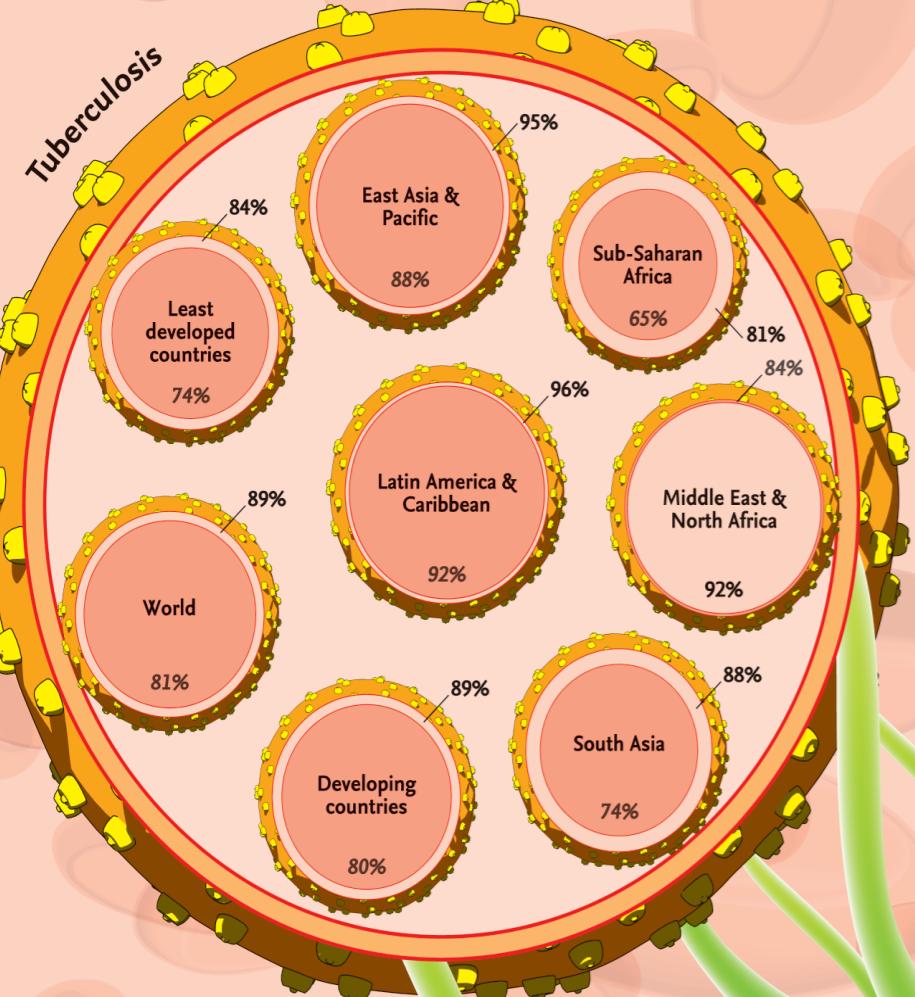
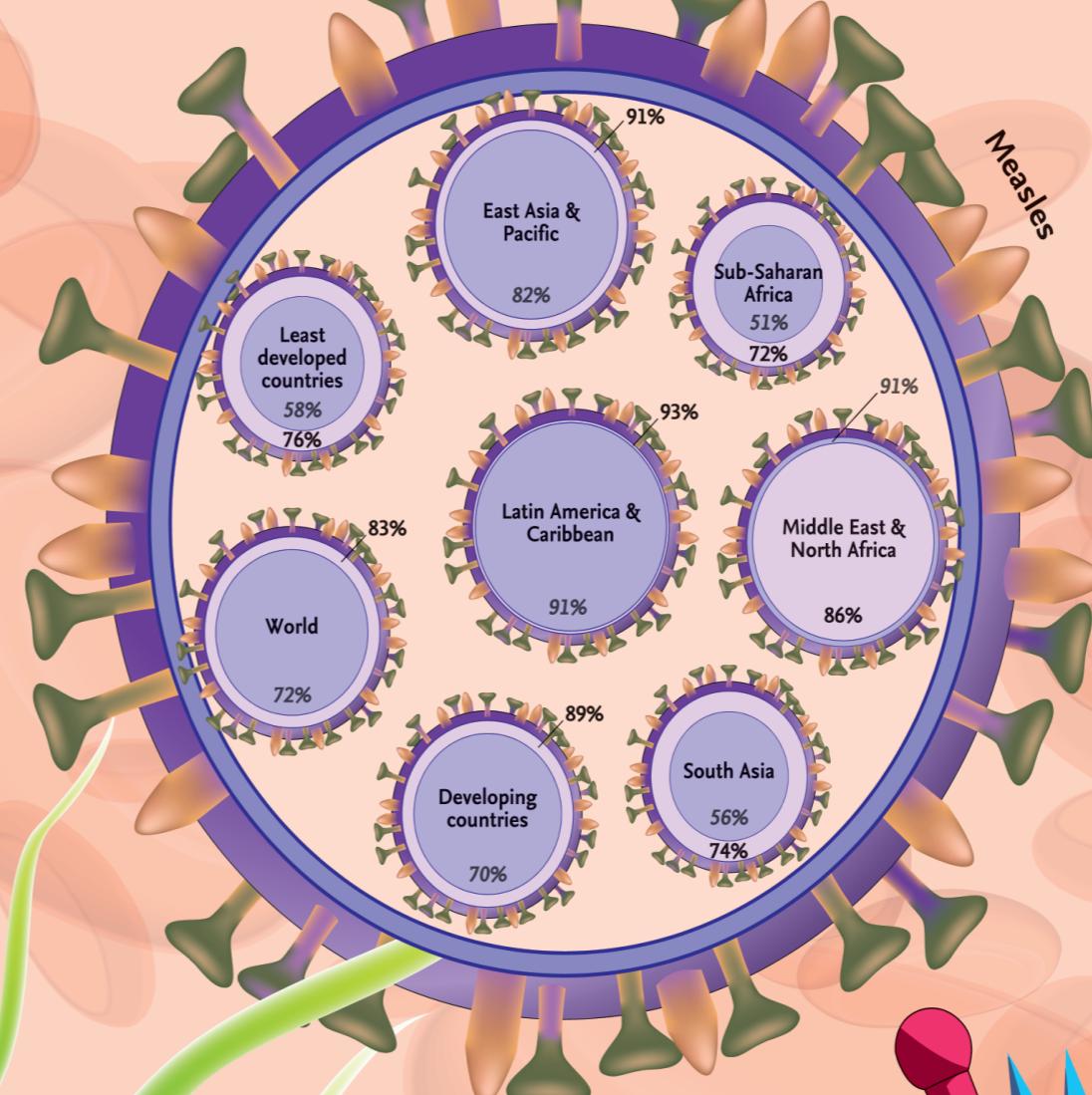


