

# Help us make a Difference to Meningitis across Asia

## ‘Finding Friends in Asia’

Boardroom Workshop

Speaker:

The Confederation of Meningitis Organisations (CoMO)



# Presenters at ASVAC



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# Session Objectives

1. Describe the goals and relevant activities/strategies of COMO.
2. Explain the WHO's initiative to Defeat Meningitis by 2030.
3. Introduce Progress Tracker and add to its effectiveness.
4. Find new Friends in Asia to participate and benefit in 2030.



# About CoMO

CoMO was founded in 2004 and is an international, not-for-profit membership organisation working to reduce the incidence and impact of meningitis worldwide.

Our vision is a world free from meningitis

## OUR AIMS

- 1** Member Development and Support: Providing support, tools and networks to assist members in their local efforts to raise awareness of the disease and advocate for prevention in their country/region.
- 2** Global Awareness: Campaigning to raise awareness of meningitis and fighting for improved treatment and global prevention.



# CoMO Membership

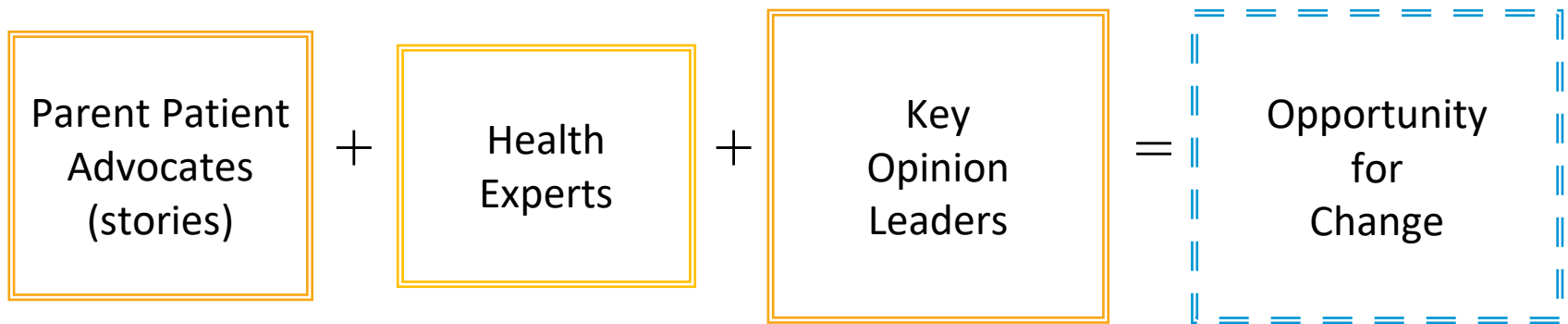


# Key Activities

- World Meningitis Day
- Conferences
- Strengthening Patient Voices Project
- Network communication
- Signposting and referrals



# CoMO Change Equation



# Meningitis 2030





The roadmap sets out a global strategy to achieve:

## Our vision

# *Towards a world free of meningitis*

The proposed goals to be achieved by 2030 are:

1. Eliminate bacterial meningitis epidemics
1. Reduce cases and deaths from vaccine-preventable bacterial meningitis  
*(% reduction to be determined)*
1. Reduce risk of disability and improve quality of life after all causes of meningitis



# Proposed scope

The roadmap focuses on organisms responsible for the majority of acute bacterial meningitis, i.e.

