



**Statement from Dr. Jean-Marie Okwo-Bele on new data from separate studies in Mexico and Africa on the effectiveness of rotavirus vaccine**

“The rotavirus vaccine studies in the *New England Journal of Medicine* provide important information that will facilitate decision-making for introduction and widespread use of this vaccine in developing countries where diarrhoeal diseases are an important cause of childhood mortality,” said Dr. Jean-Marie Okwo-Bele, director, World Health Organization Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals. “We look forward to working with governments and other partners to ensure the data in these and other studies can be translated into actions that will contribute to improving child survival.”

For more information, please visit: <http://www.path.org/news/pr100127-nejm-english.php>

For a brief bio on Dr. Okwo-Bele for media use, visit:

[http://www.who.int/immunization/aboutus/bio\\_okwo/en/index.html](http://www.who.int/immunization/aboutus/bio_okwo/en/index.html)

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