



SOUTH SUDAN HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING CASH SUPPORT
This Decision Letter sets out the Programme Terms of a Programme.

1. Country: South Sudan
2. Grant number: 1418-SDS-10a-Y
3. Date of Decision Letter: 19 March 2014
4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement: 24 June 2013
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 CRO at mdugue@gavialliance.org for the guidelines. • The relevant GAVI HSS application form - please contact your CRO at mdugue@gavialliance.org for the form. • Country's approved grant proposal and any responses to the HSS 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; • Submission of satisfactory Annual Progress Reports (APRs) by the Country; • Approval of the recommendation by an Independent Review Committee (IRC) for continued support by GAVI after the second year; • Compliance with any TAP requirements pursuant to the TAP Policy and under any Aide Memoire concluded between GAVI and the Country; • Compliance with GAVI's standard terms and conditions as set out in the PFA; 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. <p>The HSS cash support shall be subject to GAVI's performance-based funding (PBF). Under this, the HSS support will be split into two payments: the programmed payment (based on implementation of the approved HSS grant) and the performance-based payment (based on improvements in immunisation outcomes). This means that in the first year, Country will receive 100% of the approved ceiling, or programme budget if different (the initial Annual Amount), as an upfront investment. After the first year, countries will receive 80% of the ceiling, or programme budget if different, based on implementation of the grant, and additional payments will be based on performance on immunisation outcome indicators. Note that countries whose total grant budget would fall below US\$3 million are exempt from this 80% rule.</p> <p>Country will have the opportunity to receive payments beyond the programme budget amount, for exceptional performance on the same immunisation outcomes. The maximum programmed payment plus performance payment may be up to 150% of the country ceiling.</p> <p>Given that Country's DTP3 coverage was below 90% in 2012 based on WHO/UNICEF estimates, Country will be rewarded for improving coverage with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$30 per additional child immunised with DTP3, if DTP3 coverage increases and • \$30 per additional child immunised with first dose of measles containing vaccine, if measles coverage increases. <p>The performance payments under the performance-based funding shall be used solely for activities to be implemented in the country's health sector.</p>

7. Programme Duration¹: 2014 to 2018

8. Programme Budget (indicative) (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement, if applicable):

Only if PBF applies: Note that with PBF, annual disbursements may be more or less than these endorsed amounts after the first year (see section 6 above).

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total ²
Programme Budget (US\$)	6,919,613	5,598,266	5,581,326	5,581,297	5,577,508	29,258,010

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

The following disbursements are subject to the conditions set out in sections 6, 10, 11 and 12:

Programme Year	2014	2015	Total ³
Annual Amount (US\$)	6,919,613	5,598,266	12,517,879

10. Financial Clarifications: The Country shall provide the following clarifications to GAVI⁴:

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

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

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

Reports, documents and other deliverables	Due dates
Annual Progress Reports (APRs). The APRs shall provide detail on the progress against milestones and targets against baseline data for indicators identified in the proposal, as well as the PBF indicators as listed in section 6 above. The APRs 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) and use of performance payments, which have been endorsed by the Health Sector Coordination Committee (HSCC) or its equivalent.	15 May 2014 or as negotiated with Secretariat
Interim unaudited financial reports. Unless stated otherwise in the existing Aide Memoire between GAVI and the Country, the Country shall deliver interim unaudited financial reports on the HSS cash support no later than 45 days after the end of each 6-month reporting period (15 February for the period covering 1 July – 31 December and 15 August for the period covering 1 January – 30 June). Failure to submit timely reports may affect future funding.	15 February and 15 August
In order to receive a disbursement for the second approved year of the HSS grant (2015), Country shall provide GAVI with a request for disbursement, which shall include the most recent interim unaudited financial report.	As necessary

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. This should be equal to the total of all sums in the table.

³ This is the amount approved by GAVI.

⁴ Failure to provide the financial 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 the Country wishes to alter the disbursement schedule over the course of the HSS programme, this must be highlighted and justified in the APR 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.

Signed by

On behalf of the GAVI Alliance

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