

Hon. Sir Dr. Puka Temu
Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS
National Department of Health
Port Moresby
Papua New Guinea

19 October 2018

Papua New Guinea's Request for CCEOP Support from Gavi

Honourable Minister,

I refer to the request for support for the Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform (CCEOP) which has been submitted by Papua New Guinea to the Gavi Secretariat in September 2017. In November 2017, the Independent Review Committee (IRC) reviewed your support request and recommended approval with clarifications. Based upon the responses to the clarifications, the Gavi CEO approved the CCEOP support for Papua New Guinea, as described in the Annex to this letter.

Gavi appreciates Papua New Guinea's request and is fully committed to supporting the multi year proposal recommended by the IRC, as reflected by the Gavi Board allocating funding to the CCEOP programmes at its December 2016. To this end, although PNG, as a country in accelerated transition, would normally be required to commit a 50% contribution to the CCEOP in advance of Gavi's approval of the Gavi contribution, the Secretariat is hereby approving the full release of Gavi's USD \$1,025,466 CCEOP contribution for year one of CCEOP programme implementation. As PNG plans to secure its 50% contribution of USD \$1,025,466 to CCEOP through its HSS support from Gavi, the 2019 funding for PNG's CCEOP support will therefore be dependent on the successful submission and review of PNG's HSS application in 2018. As of October 19th, 2018, we note that PNG's HSS application has been reviewed by an Independent Review Committee, and recommended for approval pending certain clarifications.

The Annex includes the following important information: Annex A: Decision letter for support for the Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform.

For any questions or requests for additional information, feel free to contact my colleague Alexa Reynolds at address areynolds@gavi.org.

Please accept, Honourable Minister, the expression of my high regards.



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**Decision Letter
Papua New Guinea
Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform Support**

This Decision Letter forms a part of the Partnership Framework Agreement (PFA) and together with the PFA, sets out the Programme Terms. Any term used in this Decision Letter but not defined shall have the meaning given to such term in the PFA. The English language version of this Decision Letter shall prevail in the case of any conflict with terms expressed in any other language.

1. Country : Papua New Guinea		
2. Grant number: 18-PNG-31a-Z		
3. Date of Decision Letter: 19 October 2018		
4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement: 29 November 2013		
5. Programme title: Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform (CCEOP)		
<p>6. CCEOP terms: The aim of the CCEOP support is to support countries with improving their supply chains and contribute to efforts to strengthen the coverage and equity of immunisation; as specified in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relevant Gavi CCEOP application instructions and form- please contact your senior country manager (SCM) for these documents. • The most recent Gavi CCEOP technical guide- please contact your SCM for the guide. • Country's approved CCEOP proposal and any responses to the CCEOP IRC request for clarifications. 		
7. Programme duration: 2018		
8. Joint investment classification: Country 50% joint investment, Gavi 50% joint investment. As the HSS support has not yet been approved, and this would include approval of the country joint investment, Gavi will fund year 1 of the CCEOP support, and the country will fund year 2.		
9. Programme Budget (indicative): This is the amount of an estimated multi-year budget endorsed by Gavi under the Programme.		
	2018	Total ¹
Gavi maximum Budget ² (US\$)	1,025,466	1,025,466
Country maximum Budget³ (US\$)	-	-
Programme Budget (US\$)	1,025,466	1,025,466

¹ This is the total amount endorsed by Gavi for the entire duration of the Programme.

² This amount committed by Gavi is the maximum ceiling for the country, and is to be used in its entirety against year 1

³ This amount includes the standard UNICEF Procurement Services buffer to cover increases in costs resulting from currency fluctuations or other costs variables and will be returned to country at the completion of the contract, if unused. The UNICEF standard Procurement Services handling fee for the country joint investment is in addition to the above *Country Maximum Budget (US\$)* (see relevant section.). Please contact the UNICEF office for further information.

10. Indicative number of equipment and annual amounts: (i.e. Total Platform investment from Gavi and the country) The Country acknowledges that the Annual Amount will be disbursed directly to UNICEF as the agreed implementing agency.

