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World Immunisation Week launches under slogan Protected Together, #VaccinesWork

Sanofi and its vaccines global business unit Sanofi Pasteur released today the following around the World Immunisation Week.

Due to the importance of vaccinations, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has devoted one week each year to the World Immunisation Week (WIW), this year to be held between 24-30 April 2018. The WIW aims to highlight the necessary measures that could be taken to ensure that all people can avoid diseases by vaccination. This year's slogan is Protected Together, #VaccinesWork. We urge everyone to get vaccinated to prevent infectious diseases and raise immunity.

Mohamed Awad Tag El-Din, professor of chest diseases at Ain Shams University and former minister of health and president of the Egyptian Society of Chest Diseases and Tuberculosis, explained, "the role of vaccines—in the prevention of diseases, especially severe diseases, infectious diseases, and deadly diseases—is central and essential.

Immunisations have revolutionised disease prevention and saved humanity from many serious epidem-

ics. If we go back, the vaccination of diphtheria has almost eliminated this dangerous disease from most of the countries in the world."

Adel Riad, professor of paediatrics at Banha University, said, "vaccinations are one of the greatest achievements of science, and there are diseases that have disappeared from the world such as chicken pox, thanks to vaccinations and polio will also disappear soon as planned by the World Organisation in 2022.

At present, there are many diseases that have become rare due to the mandatory vaccinations available by the Ministry of Health for all children in Egypt."

Alexis Moyrand, managing director of Sanofi Egypt and Sudan, stressed, "the efforts of the various entities to raise the awareness on the importance of vaccinations for the prevention of diseases is one of the company's top priorities, because our main responsibility is to provide solutions and empower Egyptian patients." He added, "we need to leverage and increase the awareness on the importance of vaccination on the largest scale, while at the same time develop vaccines to improve public health."