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Measles Control Campaign Update

During the three month period of the Campaign, the uptake of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine given at primary school clinics and the number of adverse events following MMR vaccination are being monitored. Data are forwarded to the National Centre for Disease Control for collation and publication in *CDI*.

Measles Control Campaign activity data, cumulative to 25 September 1998

Sum total students	661,194
Total forms returned	612,989
Consents to vaccinate	519,068
Total students immunised	487,174

Percentages are:

Of total students	93% returned their forms
Of total forms returned	85% consented to vaccination
Of total consents to vaccination	94% have been vaccinated
Of total students	74% have been vaccinated.

Adverse events

Faints/syncopy	14
Syncopal fits	10
Hyperventilation	3
Anaphylaxis	3
Rash	2
Local allergic reaction	1
Local reaction	1
Arthropathy	1
Fever	1
Myalgia	1
Lymphadenopathy/ headache/stiff neck/rash	1

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