Type of equipment to be purchased with Gavi and country funds per year	2018
Indicative number of On-grid ice-lined refrigerator (ILR) (without freezer compartment)	80
Indicative number of On-grid freezer only	20
Indicative number of Off-grid/SDD refrigerators (without freezer comp.)	79
Indicative number of Off-grid/SDD refrigerators (with freezer comp.)	30
Indicative number of Temperature monitoring devices (30-day loggers)	317
Indicative number of Voltage regulators for existing equipment	120
Indicative number of Spare parts for existing and new equipment	296
Total annual Amount (US\$)	1,025,466
Annual Amount from Gavi (US\$)	1,025,466
Total annual Amount from the country (US\$)	0

11. Financial clarifications: Not applicable

12. Procurement agency: UNICEF is the sole procurement agency for the CCEOP. Gavi and country shall release their joint investment share each year to UNICEF. If country share is to be financed with Gavi HSS, Gavi (after due consideration with country) shall withhold such funds from disbursements and release them to UNICEF at the appropriate time.

13. Procurement fee : As part of the UNICEF Procurement Services modality, country will be responsible for paying a standard **Procurement Services fee on the country joint-investment amount**. The PS handling fee is in addition to the above Country Maximum Budget (US\$). Please contact the UNICEF office for further information.

14. Additional reporting requirements:

Reports and other information	Due date
As part of preparations for the following year's equipment purchase, countries are required to develop (with UNICEF) and submit an operational deployment plan.	Within 60 days of receiving the decision letter.
In accordance with applicable Gavi processes, Country shall report on programmatic and financial performance including (but not limited to) the following indicators as proposed by country: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE Replacement/Rehabilitation in existing equipped sites: Percentage of existing sites with (non)functional and/or obsolete non-PQS and PQS equipment to be replaced with platform-eligible ILR, SDD or long-term passive devices (including equipping sites with a larger equipment) • CCE Expansion in existing sites: Percentage of existing sites being equipped with additional pieces of equipment for new vaccine introduction and/or to serve an increasing population; • CCE Extension in unequipped existing and in new sites: Percentage of 	As agreed in the Performance Framework

<p>previously unequipped sites (providing immunisation services or not, including existing sites without active devices) and new service sites being equipped with Platform eligible equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCE maintenance : Well-defined indicator proposed by country to reflect appropriate maintenance of equipment; for example percentage of equipped facilities with functioning cold chain,⁴ such as demonstrated by remote temperature monitoring; and • Freeze-free to non-freeze-free cold carrier ratio: Ratio of freeze-free cold boxes/carriers to non-freeze-free cold boxes/carriers in-country? • Submission of yearly updated CCE inventory • The selected indicators should be included in the country's performance framework order to track the results of the replacement and/or expansion plan and/or implementation of the maintenance plan. 	
<p>15. Other conditions: The country is reminded of its obligations under the PFA with respect to insurance and is requested to provide information to Gavi on the steps it has taken in this regard.</p> <p>The disbursement of Gavi annual amounts is subject to UNICEF's confirmation of receipt of the country's joint investment share.</p> <p>The country is also reminded that it is responsible for reception at the port of entry, customs clearance and for provision of a waiver of (or, in the absence of waiver, paying for) any taxes or other duties for each consignment of Cold Chain Equipment. Government must provide UNICEF in advance with confirmation of such waivers or payments of taxes and duties, as well as country specific requirements for importation. Country is advised to pay special attention to proposed delivery modes and schedules agreed with the supplier and it's local agent when initiating the deployment and commissioning of goods. Alternative forms of installation such as mounting of solar panels on a pole rather than on the roof of the health facility should be identified during the preparation of deployment plans that are shared with UNICEF for costing. Other conditions such as seasonality could also affect the efficiency of the outsourced deployments. If the country has to make unplanned variations to the delivery schedules, such as where conditions for installation and implementation are delayed or in cases of force majeure, the government must develop a deviation protocol to document such cases and any cost implications of such variations. The Government will be responsible for all such costs.</p>	

Signed by,
On behalf of Gavi



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⁴ **Indicator definition:** % CCE functioning = (# functioning CCE devices) / (total # of CCE devices designated for use). CCE devices considered for this indicator include all refrigerators, fixed passive storage devices, walk-in cold rooms and freezers designated for string vaccines. Both the numerator and denominator should be collected from the same geographical area / period in time and should not include decommissioned equipment. Functionality of CCE is broadly defined to mean that the device is operable at a particular point in time for storing vaccine.