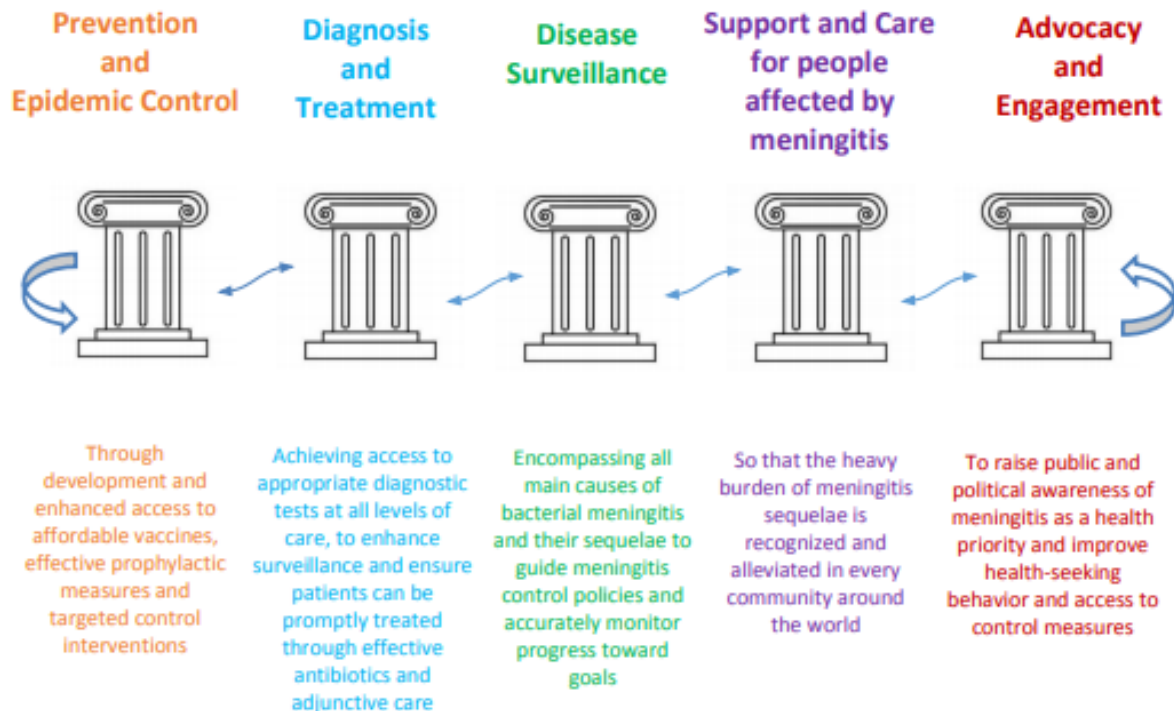
- *Neisseria meningitidis*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*
- *Streptococcus agalactiae* (Group B streptococcus - GBS)

These pathogens are all preventable or potentially (soon) preventable by vaccination

Meningitis caused by other bacteria or other organisms will be included in strategic goals where applicable

