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# Lao PDR Facts & Figures



- **Area:** 236,800 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population (2015):** 6,5 M
- **GDP growth rate (2016):** 7.0%
- **GNI per capita (2016):** \$2,150
- **Birth cohort (2017):** 179,023
- **Infant mortality rate <1yr (2015):** 51/1000
- **Child mortality rate <5yr (2015):** 67/1000
- **Maternal mortality rate (2015):** 197/1000
- 18 provinces, 148 districts

## Health Sector Orientation



**3 Builds**

**4 Break-  
throughs**

**5 Pillars**

## 3 Builds

Whole of Government (approx. 12-15 years)

*National: Leadership/Policy Guidance*

**Provincial:** Translate Policy to Strategy

**District:** Provide Management - planning/financing/HR/etc.

**Village:** Implementers



## 4 Breakthroughs

Whole of government (3-4 years)

- Change the mindset
- Focus on human resources
- Good governance
- Poverty Reduction

# 5 Pillars

Health Sector Reform (3 Phases to 2025)

- Human Resources for Health (HRH)
- Health Financing
- Governance, Organisation, and Management
- Health Service Delivery and Hospital Management
- Health Information System (HIS)





# Health System Context

- **8th Health Sector Development Plan** - 2016-2020
- **Provision of healthcare:** through public system to the central, provincial, district, and health centre levels
- 1,233 health facilities (as of 2016\*)
  - 5 central hospitals
  - 38 army and police hospitals
  - 17 provincial hospitals
  - 137 district hospitals
  - 1,026 health centres



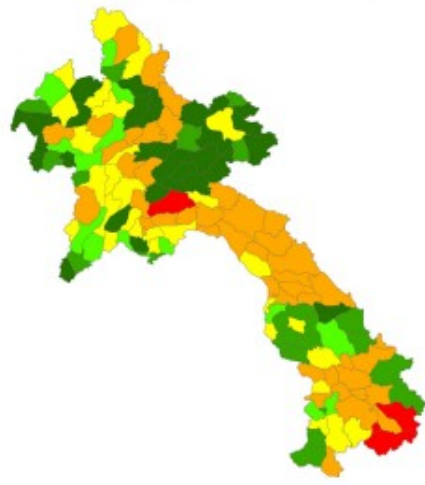
# National Immunization Programme

- **Immunization services:** free of charge at all levels: provincial and district hospitals, as well as health centres through a mix of fixed site and outreach services
- **Routine immunizations provided:** HepB birth dose, BCG, OPV, Penta, PCV, IPV, MR, JE, Td

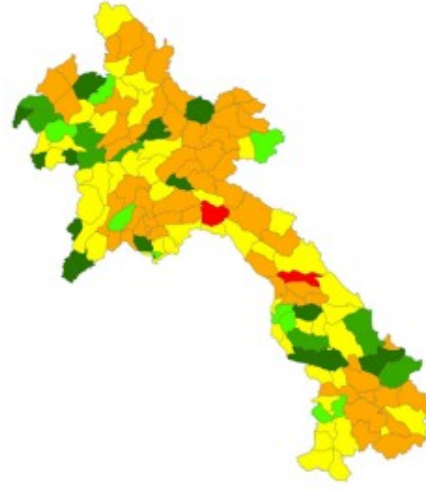


# Maximizing Coverage & Equity

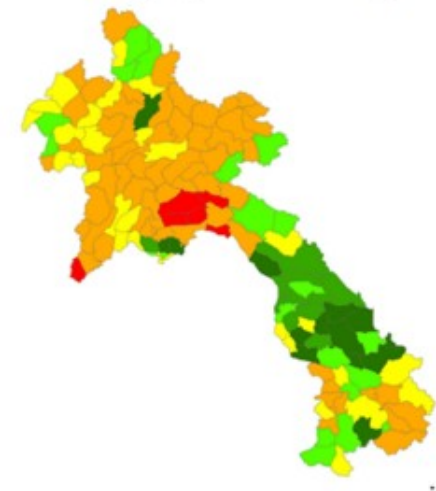
DTP3 Coverage by District – Lao PDR, 2015



DTP3 Coverage by District – Lao PDR, 2016



DTP3 Coverage by District – Lao PDR, 2017



\* Data for January to October 1

# Gavi Support to Lao PDR

- **Total Gavi commitment to Lao PDR (2001 to 2021):** \$36,294,092, with approx. 30% going to non-vaccine support
- **Vaccines introduced:** HepB, Penta, PCV, IPV, JE campaign, HPV demo, MR 2nd dose
- **Non vaccine support:** Three HSS grants focusing on various activities (e.g. strengthening capacity of EPI staff at all levels, increasing community demand for immunization, etc.)
- **Future vaccine introductions:** HPV and Rota (both recommended for approval by IRC)
- **Cold Chain Equipment Support:** Planned CCEOP application 2018
- **Transition:** Lao PDR entered the accelerated transition phase in Jan 2017 and will transition from Gavi support by the end of 2021.