Immunization

The graphic below illustrate the growth in immunization programmes, for selected diseases, between 1999 and 2008.



an estimated
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million infants
worldwide are not
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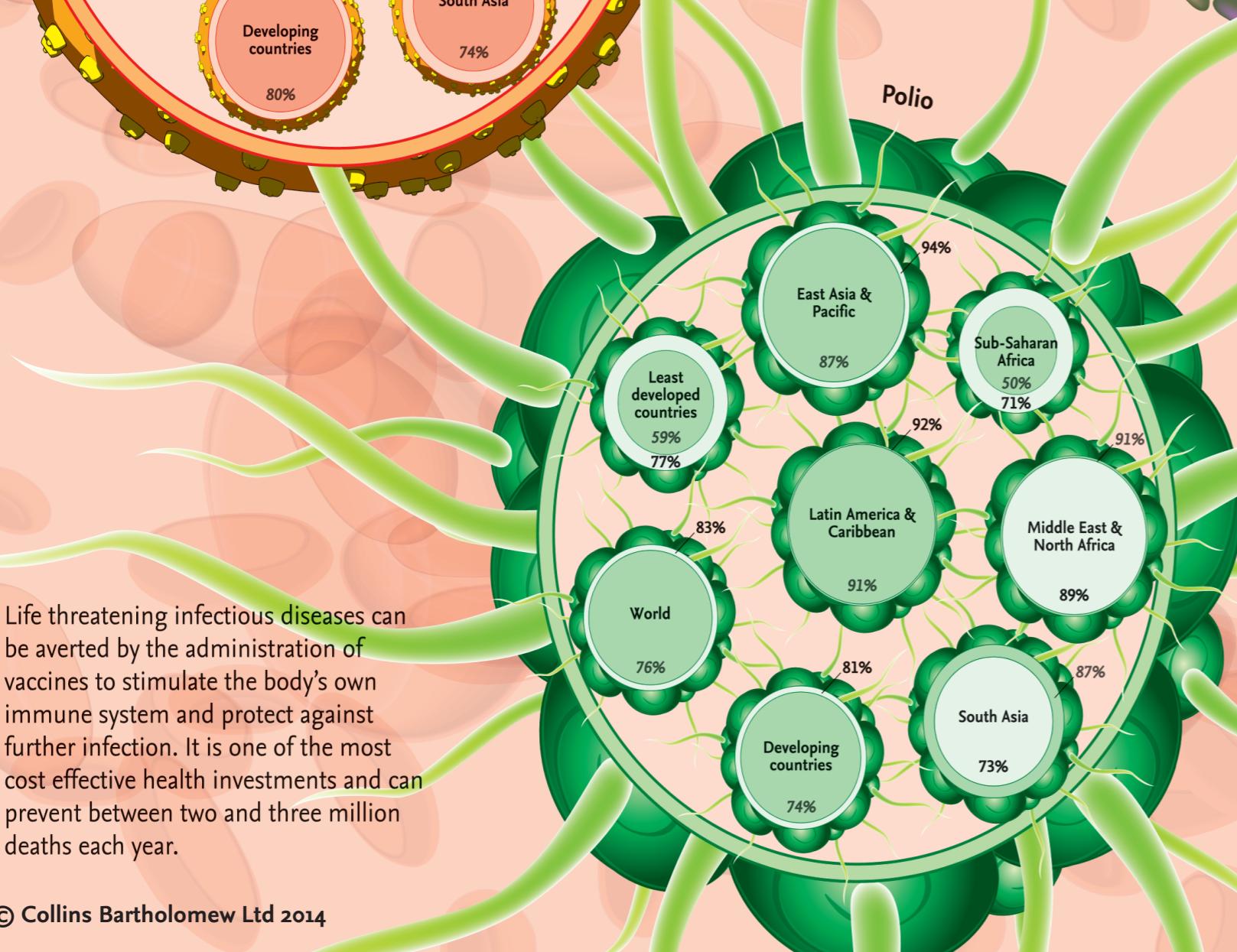
Key
% of children immunized
The darker circles in the centre infer improvement

Tuberculosis
An infectious disease caused by various mycobacteria. It primarily attacks the lungs.

Polio or poliomyelitis
An acute infectious disease that causes inflammation of the spinal cord.

Measles
A highly contagious viral infection of the respiratory system.

DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus) or Diphtheria
An upper respiratory tract illness caused by bacterium.



Life threatening infectious diseases can be averted by the administration of vaccines to stimulate the body's own immune system and protect against further infection. It is one of the most cost effective health investments and can prevent between two and three million deaths each year.

