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Overview

This profile presents findings from the WHO pulse survey on continuity of essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

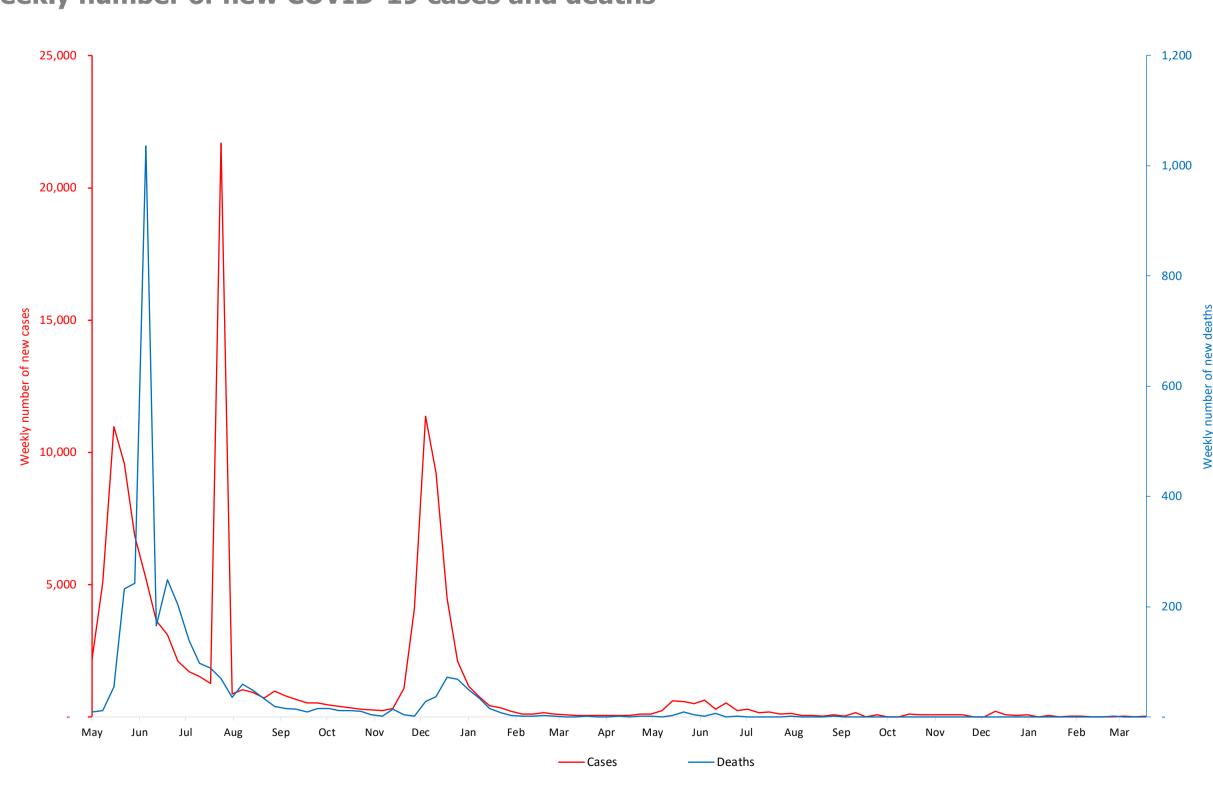
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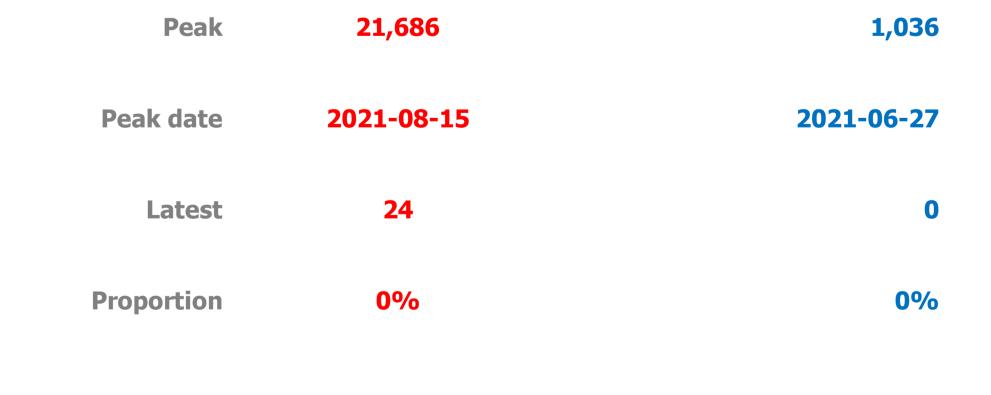
Background

Region	Population	Income Group	GDP (USD per capita)	Life Expectancy (years)	Population 60 and over (%)
AFR	45,741,007	Low income	\$883.9	66.7	3.2%

Survey participation					
Round 1 surveys	Submission Date	Round 3 survey sections	Submission Date	Round 4 survey sections	Submission Date
Essential Health Services	28-May-20	Cross-cutting ontinuity of essential health services module	1-Dec-21	Cross-cutting ontinuity of essential health services module	23-Dec-22
Noncommunicable diseases	Did not participate	Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health	Did not participate	Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health	9-Jan-23
Mental, neurological, and substance use disorders	s Did not participate	Nutrition	7-Dec-21	Nutrition	29-Dec-22
		Immunization	9-Dec-21	Immunization	23-Dec-22
Round 2 survey sections		Human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis	16-Dec-21	Human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis	29-Dec-22
