

The Republic of South Sudan



Ministry of Health
Office of the Undersecretary

24th January 2014

To: Chief Executive Officer
GAVI Alliance
2 Chemin des Mines
1202 Geneva
Switzerland

Dear Sir,

Re: Response to IRC Recommendations for MenA Vaccination Campaign in the Republic of South Sudan

The Ministry of Health in the Republic of South Sudan recognises the great support GAVI is rendering to the country in support of immunisation activities, particularly to children and to all people through health system strengthening in general.

We are grateful with the IRC approval with conditions of the Men.A application submitted in September, 2013. For that the country is committed to consider and work on the recommendations, so as to suite the requirements; and the responses to the points raised are:

MenA:

1. The Ministry of Health is approaching partners and donors to consider funding the gap after GAVI ceiling of US\$ 4.7 millions
2. The cMYP and costing tool are updated to include MenA campaign.
3. The number of vaccines doses in the proposal are realistic. The population used in the proposal was adjusted to include refugees and returnees, who were not considered in the pre assessment study.
4. For vaccines safety, the standard will be kept to make sure that vaccines stored within the required conditions. Where there is no cold chain facility, the vaccinators will store the vaccines in cold boxes which can retain the correct temperatures up to 72 hours. The team supervisors will move with frozen ice packs to replenish the melted ones. The introduction plan will address all issues mentioned.

5. The time of procurement of vaccines can be as planned, only that the vaccines delivery date will be at least 4 weeks from time of implementation: 2 weeks to get the vaccines from Nairobi to Juba and the 1 1/2 weeks for delivery to the states.

6. Regarding outstanding TAP issues, the country is aware and doing it utmost to resolve the issues, only due to current crisis most attention is put to emergencies, but the audit report for 2009 is in its finalization stages.

Sincerely,

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Undersecretary
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CC: Hon. Minister, MOH, RSS