

Vaccine Safety Net

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About Vaccine Safety Net:

- It is a **global network of websites**, established by the **World Health Organization** that provides reliable information on **vaccine safety**.

- It is a network of a diverse group of **digital information resources** (websites and social media), VSN members, located in countries around the world and providing scientifically based information on vaccine safety in various languages.
 - A key player in the Project is the **Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS)**, **established by WHO in 1999**, to respond promptly, efficiently, and with scientific rigour to vaccine safety issues of potential global importance.
 - At the outset of the Project, GACVS developed three categories of criteria for good information practices – **regarding credibility, content, accessibility and design** to which digital resources providing information on vaccine safety should adhere.
 - WHO evaluates those electronic resources for their adherence to these criteria.
 - It is continuously expanding and till date 110 websites from 45 countries provide vaccine safety **information in 43 languages**.
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Q1:What is a vaccine?

It is a suspension of weakened, killed, or fragmented microorganisms or toxins or other biological preparation, such as those consisting of antibodies, lymphocytes, or mRNA, that is administered primarily to prevent disease.

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