Cross-cutting ontinuity of essential health services module	Did not participate	Tuberculosis	23-Nov-21	Tuberculosis	27-Dec-22
Reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition	Did not participate	Malaria	4-Dec-21	Malaria	23-Dec-22
Immunization	Did not participate	Neglected tropical diseases	4-Dec-21	Neglected tropical diseases	21-Dec-22
Human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis	Did not participate	Mental health, neurology and substance use disorders	Did not participate	Mental health, neurology and substance use disorders	30-Dec-22
Tuberculosis	Did not participate	Care for older people	24-Nov-21	Noncommunicable diseases	20-Dec-22
Malaria	Did not participate			Care for older people	21-Dec-22
Neglected tropical diseases	Did not participate			Future acute respiratory pandemic preparedness	4-Jan-23
Noncommunicable diseases	Did not participate				
Mental, neurological, and substance use disorders	26-Mar-21				

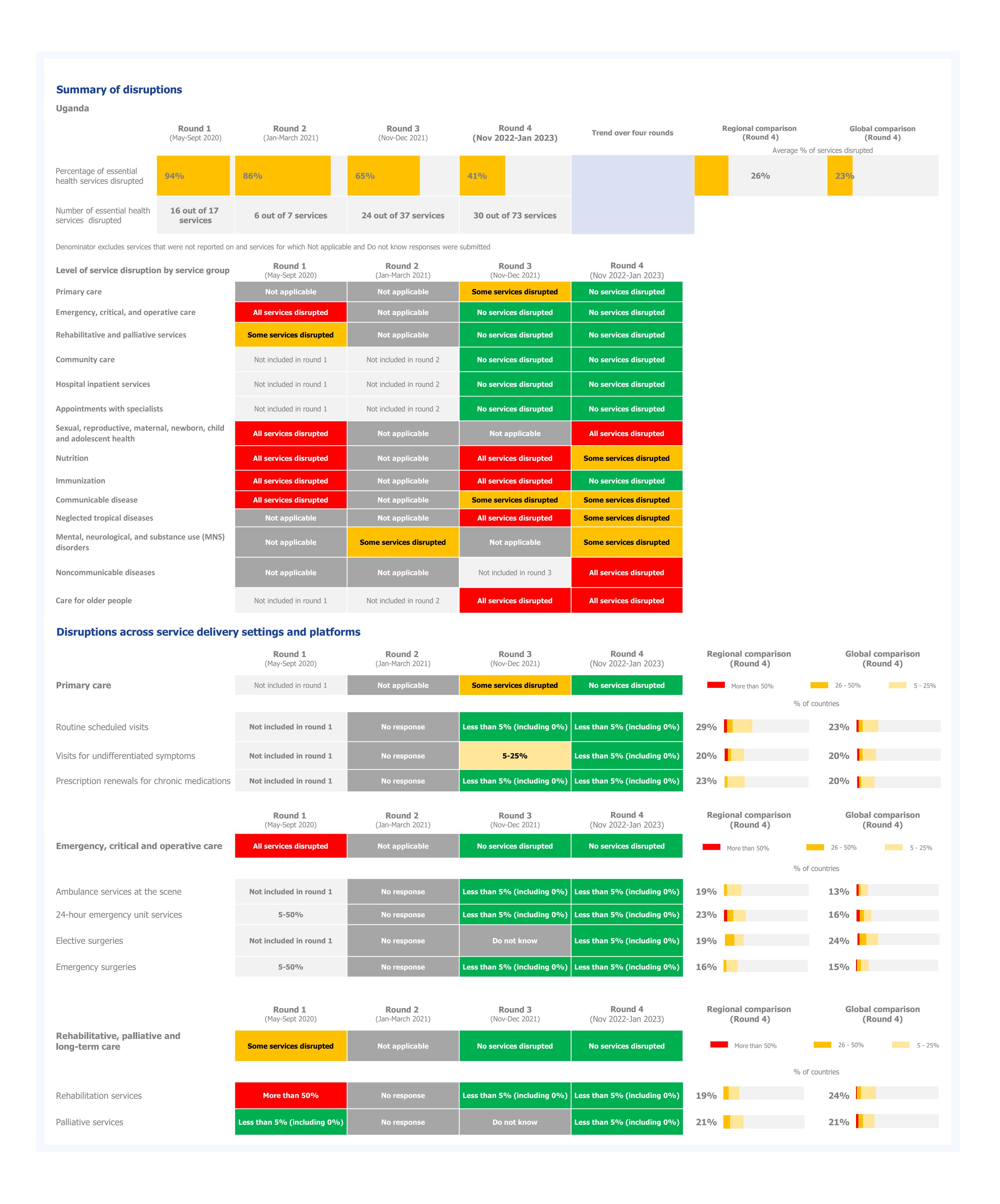
Weekly number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths

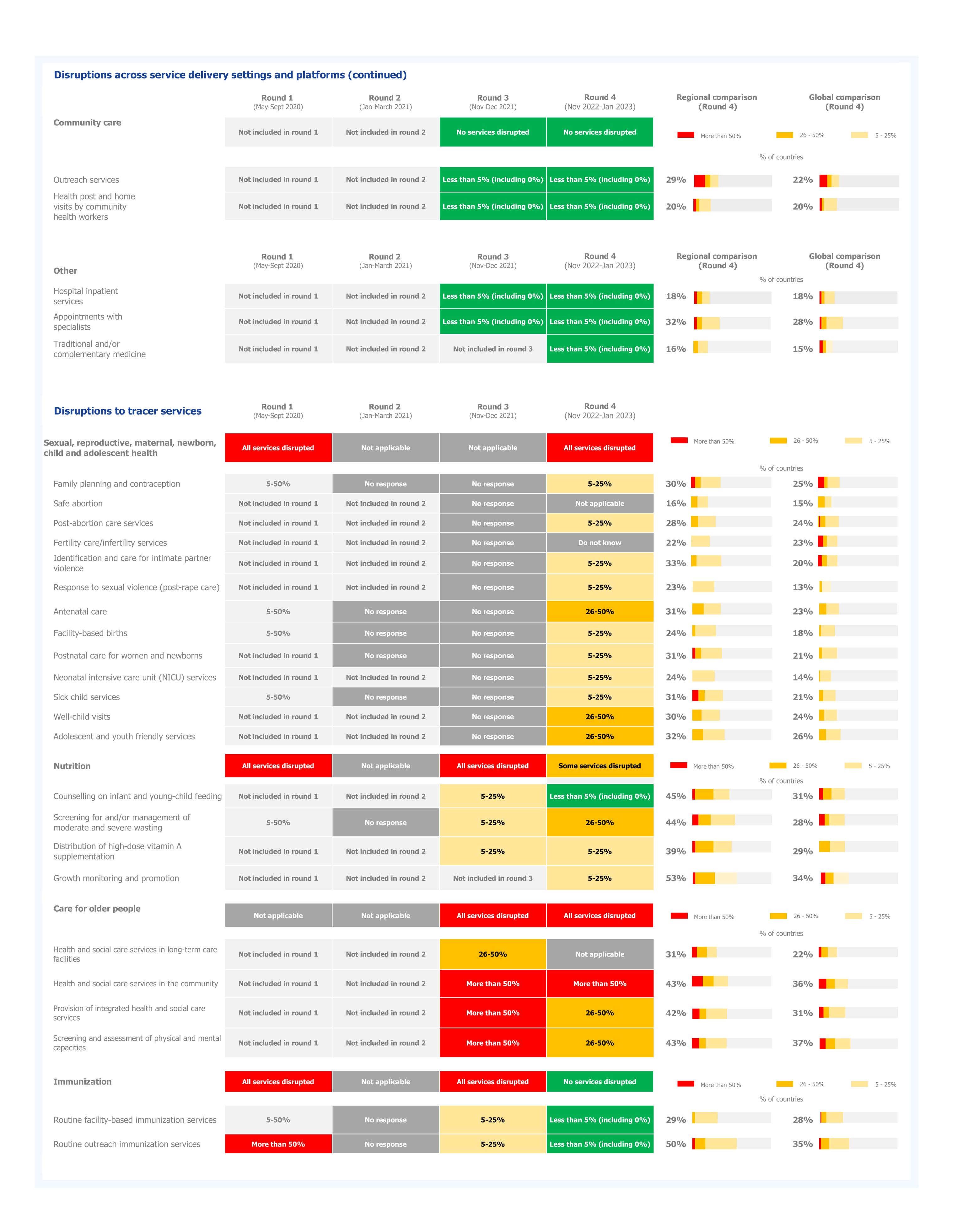


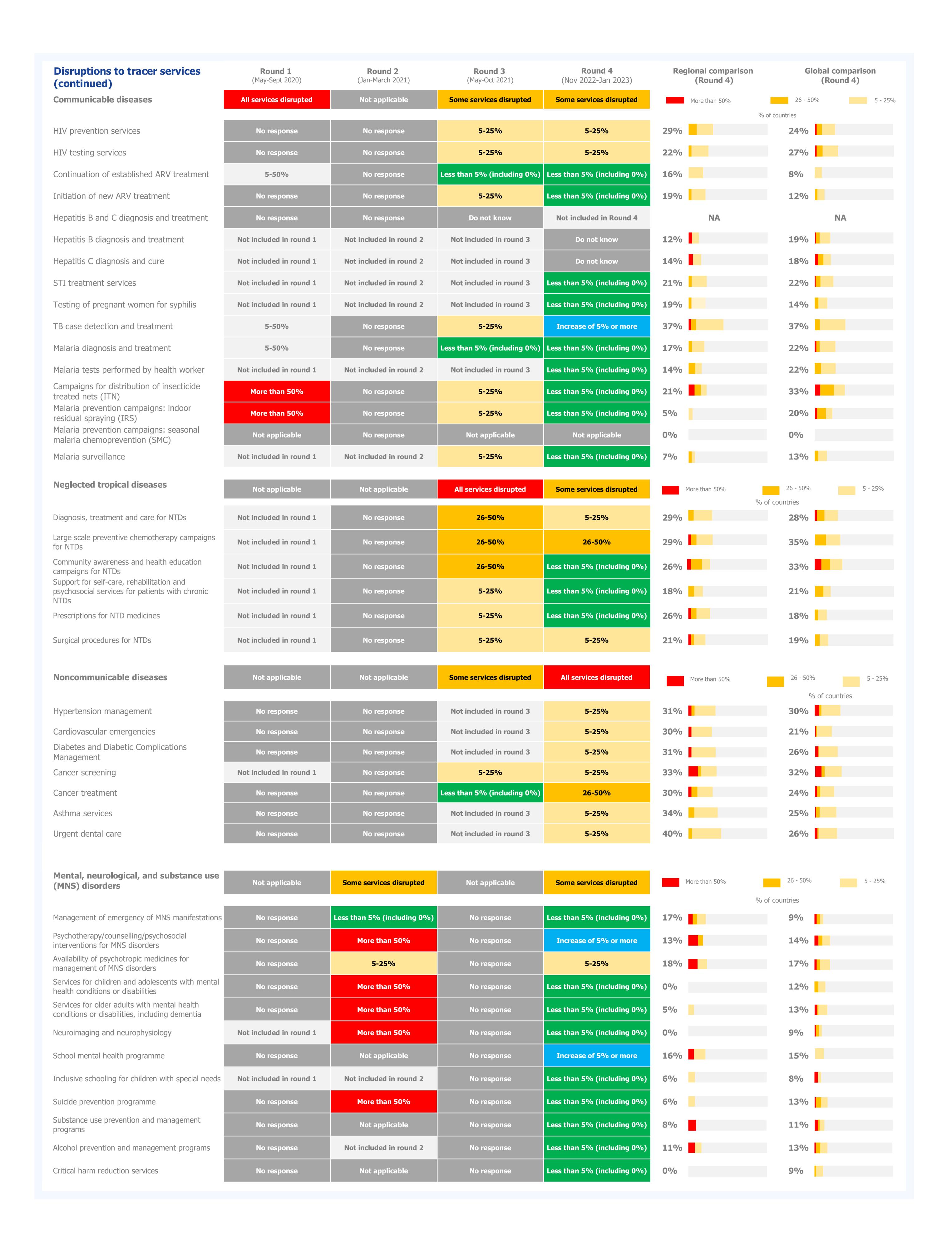


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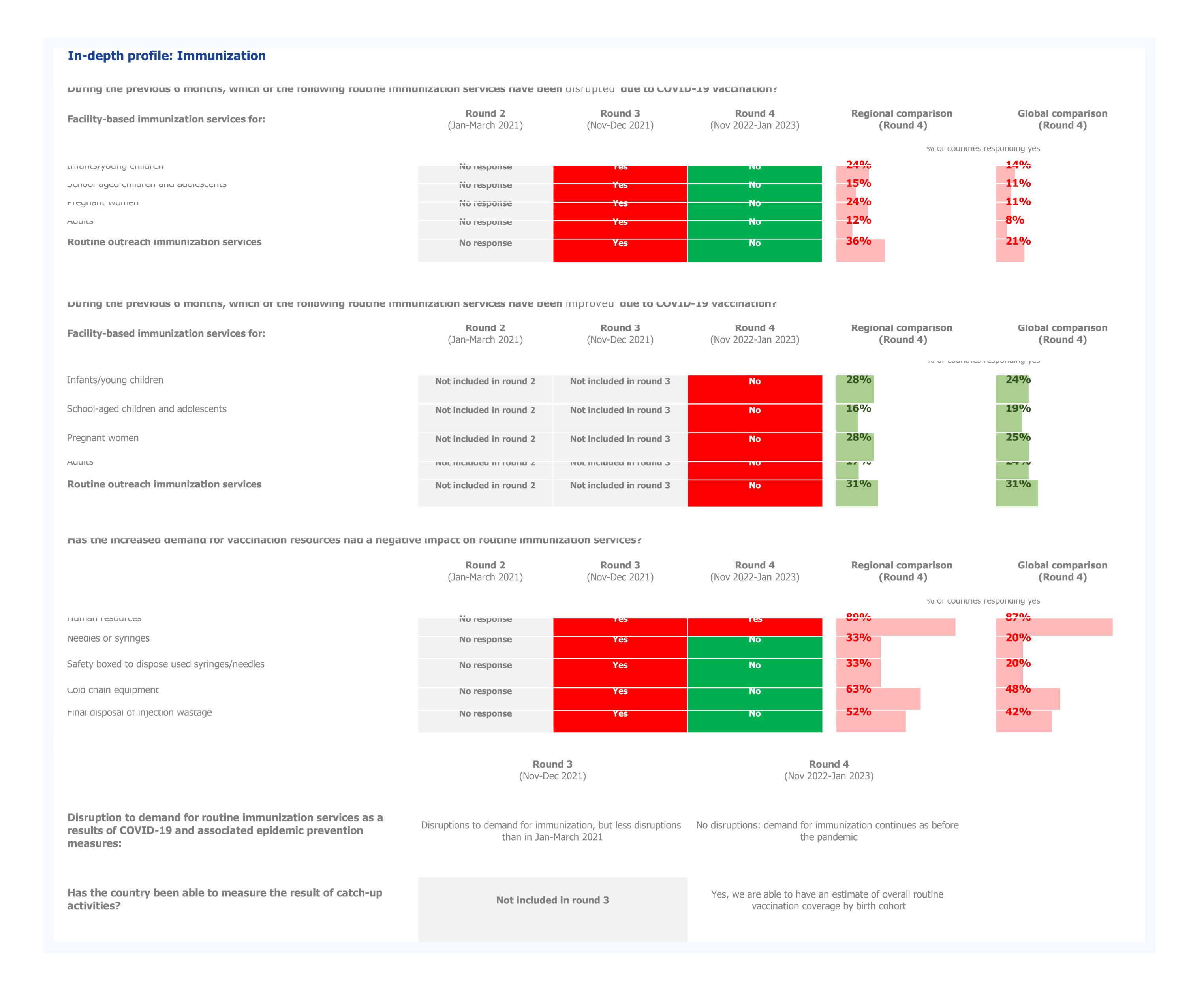




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					% of countries wit	h increased backlogs
