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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 40 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. Pursuant to a congressional request, GAO examined some of the key issues involving vaccine availability for children in developing countries, focusing on the: (1) locations where shortfalls in immunization coverage are most prevalent; and (2) factors that impede vaccine availability in these locations. GAO noted that: (1) while global immunization coverage for six diseases originally targeted by the World Health Organization (WHO) has improved significantly since the mid-1970s, coverage rates are low for children living in the poorest countries, particularly in urban slums and remote rural areas; (2) WHO data indicate that the poorest countries of the world have vaccination rates that are about 26 percent below the global average of 82 percent; (3) in fact, immunization coverage in some countries in sub-Saharan Africa has declined over the last decade; (4) some countries in this region reported in 1997 that they immunized less than a third of their children against the six diseases targeted by WHO; (5) many of the children who are not immunized live in countries that have experienced internal conflict in recent years; (6) although the level of...



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