STOP RUBELLA

Make sure every child gets the rubella vaccine

Rubella is a viral infection that spreads in airborne droplets when people sneeze or cough. If a woman gets rubella while pregnant—especially in her first 3 months—serious consequences can result, including **miscarriages**, **fetal deaths**, **still births**, and **congenital rubella syndrome** (CRS). Rubella virus is an important cause of severe birth defects.

A woman **infected with rubella** during the first 3 months of pregnancy has up to a

90% chance

of giving birth to a baby with **congenital rubella syndrome**

Or her baby may not survive.

Globally, there are more than

100,000

babies born each year with CRS

Congenital Rubella Syndrome leads to

Blindness · Deafness · Heart Disease · Other Birth Defects

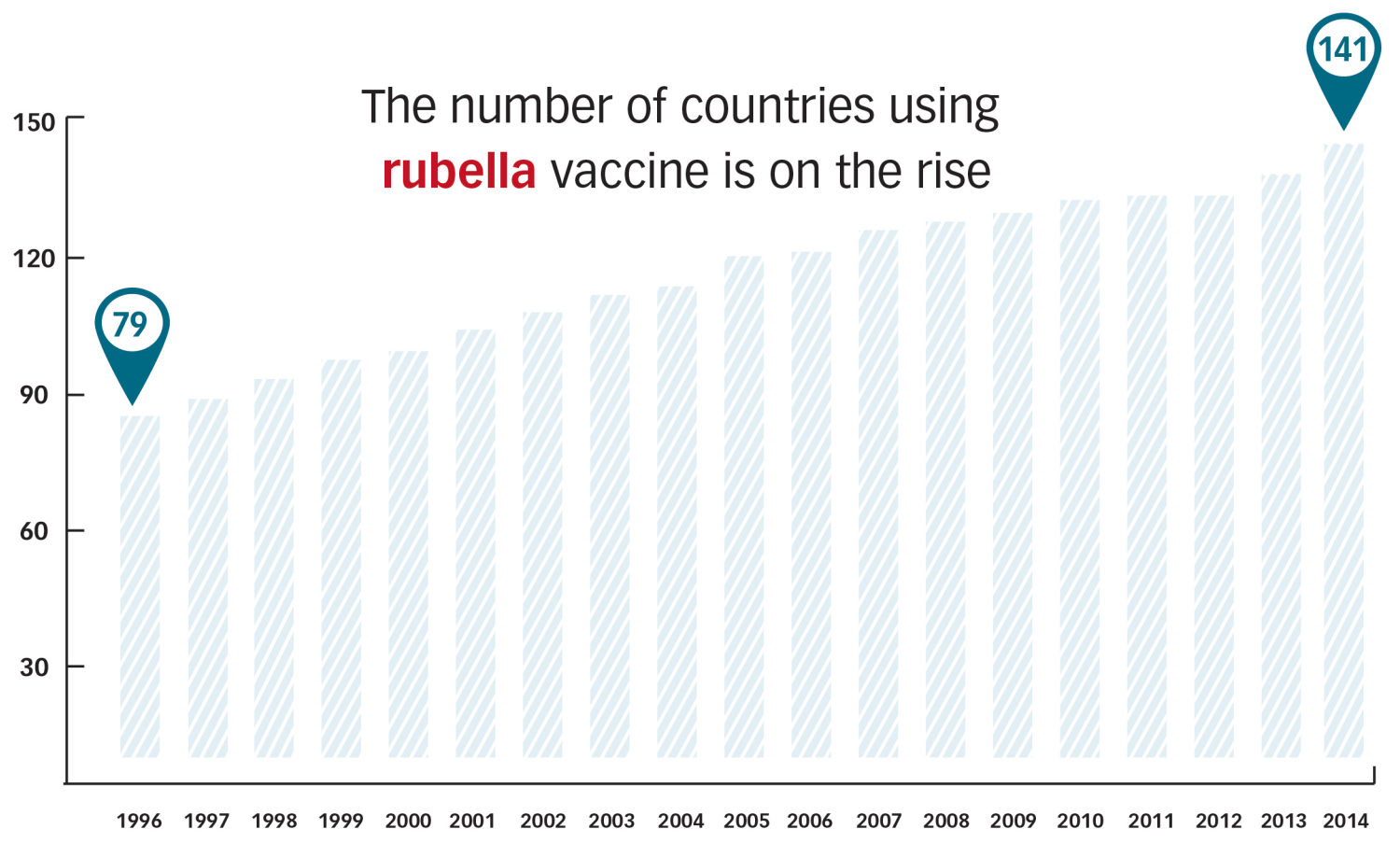
6 in 10 babies

in the world do **NOT** have access to a rubella vaccine

MEASLES AND RUBELLA MOVE FAST

WE HAVE COMMITTED TO MOVE FASTER

The number of countries using **rubella** vaccine is on the rise



Rubella vaccine prevents rubella and congenital rubella syndrome (CRS)

It only costs about

$1

to vaccinate a child against measles and rubella

Thanks to vaccines, the number of rubella cases in the **Americas** has plummeted since 1996

Years	Cases
1996	10,066
2000	5,790
2001	1,707
2002	1,331
2003	898
2004	121
2005	12
2006	1
2007	0
2008	0
2009	6
2010	3

Even though the number of **rubella** cases has dropped dramatically in the Americas, we still have much work to do globally.

Stop rubella. Visit **www.MeaslesRubellainitiative.org**

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