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# PROVINCIAL VACCINE ROLL-OUT PLAN

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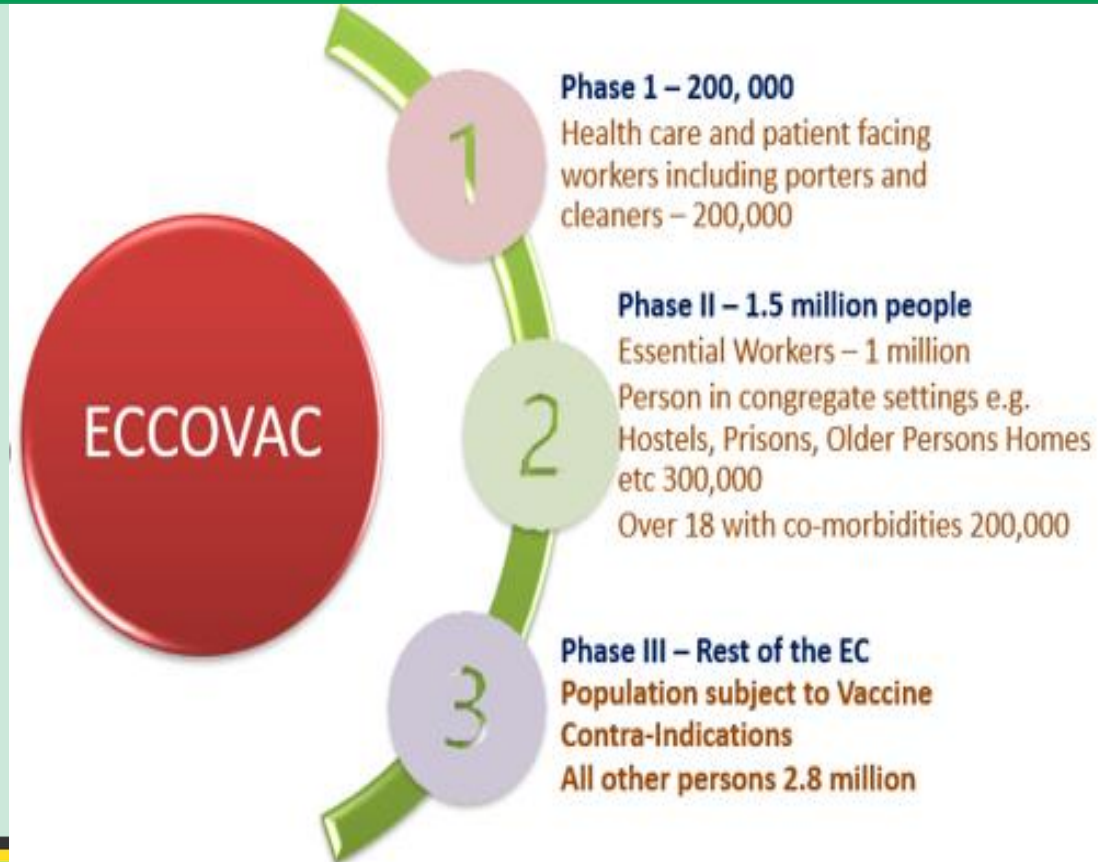
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# COVID-19 VACCINATION BACKGROUND

- A 3 Phased Approach to vaccinate the 4.5 million people in EC over the age of 18 years has been adopted
- To achieve herd or population immunity, ECDoH must immunise a minimum of 67% of the population over 18
- The minimum target population for vaccination is 3 874 626 persons with an optimal target of 4 497 224 million
- In Phase 1 – 60,000 of the 200,00 Health care workers are in the EC Public Sector with over 65% interfacing with patients
- Targeted vaccination of matriculants at phase 3 to ramp up the numbers



