## **Taking Another Step on the Climb to Ensure** Lifesaving Vaccines Reach all ni-Vanuatu Children

Fun (UNICEF) partners from the Japan Committee Vaccines for the World's Children (JCV), were on a field mission to Vanuatu from September 1-7, 2019

ICV a nonprofit organisation established in 1994, supports nunisation of children countries worldwide including Vanuatu. For 25 years, UNICEF has had a longstanding global partnership with JCV to ensure lifesaving vaccines reach all

"UNICEF's partnership with JCV supports government to ensure children under five receive all essential vaccines," said UNICEF Pacific Representative, Sheldon

Yett. "Field visits provide opportunities to highlight results for children as well as provide a window on the challenges faced by small island nations like Vanuatu," explained Mr. Yett.

During the field missio ICV and LINICEF staff visited immunisation outreach sites run by Vanuatu's Ministry of Health where they observed results of the work supported by the generous funding of the Japanese people. Health staff and front-line nurses on Efate and Santo Islands highlighted achievements of, and challenges faced by, the Government's Expanded Programme on Imr "We are proud to contribute

to supporting Vanuatu reach

Director General of JCV. Okudera Noriho. "Inv immunisation of all children is a cost effective public health intervention that JCV will continue to support." Despite significant increases

in coverage rates achieved through Vanuatu's Expanded Programme on Immunication with third dose of diphtheria, pertussis and tetan increasing from 55.1 per cent to 89.9 per cent between 2013 and 2018, challenges remain. These relate to human resources, geography, and remoteness of rural communities that mean at

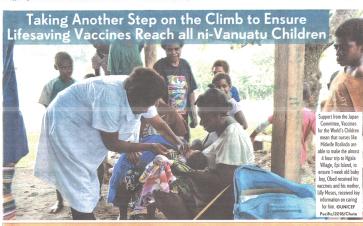
least one in five ni-Vanuatu children do not have reliable access to vaccines JCV and UNICEF team



explored with government of Vanuatu's children strategic areas of future throughout the mission. support towards imm

through UNICEF, contributed to date giving Vanuatu's US\$1,438,051 (approx. children the best start in life







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