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The Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
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India

23 March 2016

Dear Minister,

Decision Letter for India Health System Strengthening (HSS) cash support

I am writing in relation to India's request for renewal of Health System Strengthening (HSS) cash support which was reviewed by the Gavi Alliance High Level Review Panel (HLRP) on 13-16 October 2015. I am now pleased to inform you that the Gavi Alliance approved India for the last tranche of HSS cash support in the amount of US\$ 38,620,000.

Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Carol Szeto at cszeto@gavi.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hind Khatib-Othman".

Hind Khatib-Othman
Managing Director, Country Programmes

cc: The EPI Manager
WHO Country Representative
UNICEF Country Representative
WHO HQ
UNICEF Programme Division

India Support for Health Systems Strengthening

This Decision Letter sets out the Programme Terms of a Programme.

| 1. Country: India | | | | | | | | |
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| 2. Programme payment grant number: 1316-IND-10d-Y | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Date of Decision Letter: 23 March 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement: 12 June 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| 5. Programme title: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) | | | | | | | | |
| <p>6. HSS terms:</p> <p>The ultimate aim of HSS support is to ensure increased and sustained immunisation coverage through addressing health systems barriers in Country, as specified in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relevant Gavi HSS guidelines – please contact your Senior Country Manager (SCM) at cszeto@gavi.org for the guidelines. The relevant Gavi HSS application form - please contact your SCM at cszeto@gavi.org for the form. Country's approved grant proposal and any responses to the HSS Independent Review Committee (IRC)'s request for clarifications. <p>Any disbursements under Gavi's HSS cash support will only be made if the following requirements are satisfied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gavi funding being available; Reporting on programmatic and financial performance by Country, in accordance with applicable Gavi processes; Approval of the recommendation by an Alliance High Level Review Panel (HLRP) for continued support by Gavi after the second year; Compliance with any fiduciary requirements pursuant to the transparency and accountability policy and under any aide memoire or financial management assessment concluded between Gavi and Country; Compliance with Gavi's standard terms and conditions (as set out in the Partnership Framework Agreement); and Compliance with the then-current Gavi requirements relating to financial statements and external audits, including the requirements set out for annual external audit applicable to all Gavi cash grants as set out in Gavi's grant terms and conditions. | | | | | | | | |
| 7. Programme duration¹: 2013 to 2016 | | | | | | | | |
| <p>8. Indicative Programme Budget: (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="padding: 5px;">Programme year</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">2013-2015</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">2016</th> <th style="padding: 5px;">Total²</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Programme Budget (US\$)</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">US\$68,380,000</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">US\$38,620,000</td> <td style="padding: 5px; text-align: right;">US\$107,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Programme year | 2013-2015 | 2016 | Total ² | Programme Budget (US\$) | US\$68,380,000 | US\$38,620,000 | US\$107,000,000 |
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| Programme Budget (US\$) | US\$68,380,000 | US\$38,620,000 | US\$107,000,000 | | | | | |

¹ This is the entire duration of the Programme.

² This is the total amount endorsed by Gavi for the entire duration of the Programme.

9. Annual Amounts: (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement)

The following disbursements are subject to the conditions set out in the decision letter:

| Programme year | 2013-2015 | 2016 | Total ³ |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Annual Amount (\$US) | US\$68,380,000 | US\$38,620,000 | US\$107,000,000 |

10. Outstanding comments/clarifications: Country shall provide the following clarifications to Gavi⁴:

| Actions | Responsibility (government, WHO, UNICEF, civil society organisations, other partners, Gavi Secretariat) | Timeline |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize ToR for mid-term evaluation in Q4 2015 Update Performance Framework of the grant | MoHFW, WHO, UNICEF, Secretariat | Completed. Ongoing (with first meeting in November 2015, second one in February 2016) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “National M&E Plan for Immunisation” has been drafted and is now under review. It is necessary to confirm the finalisation and start the implementation of this plan. | | In progress. |

11. Documents to be delivered for future HSS cash disbursements:

Country shall deliver the following documents by the specified due dates as part of the conditions for approval and disbursements of the future annual amounts.

| Reports and other information | Due dates |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Annual Progress Reports (APRs) or equivalent. The APRs, or equivalent, shall provide detail on the progress against milestones and targets against baseline data for indicators identified in the proposal. The APRs, or equivalent, should also include a financial report on the use of Gavi support for HSS (which could include a joint pooled funding arrangement report, if appropriate) | To be agreed with Gavi Secretariat |
| Interim unaudited financial reports. As per MoUs with WHO, UNICEF and UNDP the MoHFW will submit to Gavi unaudited financial reports on a quarterly basis (no later than 30 days after the reporting period). Audited and consolidated statements will be provided on an annual basis. Failure to submit timely reports may affect future funding. | 30 April 2016 |

³ This is the amount approved by Gavi.

⁴ Failure to provide the comments/clarifications requested may result in Gavi withholding further disbursements.


12. Other conditions: The following terms and conditions shall apply to HSS support.

Cash disbursed under HSS support may not be used to meet Gavi's requirements to co-finance vaccine purchases.

In case Country wishes to alter the disbursement schedule over the course of the HSS programme, this must be communicated and will be subject to Gavi approval. It is essential that Country's Health Sector Coordination Committee (or its equivalent) be involved with this process both in its technical process function and its support during implementation and monitoring of the HSS programme proposal. Utilisation of Gavi support stated in this letter will be subject to performance monitoring.

If the bank account information most recently provided to Gavi has changed or changes prior to disbursement, Country will need to complete a bank account information form. Please contact gavihss@gavi.org for the form.

Signed by,



On behalf of Gavi
Hind Khatib-Othman
Managing Director, Country Programmes
23 March 2016