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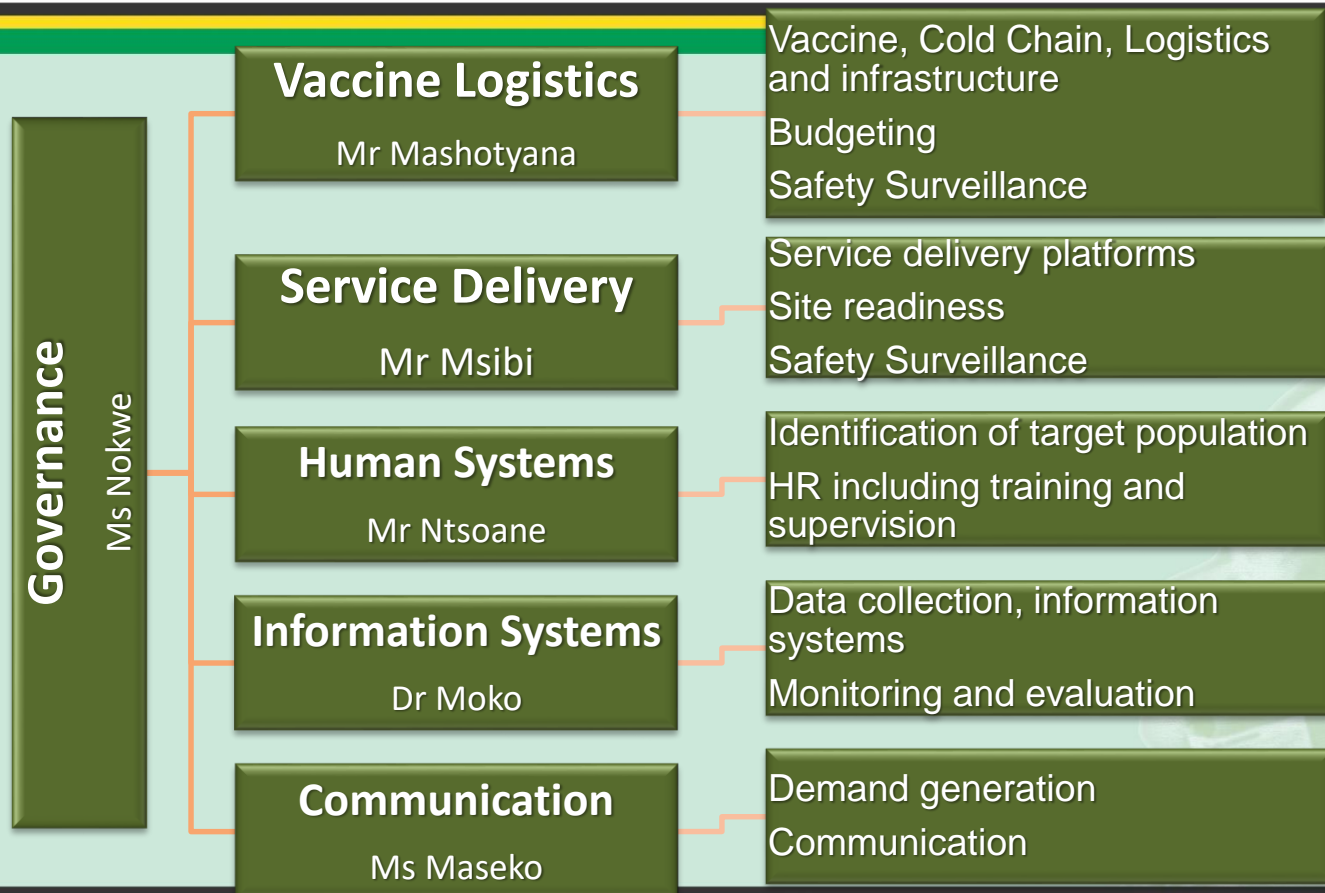
- The OTP is responsible for coordinating all government departments with frontline workers, the business community, civil society
- The Vaccination Task team has representation from the Expanded Programme for Immunisation (EPI), Communicable Disease Cluster (CDC), Pharmaceutical , Supply Chain Management (SCM), Information Systems, Human Resources for Health (HRH), Primary Health Care (PHC), Monitoring and evaluation, Academic institutions, Supporting Partners , Hospital Association, General Practitioners
- The Vaccination Task Team reports weekly to the PDOC and through the PDOC, fortnightly to the PCC

