## **Special Issue**

# 50 Years of Immunization— Steps Forward

## Message from the Guest Editors

The Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) was launched to ensure that all children worldwide could have access to vaccines in 1974. The program aimed to provide vaccines for six diseases—diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, and tuberculosis-to every child globally by 1990. Today, every country has a national immunization program, frequently named the essential program on immunization. The program's scope has expanded to include vaccinations for older children, adolescents, and adults, with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommending 13 vaccines. In 2024, it will be 50 years since the inception of EPI; therefore, we invite you to submit your original manuscripts, reviews, position papers, and case studies on vaccine-related topics such as program implementation, research, and vaccination-related policies. We also welcome submissions exploring vaccination in diverse and marginalized communities and communities in humanitarian crises. We also welcome submissions on lessons learned from past and present health crises and their implications for pandemic preparedness in the future. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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