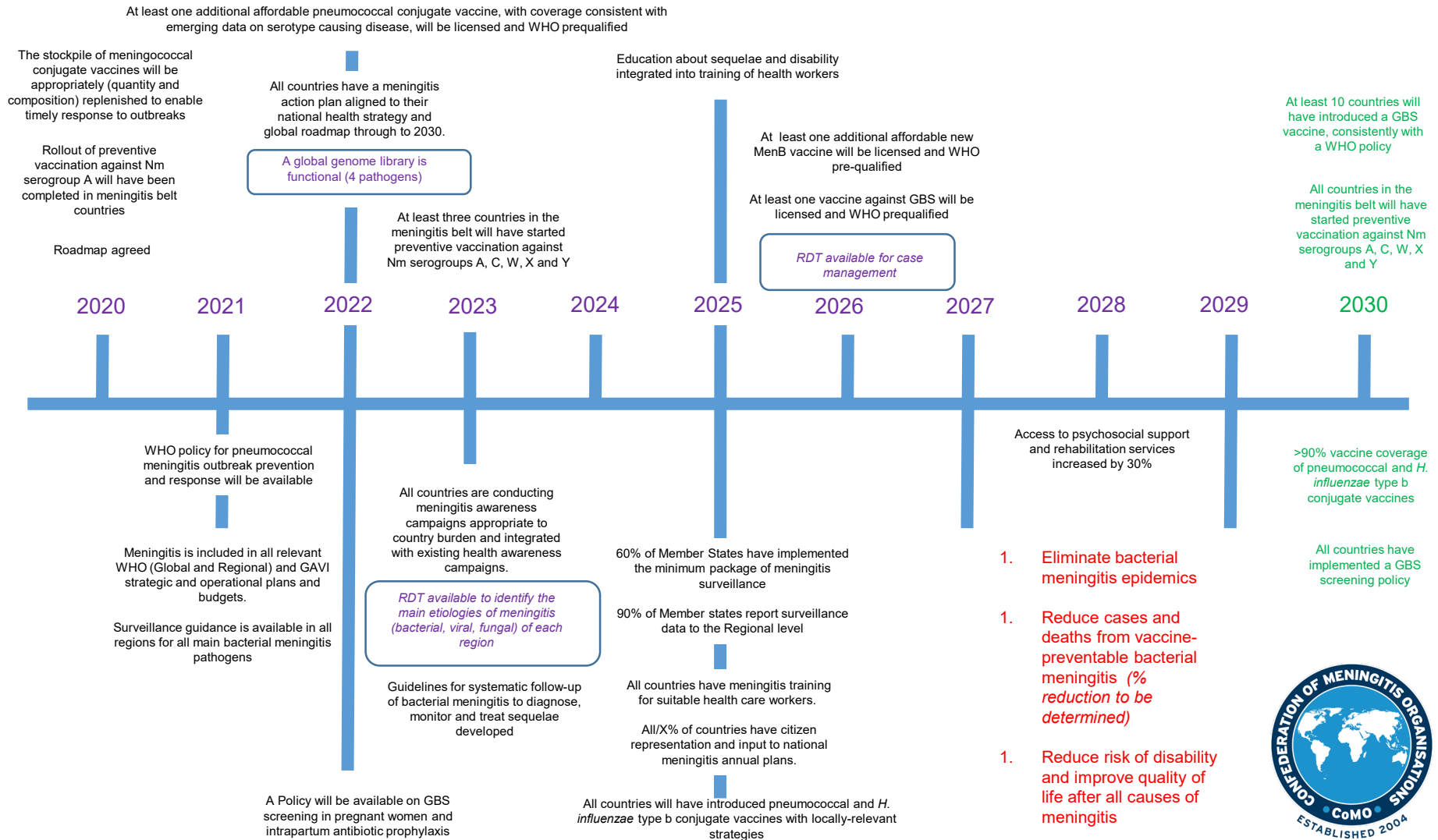


# Five pillars for the global roadmap *to achieve the overall goals of the strategy*



**The strategic goals, milestones and priority activities will be tailored to the context of each region**

# Defeating meningitis by 2030: A roadmap (Draft milestones)



## To Summarise:

- Men 2030 represents an ambitious but exciting opportunity to defeat meningitis globally
- CoMO and partner member MRF are committed to supporting all elements of the plan
- We need your feedback and help – please join us!



