



Mr Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
Union Minister
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
155 - A, Nirman Bhawan
New Delhi - 110108
India

22 May 2019

Dear Minister,

Re: Renewal of Health Systems Strengthening Support for India

We are writing in relation to India's renewal request to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, for Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) support, which was submitted to the Gavi Secretariat following the Joint Appraisal mission in November 2018.

Following Gavi's review of the renewal request during the High Level Review Panel of 29-30 January 2019, we are pleased to inform you that **Gavi has approved India's renewal request for HSS support for years 2019 and 2020**, as per the following Decision Letter.

Gavi has endorsed the five-year HSS programme budget of USD 102 million (section 7), in response to a letter from the Government of India, dated 24 May 2017, to request for re-appropriation of funds from commodity support for Rotavirus vaccine to additional budget for HSS phase 2, in the amount of USD 2.2 million. The Annual Amount for Year 5 shall be approved following the next annual renewal request in 2020.

Finally, we reiterate that the provisions of the Partnership Framework Agreement (PFA) Annex 6 shall apply to all Gavi programme funding and Decision Letters form an integral part of the PFA. The Gavi Board's decision to provide support for India's HSS programme is also subject to the provisions of Annex 6 of the PFA, in particular the commitment of the Government of India to provide additional costs required as well as sustain the programme after the transition out of Gavi support, and to implement the programme as set out in the approved Performance Framework.



I would like to thank you for your continued leadership in strengthening the health system in India. Please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Country Manager for India, Carol Szeto (cszeto@gavi.org), if you have any questions or concerns.

We remain at your disposal for any further enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hind Khatib-Othman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hind Khatib-Othman
Managing Director, Country Programmes

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PS, The Minister of Health and Family Welfare

PS, The Minister of Finance

Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Additional Secretary, MD NHM, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Joint Secretary (RCH), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Deputy Commissioner (Immunization); MoHFW

Deputy Commissioner (UIP), MoHFW

WHO Country Representative

UNICEF Country Representative

WHO HQ

UNICEF Programme Division

UNICEF Supply Division

Decision Letter

India Health Systems Strengthening Programme

This Decision Letter forms part of the PFA and together with the PFA sets out the Programme Terms of the Programme. Any term used in this Decision Letter but not defined shall have the meaning given to such term in the PFA.

1. Country: India					
2. Programme payment grant number: 1721-IND-10d-Y					
3. Date of Decision Letter: 22 May 2019					
4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the "PFA"): 12 June 2015					
5. Programme: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)					
For further information about the Programme please refer to:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavi HSS guidelines and HSS application form available by contacting your Gavi Senior Country Manager; • Country's approved grant proposal together with any responses to the HSS independent review team request for clarifications; • The workplan and budget document circulated to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by email on 13 May 2019, describing the updated Programme Activities and Programme Budget as submitted in January 2019. 					
6. Programme Duration: 2017 to 2021					
7. Programme Budget: This is the amount of an estimated multi-year budget endorsed by Gavi under the Programme.					
Programme Year	2017-2018 Years 1-2	2019 Year 3	2020 Year 4	2021 Year 5	TOTAL
Programme Budget (US\$)	53,979,703	10,548,485	26,223,440	11,465,628	102,217,256
8. Annual Amounts: This is the estimated annual amount Gavi has approved to be disbursed under the Programme. The Country acknowledges that:					
(a) the Annual Amount will be disbursed directly to agreed implementing agencies, rather than to the Country; and					
(b) each Annual Amount may be disbursed in a number of tranches at quarterly or six-monthly intervals.					
Programme year	2017-2018 Years 1-2	2019 Year 3	2020 Year 4		
Annual Amount (\$US)	53,979,703	10,548,485	26,223,440		
9. Outstanding comments/clarifications: Not applicable					

10. Other conditions: The following terms and conditions shall apply to the Programme.

Gavi's catalytic support for India is subject to the provisions in Annex 6 of the Partnership Framework Agreement, and in particular:

- The commitments of the Government of India to provide financing to fund the additional costs required for each programme that is funded with the Partnership Support and to scale up the programmes; and
- Implementation of the programmes in line with the timelines, milestones and indicators set out in the performance framework

Documents to be submitted 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 the future annual amounts.

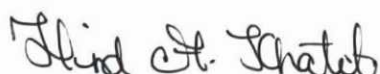
Reports and other information	Due dates
Quarterly Progress Reports, as per the template to be shared with the Country.	Within 45 days after the end of each quarter
Grant performance framework reporting on progress against targets and baseline data, based on agreed-upon indicators.	As agreed with Gavi Secretariat
Annual Joint Appraisal report	As agreed with Gavi Secretariat
Interim unaudited financial reports. The Country will submit to Gavi unaudited financial reports from each implementing agency (funds recipient) on a quarterly basis, as part of the quarterly progress reports.	Within 45 days after the end of each quarter
Audited and consolidated statements will be provided on an annual basis as per agreements between Gavi and the implementing agencies. Failure to submit timely reports may affect future funding.	On annual basis

Any requested adjustments to the Annual Amounts 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 Programme.

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, the 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

22 May 2019