

IMMUNISATION IN BANGLADESH A SUCCESS STORY



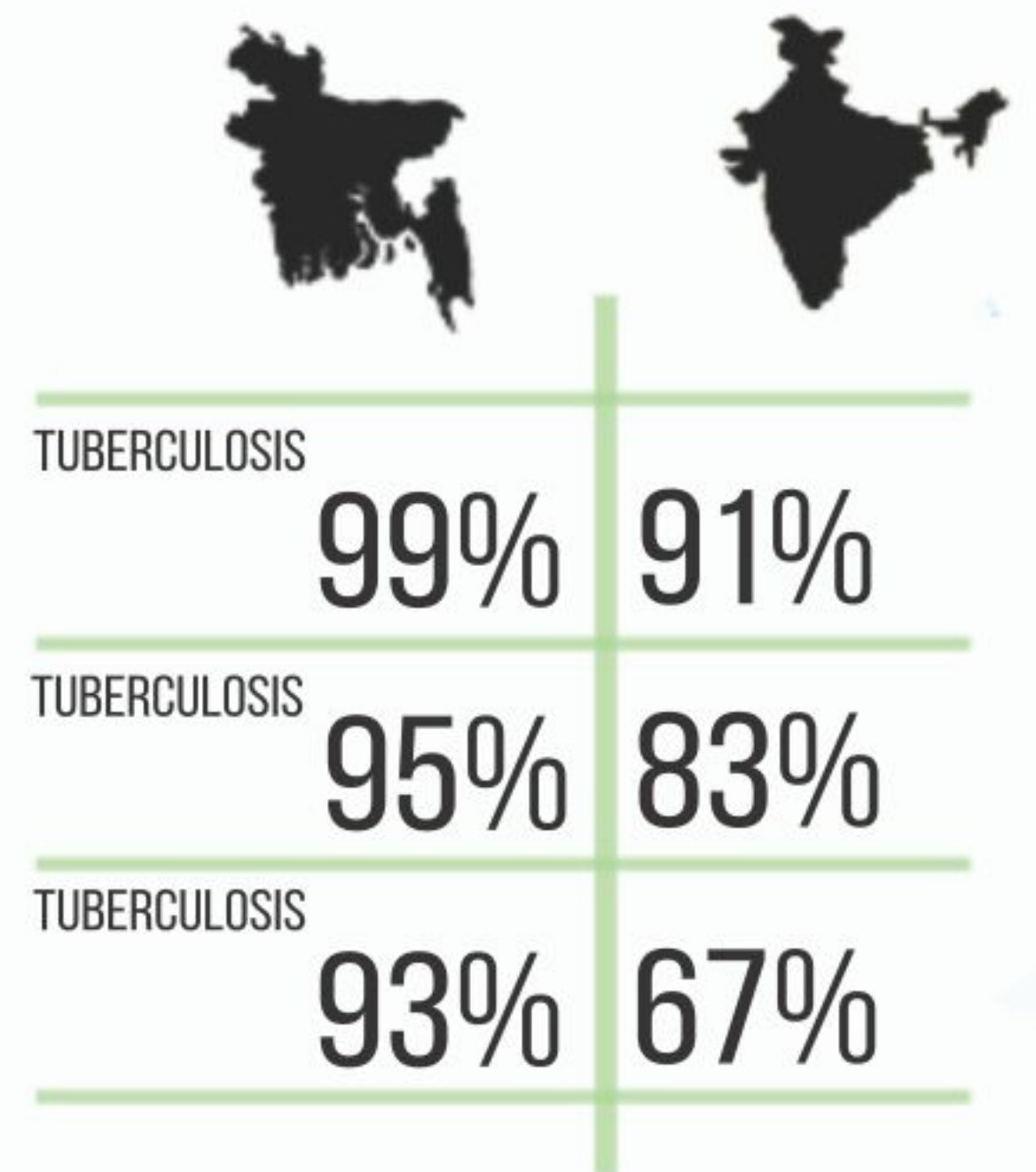
THE EXPANDED PROGRAM ON IMMUNIZATION (EPI) IN BANGLADESH ATTEMPTS TO ERADICATE OR ELIMINATE VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES. STARTING OUT IN 1979 AS A PILOT PROJECT, INITIAL COVERAGE WAS BELOW 2% UPTO 1985. WITH THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT, THE INTENSIFIED IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM WAS EXPANDED IN PHASES. IT COVERED 8 THANAS IN 1985 (FIRST PHASE); 190 THANA IN 1988 (SECOND PHASE) AND EVENTUALLY, THE WHOLE COUNTRY BY THE END OF 1989.



45,000
REGULAR FIELD WORKERS

21,000
FIRST LINE SUPERVISORS
PLUS NGO, COMMUNITY
WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

HOW DOES BANGLADESH COMPARE TO ITS LARGEST NEIGHBOUR, INDIA?



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AS OF JANUARY 2016, BANGLADESH HAS A **99% COVERAGE RATE IN TREATING TUBERCULOSIS** AND HAS **ERADICATED THE THREAT OF NEONATAL TETANUS**. THERE ARE SIMILARLY EXCEPTIONAL RESULTS IN COMBATING POLIO, DIPHTHERIA AND HEPATITIS, EACH HAVING AN AVERAGE ESTIMATED COVERAGE OF 93% ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO) VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES MONITORING SYSTEM. THE ONLY AREAS IN WHICH BANGLADESH IS LAGGING BEHIND IS IN DELIVERING A SECOND DOSE OF MCV2 VACCINE TO CONTAIN MEASLES, WHICH STANDS AT 70% COVERAGE, AND DELIVERY OF VITAMIN A DOSES, WHICH STANDS AT 85% COVERAGE.

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