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# VACCINATION PROGRAMME WORKSTREAMS



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## PHASE 1 VACCINATION PROGRESS (1)

- Since the change from AstraZeneca vaccine to JnJ, Phase 1 in the EC is being done under strict research conditions:
  - As such vaccination of healthcare workers under Phase 1 is currently being done at 2 sites in the EC (NMAH & Livingstone Hospital)
  - First batch of healthcare workers were vaccinated in the EC on 17 Feb 2021
  - As at 23 Feb 2021, in the 2 EC sites:
    - 1 687 have been vaccinated
- To improve uptake of vaccination esp in the NMAH site,
  - Provide 6 additional consulting rooms for vaccinators & computers for data capturers
  - Obtaining details of HCW with issued vouchers and follow them up for vaccination



## PHASE 1 VACCINATION PROGRESS (2)

- Engage HCWs in immediate neighbouring site (MRH) & encourage them to register for vaccination
- Engage with the private sector HCW and encourage them to come for vaccination
- Dept is also working on logistics for the NMAH site to open over weekends



## PREPARATIONS – PHASE 2 & 3 (1)

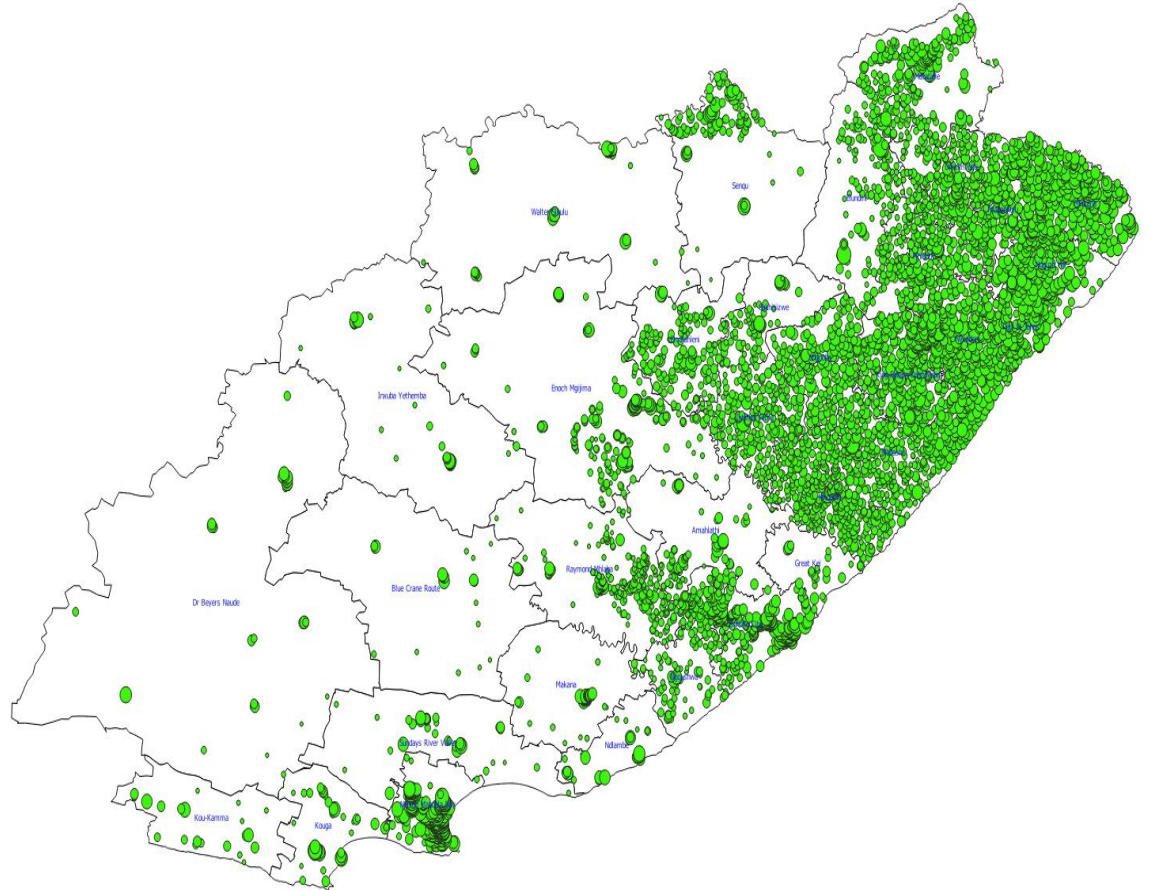
- The province intends to collaborate with the private sector (private practice Drs, Pharmacies, and private hospitals) to increase capacity for vaccination in these phases
- The dept mindful of the spread of COVID, will be approaching EC DoE to utilise 1800 - 2000 of its school buildings - when learners are not at school to vaccinate 35.5% of community members
- Professionally qualified staff (vaccinators) will perform the vaccinations
- There are 33 far flung rural / farm communities, some more than 50km from a HCF, wherein the dept will dispatch mobile units for vaccination in those sites
- Covid-19 protocols will be adhered to during the vaccination programme





