

# *WHO warns 23 million children missed vaccinations in 2020 due to pandemic*

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Geneva, July 16 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization warns the pandemic triggered a massive decline in the number of children vaccinated against measles, polio, meningitis and other preventable diseases.

WHO immunization director Kate O'Brien addressed the issue in Geneva: "The COVID-19 pandemic has led to major backsliding on childhood vaccination, taking us back more than a decade. An estimated 23

million children have missed out on basic vaccines through the routine immunization services in 2020. That is the highest number of unprotected children since 2009.”

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