ective surgeries and procedures	Not included in round 1	No response	Increased	Not applicable	60%	47%
ppointments with specialists (outpatient)	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Increased	Decreased	60%	50%
creening, diagnosis and treatment of	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Do not know	Decreased	57%	48%
creening, diagnosis and treatment of NCDs	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Increased	Decreased	68%	62%
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					% of countries with disruption	to in-country supply chain system
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oxygen)	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	Yes	64%	77%
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Laboratory supplies Medical supplies	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	Yes	82%	75% 82%
Medical imaging	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	No	45%	44%
Personal protective	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	No	27%	27%
equipment Disinfectant and hygiene supplies	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	No	36%	29%
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imary care services	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	Functioning as normal	Functioning as normal	11%	7%
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patient services	Limited	No response	Functioning as normal	Functioning as normal	14%	10%
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ommunity-based care	Limited	No response	Functioning as normal	Functioning as normal	22%	16%
obile clinics	Limited	No response	Limited	Functioning as normal	24%	20%
rategic changes to essential public healt	th functions and activities					
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mitigation strategies and recovery measu	res tor child and adolesce	ent nealth services			% of countries using strate	gy (with or without integration)
Communication and information	Round 1 (May-Sept 2020)	Round 2 (Jan-March 2021)	Round 3 (Nov-Dec 2021)	Round 4 (Nov 2022-Jan 2023)	Regional comparison (Round 4)	Global comparison (Round 4)
nforming the community where, when and how o access sick and well child services	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	94%	85%
inhancing information to caregivers on child care	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	85%	76%
nd sustain nurturing care in households during	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	64%	64%