## PREPARATIONS – PHASE 2 & 3 (2)

- Location of the 5,414 Vaccination Sites in the EC
- The relative size of the bubbles indicate the population sizes
- Smaller bubble = 2000 people
- Largest bubbles 10,000 people
- Bubble sizes are in increments of 500 people

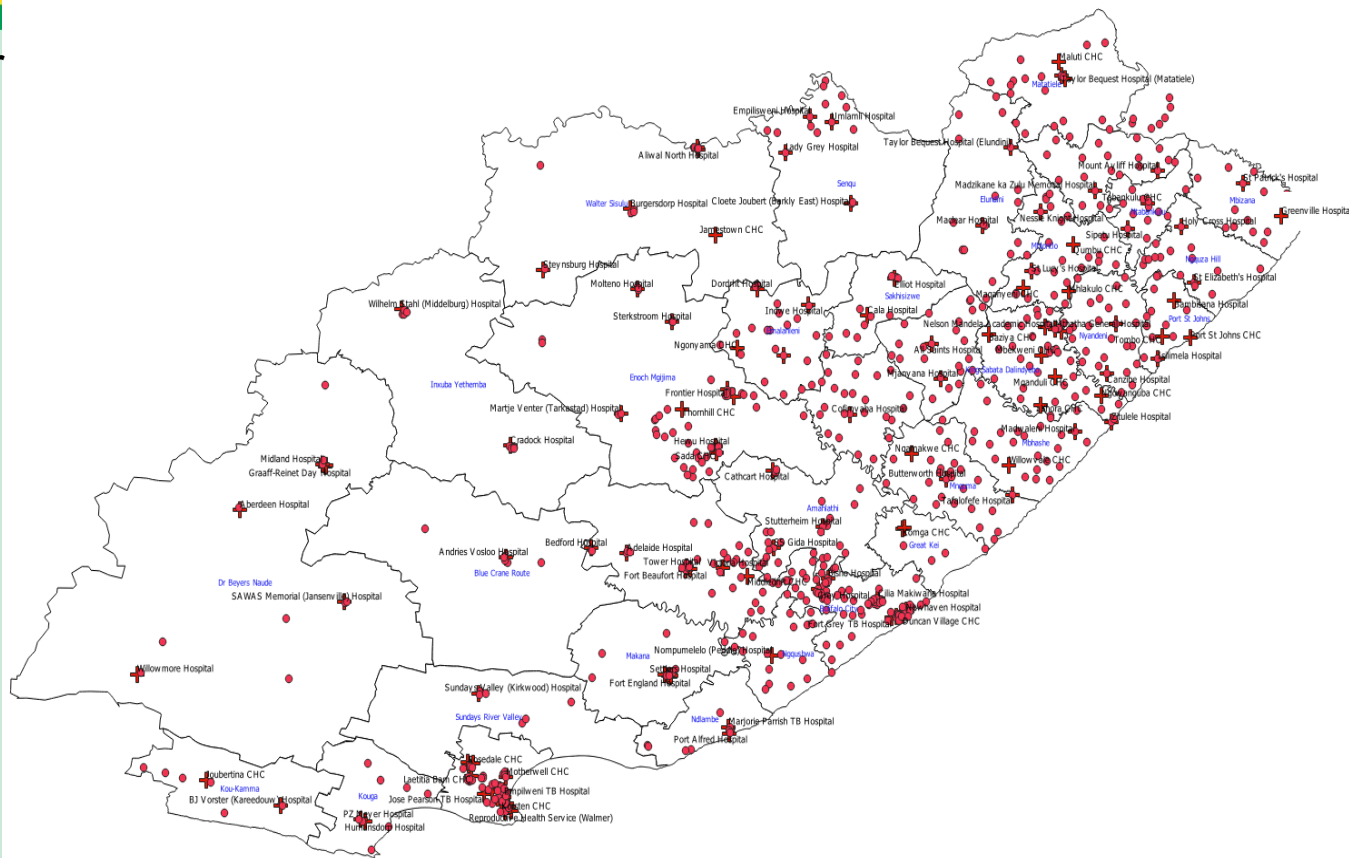


