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***Decision Letter: Approval of second tranche of Gavi support for transition activities implemented by the WHO in Georgia***

Your Excellency,

I am writing in regards to the approved Gavi Alliance support for implementation of transition activities in Georgia during the 2016-2017 period.

In 2015, Gavi Alliance reviewed and approved support for Georgia's 2016-2017 transition plan, and authorized disbursement of funds for the implementation of activities by WHO for 2016 and by UNICEF for 2016-2017. The two-year approval of funding for UNICEF was justified by the small amount of the overall UNICEF transition grant (\$104,760). Gavi Alliance had also authorised implementation of a number of transition activities by the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health using remaining cash balances from the Health Systems Strengthening grant provided by Gavi Alliance to Georgia in 2011.

Through this Decision Letter, I am pleased to inform you of the approval by Gavi to disburse the second tranche of Gavi support for transition activities to be implemented by WHO, as specified in the Annexes to this letter.

In order to improve the impact of national immunisation programmes further, we request that Georgia continues to take into consideration the recommendations and actions indicated and agreed during the transition assessment.

For purposes of accountability and better impact on the immunisation program, the Gavi Secretariat will monitor progress with technical partners. Monitoring and reporting progress on implementation of activities within the transition plan will be an integral part of the annual joint appraisals.

The Appendices to this Decision Letter include the following important information:

- Appendix A: Financial and programmatic information for transition support ("Decision letter for Transition cash support")
- Appendix B: Georgia transition action plan – Strategies, actions & budget (revised in July 2016)
- Appendix C: Partner Budget Breakdown



Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Ms. Colette Selman ([cselman@gavi.org](mailto:cselman@gavi.org)) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Hind Khatib-Othman".

Hind Khatib-Othman  
Managing Director, Country Programmes

cc:           The Minister of Finance  
              The Deputy Health Minister  
              The EPI Manager  
              WHO Country Representative  
              UNICEF Country Representative  
              Regional Working Group  
              WHO HQ  
              UNICEF Programme Division  
              UNICEF Supply Division  
              US CDC

**Decision letter for Transition cash support**

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

<b>1. Country:</b> Georgia			
<b>2. Grant number:</b> 1617-GEO-27a-Y			
<b>3. Date of the Decision Letter:</b> 01/11/2016			
<b>4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement:</b> 26 February 2016			
<b>5. Programme Title:</b> Transition support			
<b>6. Monitoring and Reporting Requirements:</b> Gavi shall periodically review the challenges and assess progress of implementing the transition support through established mechanisms such as annual joint appraisals. Georgia shall cooperate with Gavi during these appraisals and provide the information necessary to assess its performance.			
<b>7. Programme Duration:</b> 2016-2017			
<b>8. Programme Budget (indicative):</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>
Programme Budget (US\$)	US\$429,805	US\$209,438	US\$639,243
<b>9. Indicative Annual Amounts (indicative):</b>			
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
Programme Budget (US\$)	US\$429,805	US\$209,438	US\$639,243
<b>10. Clarifications:</b> Not applicable			
<b>11. Other conditions:</b> Not applicable			

Signed by (on behalf of Gavi):



Hind Khatib-Othman  
Managing Director, Country Programmes  
1 November 2016

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Georgia Transition Plan (reformatted & reprogrammed) - Strategies, Actions & Budget

