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Dear Ms Söber,

Annual status update (ASU) on measles and rubella elimination for 2023

The Vaccine-preventable Diseases and Immunization programme of the WHO Regional Office for Europe is pleased to inform you that the 13th meeting of the European Regional Verification Commission for Measles and Rubella Elimination (RVC) is planned to take place in September of 2024. The aim of the meeting is to review the status and achievements towards measles and rubella elimination in Member States and in the Region as a whole.

All Member States are requested to submit their completed annual status update on measles and rubella elimination (ASU) for the year 2023 by no later than 30 June 2024.

An ASU form for 2023 and relevant documents should be submitted to the WHO Regional Office for Europe (RVC Secretariat) by e-mail (eurvc@who.int). Attached with this e-mail is a template for the 2023 ASU and an Excel file with pre-prepared tables and formulas to help in calculating data. It is important to ensure that ASUs are prepared with national technical experts and approved by the respective national verification committee (NVC), as their independent review is critical for the verification process. NVC's review should be based on accurate data, consistent with other national data routinely submitted to the Regional Office, and other information that is not routinely provided in monthly and annual reporting to WHO.

Please contact the RVC Secretariat for any issue you may have related to the deadline or for any other queries (eurvc@who.int).

The RVC and its Secretariat are committed to provide you with any support that you may require. We would like to stress that your efforts in documenting the absence of endemic transmission in your country are highly appreciated and critical to achieving measles and rubella elimination in the Region.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Robb Butler
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