

**Figure 1. Areas and Types of Decisions that the ACCD Deals with**

- **Strategies to control communicable diseases:**
  - Review of epidemiological data on priority communicable diseases
  - Evaluation of control and preventive strategies, including immunization
  - Introduction of new technologies, equipment and pharmaceuticals for control of communicable diseases
  - Planning and implementation of Information Education Communication (IEC) campaigns
  - Revisions of health-related laws and regulations
  - Approval of mobilizing funds from external agencies for disease control activities, including immunization
  - Revising content of and approving manuals, guidelines and handbooks on communicable disease control
  - Suggestions for introducing new and revising existing medical records, including immunization forms
  - Defining guidelines on prophylaxis (e.g., leptospirosis), post-exposure prophylaxis (e.g., human rabies), treatment schedules (e.g., TB, leprosy, HIV/AIDS) and mass prophylactic treatment (e.g., filariasis)
- **Surveillance system improvements and expansion:**
  - Adding new diseases to the surveillance system/list of notifiable diseases
  - Improving laboratory diagnostic services for communicable diseases
- **Approval of new vaccine introduction**
  - Introduce a vaccine universally, for targeted-populations or geographic areas only or in a phased-in manner
  - Not to introduce the vaccine
- **Improvements in specific aspects of immunization (examples):**
  - Cooperating with the private sector to improve its delivery of EPI and AEFI reporting
  - Training and delivery of emergency kits to manage anaphylactic reactions to vaccines
  - Recommendations to enhance cold chain logistics
- **Changes in immunization strategies:**
  - Adding supplemental immunization activities (campaigns) for priority vaccines
  - Changes to the vaccination schedule
  - Immunization strategies for special, vulnerable groups (e.g., internally displaced populations, tsunami victims)
- **Addressing immunization-related safety issues and concerns:**
  - Ordering investigations for severe AEFI
  - Decisions regarding suspension and reintroduction of vaccine use pending investigations
  - Mandating the use of a standardized autopsy protocol to investigate suspected immunization-related deaths
  - Providing advice to the national regulatory authority on appropriate tests to be conducted for toxicity and sterility of vaccines suspected of having safety problems