About the Database

The Launch and Scale Speedometer initiative, led by the Duke Global Health Innovation Center, is conducting research into the introduction and scale-up trends of a variety of health interventions. Our research aims to quantify the time it takes for interventions to reach target populations, primarily in low- and middle-income countries, to describe the key characteristics that affect launch and scale-up, and, based on findings, to advocate for changes in the pathways to accelerate uptake. This publicly accessible database was developed to provide the global community with the evidence base to generate insights that can inform the development and uptake of interventions to reach the people who need them more quickly and efficiently. To learn more about our research framework, please click here.

Health Topics:

Maternal and Child Health | Infectious Disease | Neglected Tropical Diseases | Non-Communicable Diseases | Trauma and Injury

Intervention Categories:

- Drugs
- Diagnostics
- Devices
- Supplementation/Fortification
- Behavioral
- Service Delivery
- Surgical

Methods & Data Type

We have collected data from public sources including journal articles, official reports, news articles, webpage, interviews, databases, and various other sources. You can access each source once the data is downloaded.

We have collected the following types of data:

- descriptive information about the intervention (e.g. vaccine for children ages 5-13)
- dates of specific launch and scale up activities (e.g. date of WHO prequalification)
- quantifiable information about scale (e.g. market size)
- descriptive information about scale (e.g. task shifting required for implementation).

The database will continue to be updated with new interventions, additional dates, and updated coverage as we learn of new information from key sources.

You can explore an intervention’s Launch and Scale pathways in the following three ways:

- Global
- Country
- Scale and Coverage
Examples of questions this database answers

- How long did it take for HIV interventions to receive WHO Prequalification?
- Do interventions with a specific market type have increased coverage?
- Do interventions with local champions get introduced in a country faster?

Example of what you can do with our data:

*See how timelines vary from ideation to proof of concept for several interventions*

![Bar chart showing timelines for different interventions](chart.png)

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