# The Meningitis Progress Tracker

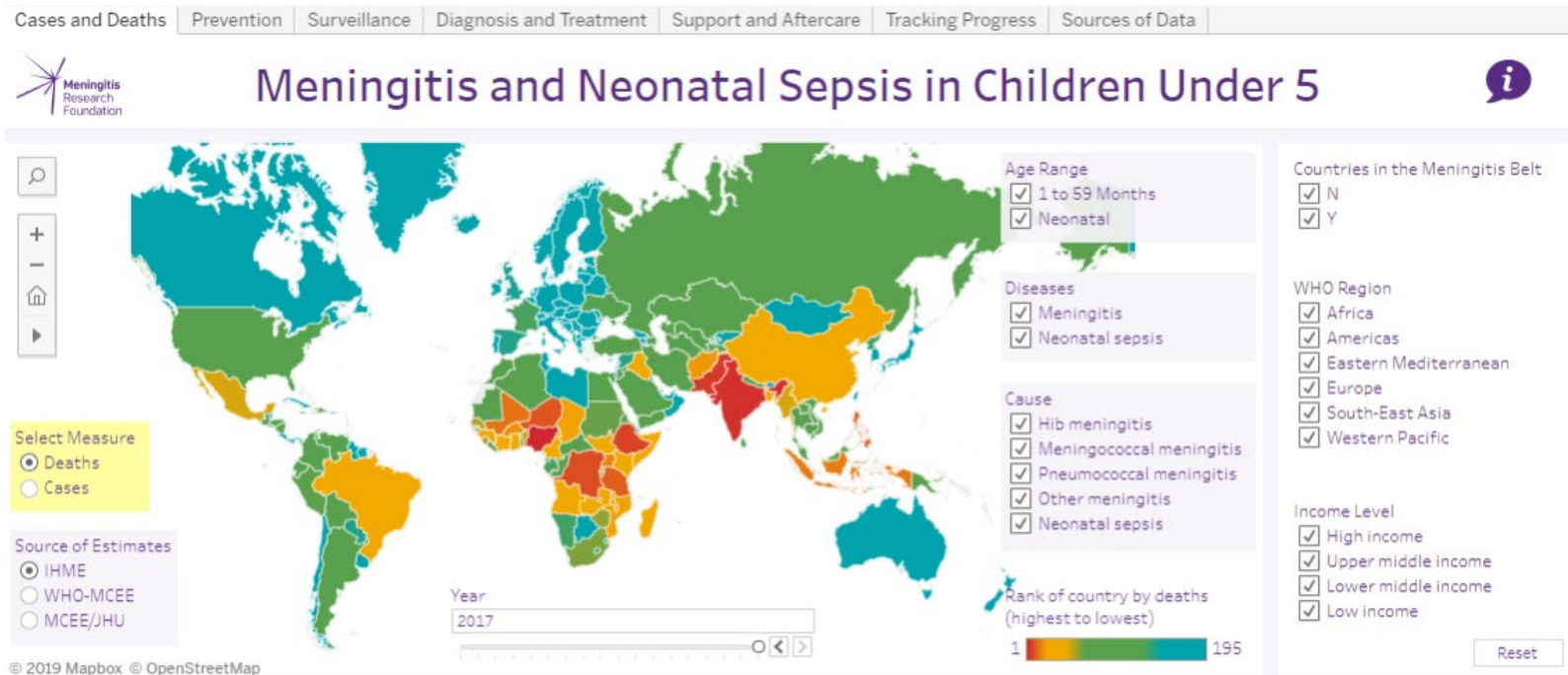


# Surveillance and the Progress Tracker

- Lack of surveillance for meningitis, especially in comparison to other diseases.
- Disease surveillance was identified by the Global Plan as vital to defeat meningitis.
  - Acts as a tool to track success overtime while holding governments accountable.
- The Tracker was created by the Meningitis Research Foundation and is the first tool of its kind, tracking meningitis and neonatal sepsis in under-5s worldwide.



