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His research and public health focus are on the prevention and control of infectious diseases. Having previously supported the introduction of Hemophilus Influenza B, Rotavirus, and inactivated poliovirus vaccines in India through disease burden and vaccine evaluations, he currently leads the surveillance for enteric fever in India and typhoid vaccine impact assessment in India where typhoid conjugate vaccine introduction in the universal immunisation programme is being actively considered. He is a member of the NTAGI and WHO SAGE working groups related to Salmonellosis and Respiratory Syncytial Virus and supports policy decisions related to vaccines.