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# PREPARATIONS – PHASE 2 & 3 (3)

- The Distribution of our existing Clinics and Hospitals in EC
- The table shows the disaggregation of HCF's in EC
- Red “+” is a Hospital
- Red “.” is a PHC



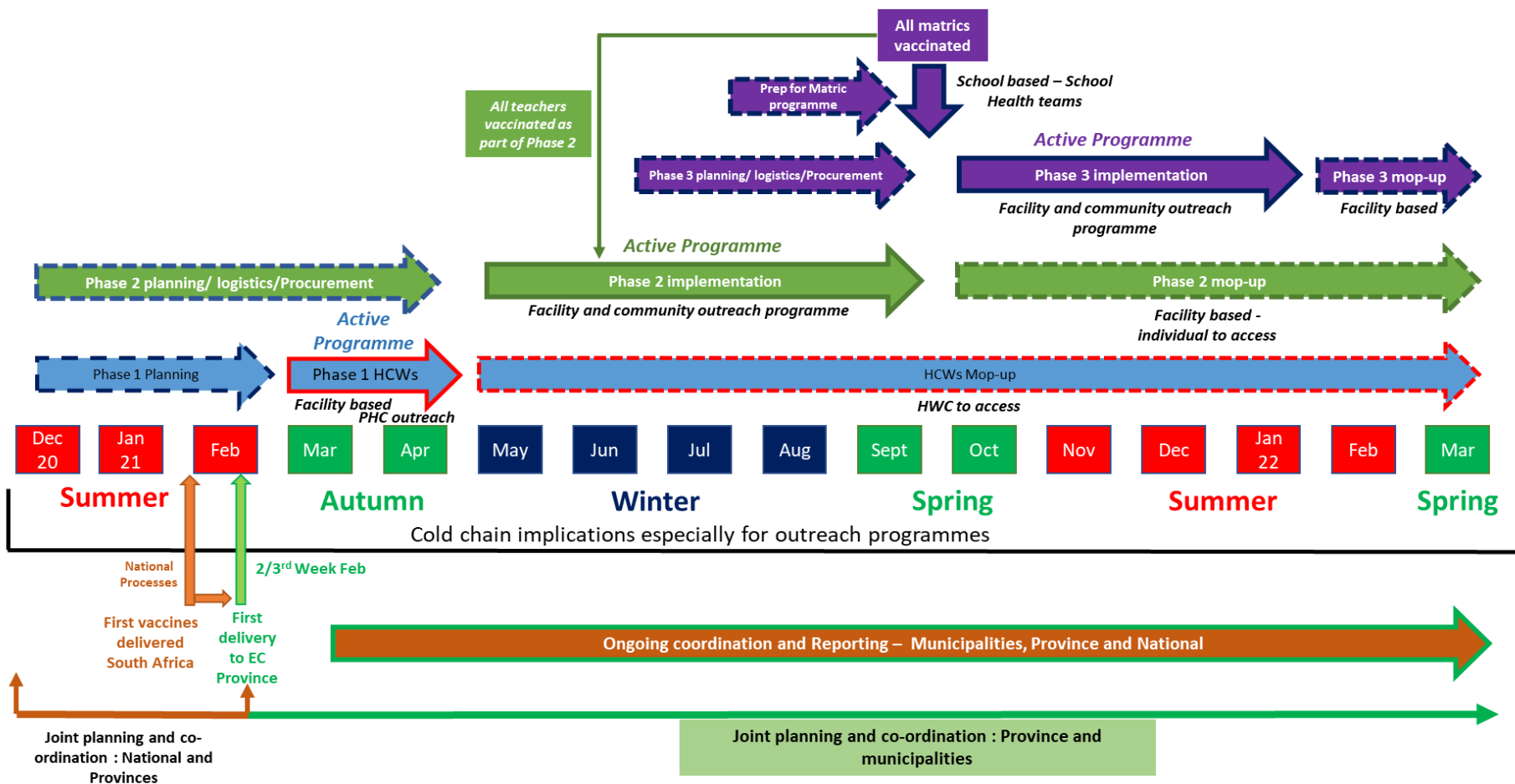
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# VACCINATION PROGRAMME TIMELINES

