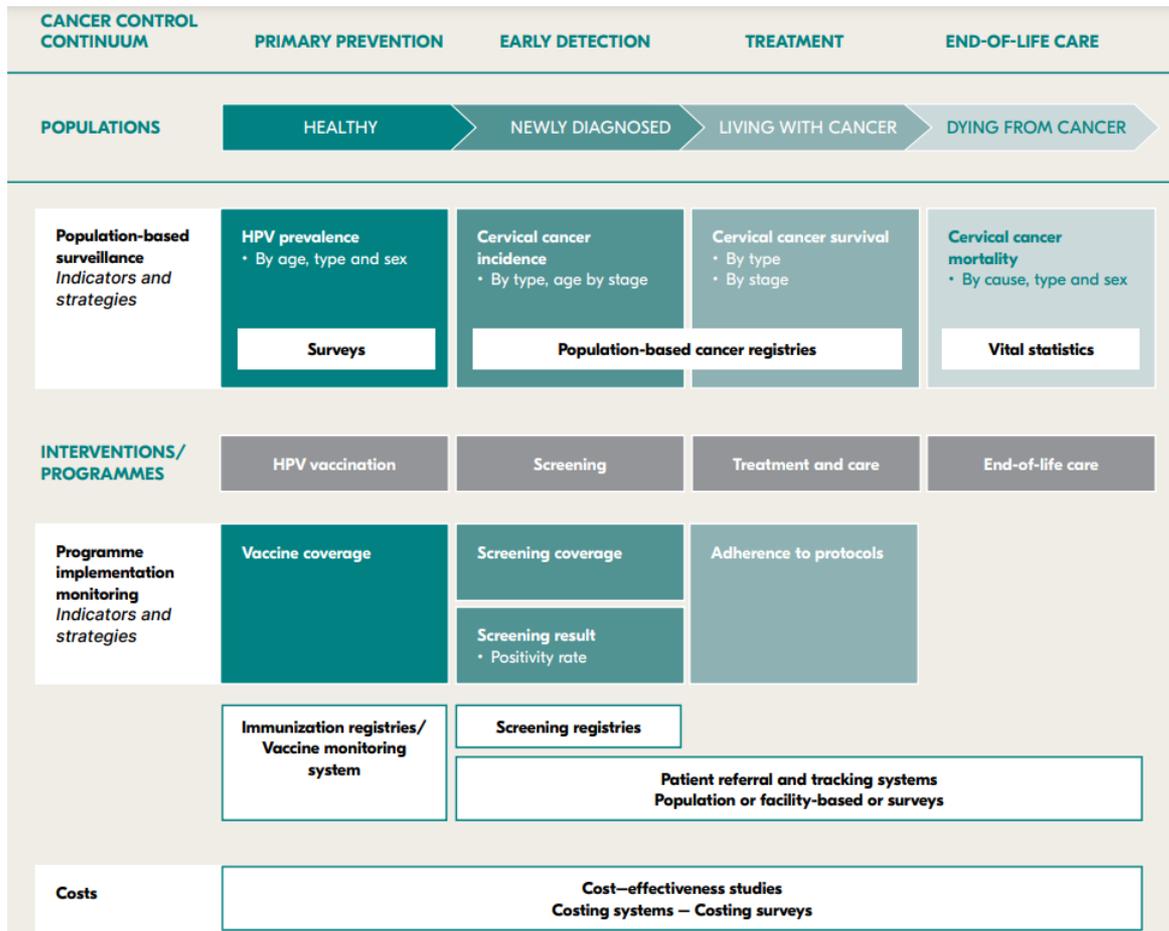
## WHO Framework for strengthening and scaling-up services for the management of invasive cervical cancer



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# Monitoring framework



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## INDIA

### CERVICAL CANCER PROFILE

#### Morbidity and Mortality

Crude cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020):	18.7
Age-standardized cervical cancer incidence per 100 000 women (2020):	18
Cumulative risk of cervical cancer, ages 0-74 (2020):	2.0%
Cervical cancer deaths (2019):	45 300
Cervical cancer mortality-to-incidence ratio (2020):	0.62
Population-based cancer registry exists (2021):	Yes



TOTAL POPULATION, FEMALE (2019): 656 300 000  
 TOTAL DEATHS, FEMALE (2019): 4 191 000

#### Primary Prevention

##### HPV vaccination programme coverage among girls (2020)



HPV vaccination is not included in the national vaccination schedule

##### HPV vaccination programme (2020):

HPV included in national vaccination programme:	No
Scale of vaccination programme:	-
Year of introduction:	-
Primary target cohort:	-

##### Related risk factors:

Tobacco use prevalence, women aged 15+ years (2020):	12%
Condom use at last high-risk sex (2015-2016):	40%
HIV incidence per 1000, women aged 15+ years (2020):	ND

#### Secondary Prevention

Screening for cervical cancer (2019)

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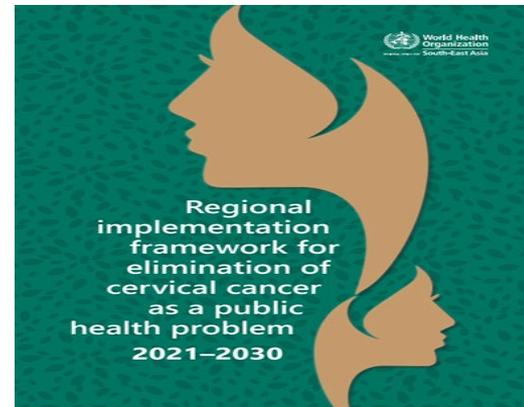


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**Global strategy to accelerate elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem**

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# Challenges and opportunities

1. Progress in SEARO is critical given that one third of cervical cancers are from the region
2. HPV vaccination has picked up and will be a suitable option given the huge populations in many countries
3. One dose vaccine will be a game changer
4. Screening will take time as the systems in many countries are not ready
5. Number needed to screen and manage is massive
6. HPV testing will have to be cheap and easily accessible
7. Cancer diagnosis and management is suboptimal in terms of access and progress in being made
8. Cancer registration is expanding and will be the means for measuring incidence and mortality



# About 3000 women will lose their lives to cervical cancer by the end of this meeting

- **Elimination is feasible**
- **Status quo is not an option** – number of cases will increase dramatically due to population growth, demographic changes and changes in behavior
- **Now is the time to act.** With knowledge and innovative solutions, we **can** eliminate cervical cancer.

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