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## **Deficiencies in immunization campaigns highlighted in new UNICEF report**

Despite considerable progress in recent years, immunization programmes aimed at eradicating diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and poliomyelitis are still failing to reach millions of children, leaving many at risk of catching these killer diseases.

A United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) report into children's welfare published in July warns that despite the success of worldwide vaccination drives, much work remains to be done. In particular, the *Progress of Nations* report says that the widespread use of diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis vaccine (DTP) is still lagging behind the organization's goals in dozens of developing countries, many of them in Africa.