nforming adolescents where and how to access ealth services	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	79%	68%
informing adolescents where and how to get support and care in case of violence	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	64%	59%
isk to children and adolescents of violence, ncluding sexual violence	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	67%	64%
Access						
sychosocial support to caregivers of children and adolescents	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	45%	50%
Scheduling visits for child and/or adolescent services in advance	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Not used	48%	52%
accinations, growth monitoring, preventive and ick child services	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	73%	64%
nd adolescents with conditions that require hronic care	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Not used	55%	48%
Alternative or adaptive measures						
and follow-up after illness on matters related to hild health	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used but not integrated into routine service delivery	42%	49%
stablishing hotlines and/or telemedicine for advidual counselling of adolescents	Not included in round 1	Not included in round 2	No response	Used and integrated into routine service delivery	58%	52%

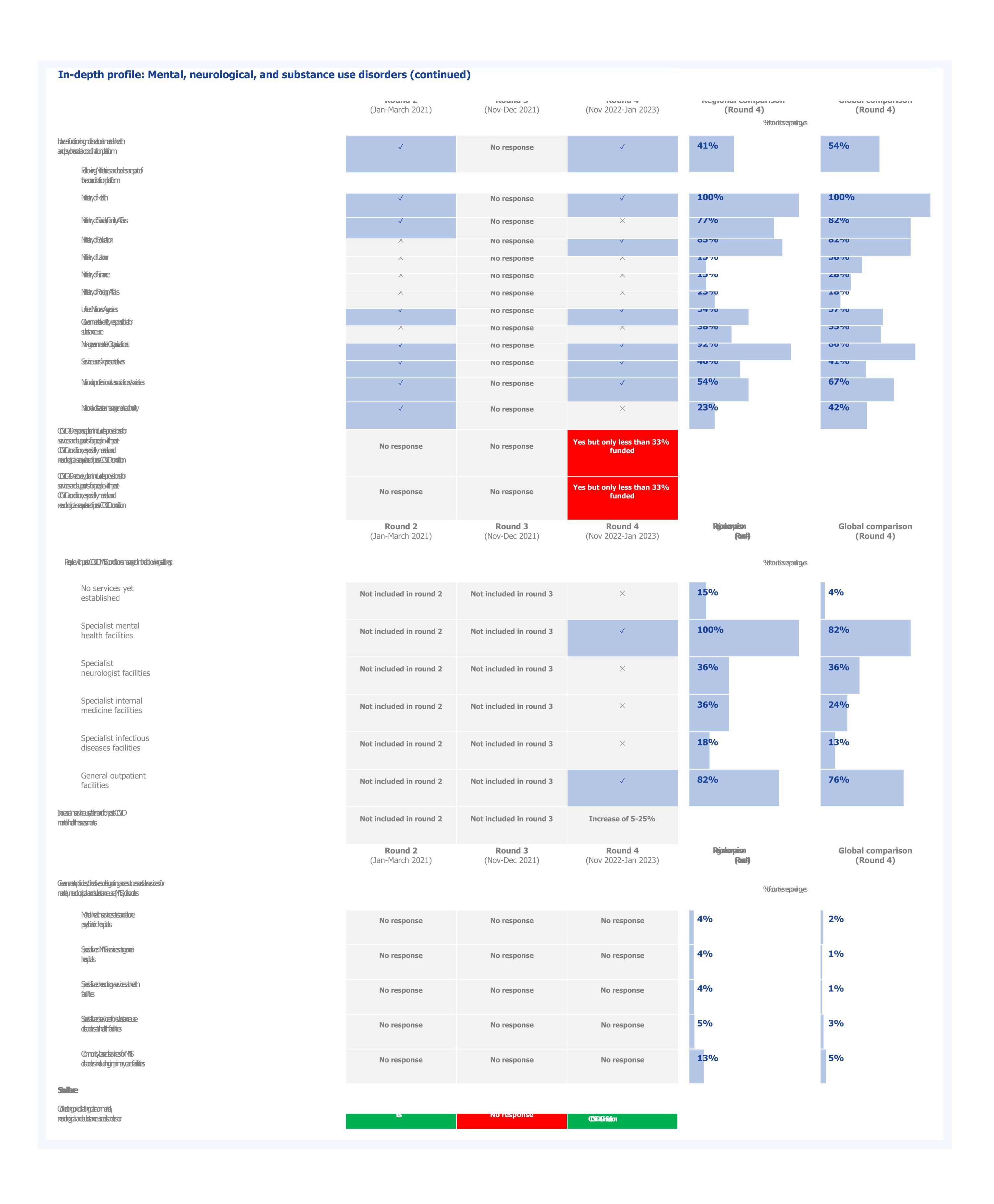




