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Dr. Abhiyan Gautam is the Manager of Nepal's National Immunization Program and serves as the Member Secretary of both the National Immunization Technical Advisory Group (NITAG) and the AEFI (Adverse Events Following Immunization) Investigation Committee.

He has led some of the country's largest immunization efforts, including nationwide campaigns for the introduction of new vaccines, such as:

- **COVID-19:** 30 million doses administered, 2021-2025
- **HPV:** 1.5 million adolescent girls, 2025
- **TCV (Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine):** 7.2 million children (15 months to 15 years), 2022
- **MR (Measles-Rubella):** 6.1 million children (9 months to 15 years), 2019-20, 2024
- **IPV (Inactivated Polio Vaccine):** 1.4 million children (5.5 to 8 years) 2024

He has actively overseen outbreak response immunization and the surveillance of vaccine- preventable diseases, including Acute Flaccid Paralysis, Acute Encephalitis Syndrome, Neonatal Tetanus, Measles, Rubella, and Congenital Rubella Syndrome.

With six years of experience as a New Vaccine Officer and Surveillance Medical Officer at WHO, Dr. Gautam played a critical role in strengthening immunization strategies and public health preparedness. He was also instrumental in post-disaster health service revitalization following Nepal's 2015 earthquake.

Previously, he served as the national manager for Social Health Security Programs and the Female Community Health Volunteer (FCHV) program, contributing significantly to community-based healthcare delivery and equity.