Area of work	Strategy	Activity	Who will do this?		Milestones		External Support Required?	Reprogrammed remaining GAVI HSS	Grad Grant 2016	Grad Grant 2017	Grad Grant Total
			Responsible Agency	Supportive agency	Deliverable	Deadlines					
1. Evidence-based decision making support to the NIP and strengthening the NITAG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening the NITAG through capacity building activities</li> <li>2. Conducting rotavirus surveillance to monitor impact of rotavirus vaccine</li> <li>3. Conducting invasive bacterial disease surveillance to monitor impact of PCV</li> <li>4. Strengthening the NITAG through capacity building activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Visit to a well-functioning NITAG</li> <li>1. Continue implementing rotavirus surveillance</li> <li>1. Continue implementing invasive bacterial disease surveillance</li> </ul>	NCDC	WHO	Number of NITAG member visited a well-functioning NITAG	Q4 2017	WHO		\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
			NCDC	WHO	Reports of rotavirus surveillance are sent monthly to WHO	monitoring on annual basis at every Q4	WHO		\$20,000		\$30,000
			NCDC	WHO	Reports of bacterial meningitis surveillance are sent monthly to WHO	monitoring on annual basis at every Q4	WHO		\$20,000		\$30,000
<b>Sub total (1. Evidence-based support)</b>											
2. Communication and advocacy (including advocacy for resource mobilization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen communications and advocacy through strategic planning and implementation</li> <li>2. Strengthen resource mobilization capacity and efforts for increased domestic funding for the programme</li> <li>3. Address vaccine hesitancy and resistance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing a communication and advocacy strategy and detailed action plan</li> <li>2. Developing a crisis communication strategy</li> <li>2. Develop advocacy materials to support resource mobilization</li> <li>3. Conduct advocacy meetings to ensure financial sustainability</li> <li>1. Conduct research into knowledge, attitudes and practices among public and health care workers</li> <li>2. Train health care workers to tackle with vaccine hesitancy and</li> <li>3. Train media</li> </ul>	NCDC	UNICEF	A communication and advocacy strategy and detailed action plan	Q2 2017	UNICEF		\$10,000		\$10,000
			NCDC	UNICEF	A crisis communication strategy	Q2 2017	UNICEF		\$10,000		\$10,000
			NCDC	WHO	Advocacy materials for resource mobilization have been developed	Q2 2017	WHO		\$5,000		\$5,000
3 Strengthen vaccine management and immunization logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Institutionalize best vaccine management practices</li> <li>1. National workshop to support development of integrated national regulations on storage of vaccines and pharmaceutical requiring cold chain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x number of meetings held with stakeholders</li> <li>x number of recommendations translated into action</li> <li>x number of trainings conducted with health care workers</li> <li>x number of trainings conducted with media representatives</li> </ul>	NCDC	WHO	x number of meetings held with stakeholders	Q4 2017	WHO		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
			NCDC	UNICEF	x number of recommendations translated into action	Q4 2016	UNICEF		\$30,000		\$30,000
			NCDC	UNICEF	x number of trainings conducted with health care workers	Q4 2017	UNICEF		\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
			NCDC	UNICEF	x number of trainings conducted with media representatives	Q4 2017	UNICEF		\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sub total (2. Comms, advocacy &amp; resource mobilization)</b>											
			MoHSANCD	WHO	Draft document produced and submitted for Gov approval	Q4 2016	WHO		\$5,000		\$5,000
									<b>\$ 56,000</b>	<b>\$ 31,000</b>	<b>\$ 87,000</b>



	2. TA to support development/adaptation of vaccine management SOPs	MoLHSANCD C	WHO	SOPs developed for each level of the immunization supply chain	Q4 2016	WHO		\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
	3. Update and print the national VM Policy guidelines (yellow book)	MoLHSANCD C	WHO	National VM Policy guidelines (yellow book) updated and printed	Q4 2016	WHO		\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
	4. Develop Supervision tools and train district level supervisors	NCDC	WHO	Supervision tools developed and all district level supervisors trained	Q4 2016	WHO		\$5,000		\$5,000
	2 Systematic documentation and review of cold chain performance	NCDC	WHO	Cold-chain temperature monitoring study conducted	Q4 2016	WHO		\$10,000		\$10,000
	3. Capacity building activities	NCDC	WHO	Mapping study of cold rooms at national and sub-national level	Q4 2016	WHO		\$10,000		\$10,000
	4. Cold Chain Equipment needs	NCDC	WHO	VM ToT Training for all district managers	Q2 2017	WHO	\$3,144	\$0	\$26,856	\$26,856
	<b>Sub total (3. Vaccine management &amp; logistics)</b>			Procured cold rooms, installed and functional	Q4 2017	WHO	\$8,040	\$0		\$0
	<b>4. Vaccine procurement</b>			<b>\$ 11,184 \$ 36,000 \$ 41,856 \$ 77,856</b>						
	2. Strengthen monitoring of procurement performance	NCDC	UNICEF	Procurement assessment report and development of improvement action plan	Q2 2017	UNICEF		\$0	\$2,000	\$10,000
	3. Strengthen government self-procurement capacity	MoLHSANCD C	UNICEF	National focal points attend the workshop	Q2 2017	UNICEF		\$5,000		\$7,000
	<b>Sub total (4. Vaccine procurement)</b>						\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 17,000
	<b>5. Programme performance and data quality</b>			Survey conducted and report developed (that provides guidance on reaching the unreached)	Q4 2016	CDC & WHO		\$100,000		\$100,000