## Vaccine Rollout Timeframe





## Governance

- Engagements with NDOH regarding adjusted roll-out strategy are ongoing
- Site Readiness visits & preparations have been conducted
- NMAH has been visited by the Premier & acting MEC on 19/02/21
- Action plans amended have been amended to take into account the change in vaccine administered in Phase 1
- Stakeholder roles and responsibilities have been developed and signed off including TOR

## Service Delivery

- 12 initial sites identified has been assessed and are ready (vaccinators are ready & site ready in terms of the NDOH assessment tool)
- WHO recommended Vaccination fridges have been procured (in the process of procuring WHO approved cooler boxes)

## Logistics & Planning

- Procurement of vaccination ancillary supplies has been done & these have been delivered to the initial 12 targeted vaccination sites and trained vaccinators for Phase 2 & 3
- SOPs and guidelines for vaccine supply and management have been distributed and staff orientated SOPs and Guidelines for implementation
- Assessment of storage capacity for vaccines has been conducted & there is adequate storage capacity for Phase 1 vaccines ( more capacity is required for storage for phases 2 and 3)
- Other cold chain items (ice packs, cold chain boxes, temperature loggers) are in the process of being procured



## Information systems

- The EVDS version with the J&Js Vaccine details and linked - Concert went live at 13h00, 17 Feb 21.

- **The SMS to opt in has been sent to patient facing HCWs of the 2 Hospitals**

## Communication

- Posters circulated: Myth debunk / Vaccine rollout plan / Vaccine benefits
- Vaccination information videos circulated
- Facebook live broadcasts have been undertaken
- Slots on Radio Stations secured
- A vaccination call centre is being set up to assist communities with information regarding vaccination

- The province is using mass self

## Human Systems

- HCW & Categorised Staff Lists have been finalised
- Non-Persal Data of HCWs is in progress – NDOH / HISP assisting Provinces
- Vaccinator identification & training program has been fully implemented
- Data gathering with external stakeholders for 2<sup>nd</sup> phase ongoing – OTP leading

# CONCLUSION

- Vaccination programme of HCW is progressing well (albeit slow at NMAH site) at the 2 provincial research sites & plans are in place to improve vaccination uptake
- Intersectoral collaboration & a multisectoral team approach across all levels of government in the province is critical in the successful roll out of the vaccine especially in relation to Phases 2 & 3



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