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Minister of Health
Ministry of Health and Social Welfare
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Liberia

31 May 2012

Dear Minister,

This letter is in response to the Proposal for Health Systems Funding Platform (HSFP) which Liberia submitted to the GAVI Alliance Secretariat in December 2011.

In February 2012 your proposal was reviewed by the GAVI Independent Review Committee (IRC) which recommended "**Approval with Clarifications**" of your proposal.

We have since received your response to these clarifications, which were considered satisfactory.

We are pleased to inform you that the GAVI Executive Committee (EC), at its meeting on 12 April, 2012, **endorsed the IRC recommendation** of your 2012-2014 HSFP proposal. GAVI HSFP support to Liberia has been endorsed for a total of US\$ 5,400,000, subject to available funding, the terms of this letter and the Aide Memoire to be agreed between the Government and the GAVI Alliance. The Executive Committee has approved US\$ 1,800,000 for the first year of funding from the total endorsed commitment. Details of GAVI support are described in Appendix A.

An initial disbursement of US\$ 1,800,000 will be made to the account specified in the HSFP proposal as soon as possible after the signature of the Aide Memoire developed following a Financial Management Assessment conducted by GAVI and the fulfilment of any conditions for disbursement set out in the Aide Memoire.

Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Par Eriksson at periksson@gavialliance.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helen Evans", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Helen Evans
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Appendix A: GAVI support to Liberia

cc:

The Minister of Finance
The Director of Medical Services
Director Planning Unit, MoH
The EPI Manager
WHO Country Representative
UNICEF Country Representative
Regional Working Group
WHO HQ
UNICEF Programme Division
The World Bank
The GAVI Finance Unit

APPENDIX A

GAVI SUPPORT TO LIBERIA

The GAVI Executive Committee has endorsed the HSFP support as described in your proposal for the period 2012-2014 and approved the budget for 2012 as summarised in the table below (Reference code: 1214-LBR-10d-Y).

<i>Annual disbursements as requested in the proposal (all in US\$)</i>			
2012	2013	2014	Total
US\$ 1,800,000	US\$ 1,800,000	US\$ 1,800,000	US\$ 5,400,000

An initial disbursement of US\$ 1,800,000 will be made to the account specified in the HSFP proposal after the signature of the Aide Memoire agreed upon by the Government and the GAVI Alliance and the fulfilment of any conditions for disbursement set out therein.

After the initial disbursement, subsequent annual disbursements will be subject to:

- Availability of funding;
- Submission of satisfactory Annual Progress Reports (APRs); by 15 May of each following year; detailing the progress against milestones and targets against baseline data for indicators identified in the proposal. A suggested framework for strengthening monitoring is provided in the attached IRC report. The APRs should also include a financial report on the use of GAVI HSFP funds (which could include a joint pooled funding arrangement report, if appropriate) which has also been endorsed by the Health Sector Coordination Committee (HSCC) or its equivalent;
- Approval of the recommendation for continued support by the GAVI Alliance Board;
- Compliance with any TAP requirements and the requirements under any Aide Memoire concluded between GAVI and the country;
- Compliance with the then-current GAVI requirements relating to financial statements and external audits;
- Compliance with GAVI's standard grant terms and conditions as amended from time to time.

In case the country wishes to alter the disbursement schedule over the course of the HSFP programme, this must be highlighted and justified in the APR and will be subject to Board approval. It is essential that your 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 HSFP programme proposal,

It is understood that the ultimate aim of HSFP support is to ensure increased and sustained immunisation coverage through addressing health systems barriers in your country, as specified in:

- The GAVI HSFP guidelines
- The GAVI HSFP application form
- Your response to the HSFP IRC's request for clarifications

Utilisation of GAVI support announced in this letter will be subject to strict performance monitoring. The Government will be held accountable through a requirement for district level performance monitoring through its health monitoring systems.

