Drug-resistant typhoid strains are a growing problem in Benin, regionally, and across the globe.

Global data show that multidrug-resistant (MDR) typhoid prevalence has increased dramatically since 1992.³

A study of 53 Salmonella Typhi isolates found that nearly 40% were multidrug-resistant and 25% had decreased susceptibility to ciprofloxacin, the preferred antibiotic treatment in the region.²

Drug-resistant typhoid is more difficult to treat and forces the use of more expensive and less readily-available treatment options.
Typhoid conjugate vaccines (TCVs) in Benin

The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends the introduction of prequalified TCVs be prioritized in countries with a high burden of typhoid disease or a high burden of drug-resistant typhoid. Support for introduction from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is available now. TCVs:

- Are highly effective and safe for children as young as 6 months of age;
- Require a single dose to prevent 79-85% of typhoid cases in children;⁴
- Offer strong protection for at least 4 years; and
- Can be co-administered with measles-rubella and yellow fever vaccines.⁵,⁶

Findings from an economic analysis predict that, even in the absence of a Gavi subsidy, a catch-up campaign with TCV could be cost-effective in Benin.⁷

Let's Take on Typhoid in Benin

- Typhoid is endemic in Benin, with more than 14,000 cases per year.
- Benin's burden of typhoid is most heavily borne by children younger than 15 years of age.
- Data show an increase in drug-resistant typhoid in Benin, regionally, and globally.
- TCVs are safe, effective, and WHO-recommended for routine immunization as part of a cost-effective, integrated approach to typhoid prevention and control alongside safe water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions.
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