# Meningitis Progress Tracker



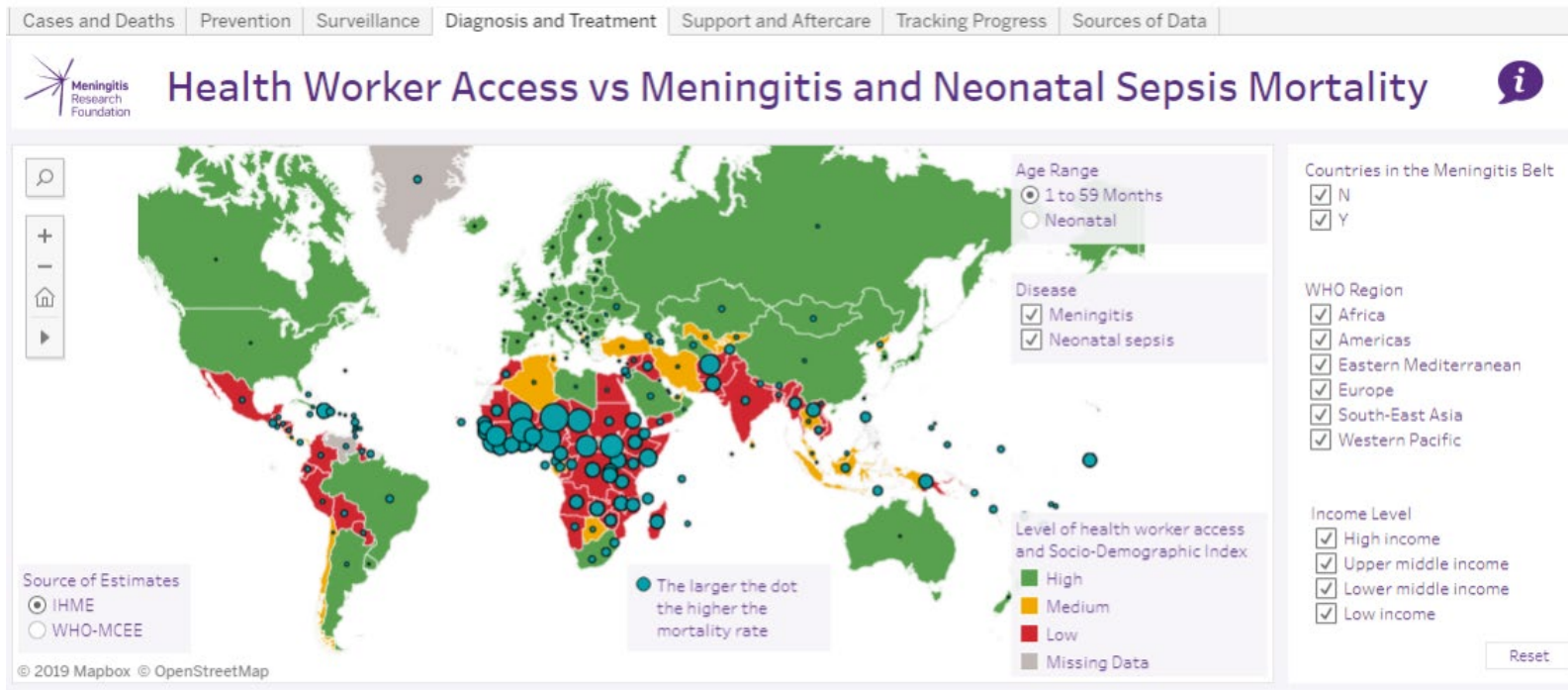
Estimates suggest that meningitis and neonatal sepsis combined are the second largest infectious killers of children aged under five. There has been some success in reducing cases and deaths over time, but progress still lags behind other infectious diseases.

<https://public.tableau.com/en-us/gallery/meningitis-progress-tracker>





# Meningitis Progress Tracker



Meningitis and neonatal sepsis disproportionately affect the world's most vulnerable children. The highest mortality rates from these diseases occur in countries with limited access to skilled health professionals.



# Meningitis Progress Tracker: Questions and Your Role

- What can we learn from the Progress Tracker?
- What are the Gaps and Barriers that are influencing the differences?
- How does it aid meningitis awareness and action?
- How can you feedback to the Tracker so it serves as a useful tool for surveillance and advocacy in your country?



# Finding Friends in Asia

Over 60 Workshop attendees  
Mainly from Myanmar

Good local discussion on the diagnosis and urgent treatment of meningitis including patient/family hesitancy around practices

High level of interest in Meningitis 2030 and the Progress Tracker potential. Including improving surveillance data accuracy



# Finding Friends in Asia

CoMO and many interested professionals in the two workshops to develop a local 'Friends of CoMO' in Myanmar

Parent and Patient stories to be sought and added to the CoMO global website to show local concern and reality about meningitis in Myanmar - with permission of the families

Two successful Workshop for all!



# Finding Friends in Asia

CoMO to plan on a pre conference session at each ASVAC .

To catch up with existing Friends and to find new Friends in the host country

To build a strong network of 'Friends across Asia'



# Contact Details

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# Thank you

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