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ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION FOR MAINTENANCE SMALLPOX VACCINATION

IN IRAQ

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In Iraq, four ministries are involved in routine maintenance vaccination.

1. Ministry of Health

This Ministry has the following administrative organizations:

- A. Directorate General of Medical Services.  
Attached to it are hospitals, polyclinics and dispensaries.  
All unvaccinated people including newborns can attend these centres for routine vaccination.
- B. Directorate General of Preventive Medicine.  
Attached to it are:
  - i. Directorate of Epidemiology and Quarantines, responsible to vaccinate migrants and unvaccinated border crossers.
  - ii. City Health Centres, responsible to vaccinate the unvaccinated factory workers, food handlers in catering industry and migrants.
  - iii. Maternity and Child Health Centres, responsible to vaccinate the newborns and their unvaccinated mothers.
  - iv. School Health Centres, responsible to vaccinate students routinely on entering primary, intermediate and secondary schools and the university.
- C. Rural Health Foundation which has special organized teams to vaccinate newborns, unvaccinated people, migrants and nomads met in rural areas.

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2. Ministry of Defence

Attached to it is the Directorate of Military Health Services. They vaccinate the army personnel and their families routinely in addition to the recruits on joining military services.

3. Ministry of Interior

Attached to it is the Directorate of **Police** Health Services. They vaccinate routinely the police personnel and their families in addition to recruits joining the police services.

4. Ministry of Transport

Attached to it are:

- A. Directorate of Railways Health which has hospitals, polyclinics and dispensaries. These vaccinate the railway personnel, workers and their families and the unvaccinated railway passengers.
- B. Directorate of Ports Health which has hospitals, polyclinics and dispensaries. These vaccinate **travellers** by sea route, port personnel, workers and their families routinely.
- C. Airport Health Services. They vaccinate the unvaccinated air passengers **arriving** or leaving the country.