<p>2. Improve immunization coverage among low performing areas/population groups</p>	1. Workshop on tailoring the immunization programme, identifying strategies to reach the unreached	NCDC	WHO	Workshop conducted	Q2 2017	WHO	\$20,000		\$20,000		\$20,000
	2. Mid-Level Managers (MLM) training	NCDC	WHO	Number staff trained on MLM	Q2 2017	WHO	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000		\$25,000
	3. Immunization in Practice (IIP) training for immunization service providers	NCDC	WHO	Number staff trained on IIP	Q4 2017	WHO	\$0	\$1,120	\$0	\$28,880	\$28,880
	4. Conduct supportive supervision	NCDC	WHO	Number of supervisory visits conducted	Q4 of each year	WHO	\$2,780	\$57,220	\$2,780	\$30,000	\$32,780
<p>3. Strengthen immunization data quality</p>	5. Roll-out of SMS-messaging to parents on immunization schedule and basic messages	NCDC	Not required	All parents receive SMS messages reminding upcoming vaccinations	Q4 of each year	Not required	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
	4. Training of service providers	NCDC	WHO	Number of staff trained	Q4 of each year	WHO	\$20,000		\$20,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
	<b>Sub total (5. Programme performance and data quality)</b>							<b>\$ 108,340</b>	<b>\$ 177,780</b>	<b>\$ 73,880</b>	<b>\$ 251,660</b>
<p>6. Strengthening pharmacovigilance function (AEFI surveillance system) of the National Regulatory Authority</p>	3. Strengthening AEFI surveillance system (pharmacovigilance function)	NCDC	WHO	Revised AEFI guideline that meets WHO recommendations	Q4 2016	WHO	\$10,000		\$10,000		\$10,000
		NCDC	WHO	Number of trained staff on AEFI surveillance	Q2 2017	WHO	\$10,000		\$10,000		\$10,000
		NCDC	WHO	Developed communication strategic plan	Q4 2017	WHO	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$6,000
	4. Strengthen functions of the National Regulatory Authority	NRA	WHO	Strategic plan in place guiding development of the NRA	Q4 2016	WHO	\$10,000		\$10,000		\$10,000
		NRA	WHO	Number of staff trained	Q4 2017	WHO			\$20,000		\$20,000
		NRA	WHO	Number of staff trained	Q4 2017	WHO			\$15,000		\$15,000



	NRA	WHO	Number of staff trained	Q4 2017	WHO			\$10,000	\$10,000	
4. Provide hands-on training through visit to a well-functioning NRA	NRA	WHO		Q4 2017	WHO					
5. Introduce collaborative agreement procedures for registration of WHO pre-qualified vaccines	NRA	WHO	Registration procedures in place	Q4 2017	WHO		\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	
<b>Sub total (6. NRA strengthening)</b>										
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>							\$119,524	\$36,000	\$52,000	\$88,000
							\$345,780	\$240,736	\$596,516	

	incl. PSC
<b>WHO</b>	\$499,516
<b>UNICEF</b>	\$97,000
<b>Total</b>	\$596,516

**Partner Budget Breakdown**

	2016-2017		
	<i>Activities</i>	<i>PSC</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>WHO</b>	\$499,517	\$ 34,966	\$ 534,483
<b>UNICEF</b>	\$ 97,000	\$ 7,760	\$ 104,760
<b>Total</b>	\$596,517	\$ 42,726	<b>\$ 639,243</b>