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	onc	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	No response	44%	28%
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	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Regional comparison	Global comparison
olicies and plans	(Jan-March 2021)	(Nov-Dec 2021)	(Nov 2022-Jan 2023)	(Round 4)	(Round 4)
ental health and psychosocial support response		NI c. vice c. vice		83%	88%
art of national COVID-19 response plan	No response	No response	V		
Funded?	No response	No response	Yes, but less than 33% funded		
ental nealth and psychosocial support response art of national COVID-19 recovery plan?	No response	No response	✓	74%	73%
Funded?	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	Yes, but less than 33% funded		
wing activities have been implemented as part of the current mental	health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) re	esponse plan for COVID-19		% of countries	es responding yes
Orient responders to mental health and psychosocial aspects of COVID-19	✓	No response	✓	87%	83%
Ensure inter-sectoral referral pathways are established and contextualized to the situation of limited physical distancing	×	No response	✓	61%	55%
Distribute timely and accessible information on general and MHPSS services, coping strategies and updates	×	No response	×	70%	77%
Provide MHPSS to people in COVID treatment centers, isolation and quarantine	✓	No response	✓	83%	76%
of all responders ensuring that they can access mental health and psychosocial care.	×	No response	✓	91%	81%
Provide care and address the basic needs and mental health care needs of people with existing MNS conditions induced or exacerbated by COVID-19	✓	No response	×	65%	65%
neurological needs of older adults, people with disabilities and other vulnerable persons	×	No response	×	43%	48%
Targeted Risk communication strategies/ campaigns to address social stigma	✓	No response	×	70%	61%
Establish opportunities for the bereaved to mourn even from a distance.	×	No response	✓	48%	40%
Integrate response activities into existing services	No response	No response	✓	78%	73%
Ensure that risk of infection for people with mental neurological and substance use disorders in mental health hospitals and long-term care facilities are minimized	×	No response	✓	65%	56%
Integrate mental nealth and psychosocial support preparedness in national emergency response plans	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	✓	78%	63%
keview of national mental nealth policies or plans to include preparedness and response to public health emergencies	Not included in round 2	Not included in round 3	✓	61%	54%



Key informants organisation **Round 4 survey sections Key informant Key informant position** LEAD SECRETARIAT DR MAUREEN AMUTUHAIRE Ministry of Health Continuity of essential health services module Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and Ntege Wilberforce M&E Officer Ministry of Health adolescent health Senior Nutritionist Nutrition Laura Ahumuza Ministry of Health and Immunization Rıta Atugonza Senior Medical Officer Immunization Ministry Of Health Uganda Human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis Balidawa Hudson **SPECIALIST** Community Systems Bamuloba Muzamiru Tuberculosis Ministry of Health **Technical Advisor** Epidemiology Officer Malaria John Rek NMCD, Uganda Neglected Tropical Diseases Neglected tropical diseases Altred Mubangizi Ministry of Health Dr. Oyoo Charles Akıya Ministry of Health Noncommunicable diseases Services, Non-Communicable Diseases Senior Medical Officer Ministry of Health Kenneth Kalanı Okware disorders COMMISSIONER / PRINCIPAL REHABILITATION DIVISION, Care for older people MUBANGIZI ANDREW OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST MINISTRY OF HEALTH ruture acute respiratory pandemic preparedness Madumba Elly Donald Senior Epiaemiologist ministry of nealth