# Impact of PCV introduction

**PCV13....**

**... has reduced the carriage (and therefore transmission) of vaccine types in the community**

**...is likely to contribute to a reduction in child mortality in Lao PDR**

**Pre-PCV13: 56% of healthy toddlers and 14% of healthy infants too young to be vaccinated carried pneumococcus in their nose**

**Post-PCV13: for PCV13 types, there was a 31% decline in toddlers and 24% decline infants too young to be vaccinated**

- 20% of all admissions in VTE capital in U5s is due to pneumonia, 15% need oxygen**
- PCV13 reduced pneumonia requiring treatment with oxygen by 55%. As low oxygen is the reason why children die from pneumonia, we expect this would translate to reduction in child mortality.**

Source: Murdoch Children's Research Institute/Fiona Russell (2017), Government of Lao PDR/NIP and University of Health Sciences

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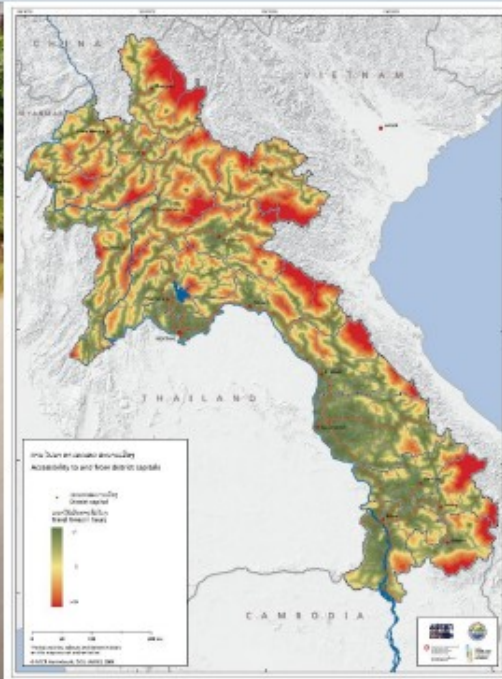
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# Reaching Every Community



Challenges towards ensuring equitable coverage:

- Geographical, cultural and language barriers
- Low demand/vaccine hesitancy

Strategies for addressing barriers:

- Community-centered communications
- Microplanning
- Integrated outreach



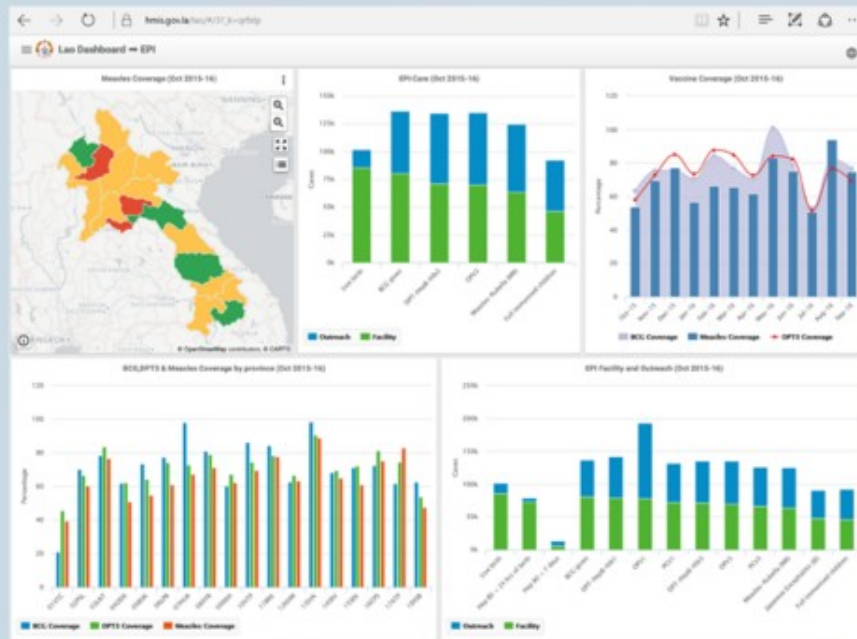
# 2nd Year of Life (2YL) Platform



- Important opportunity to reach children with **2nd dose of measles-rubella** as well as **missed routine immunizations**
- **Enables integrated service delivery**
- **New health 'touchpoint'** to provide ANC/PNC, family planning, nutrition, and other health services



# NIP Data Quality Improvement



**Strengthen the quality of data for:**

- immunization coverage monitoring
- vaccine supply management
- VPD surveillance
- AEFI surveillance

# New Vaccine Introductions

## HPV Vaccine

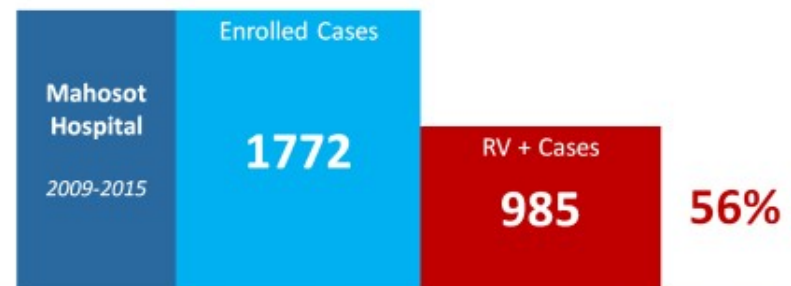
- Planned introduction in September 2019; school-based delivery



## Rotavirus vaccines

- Planned introduction in September 2019

Number of <5 children in Lao PDR admitted to one central hospital for acute diarrhea, 2009-2014



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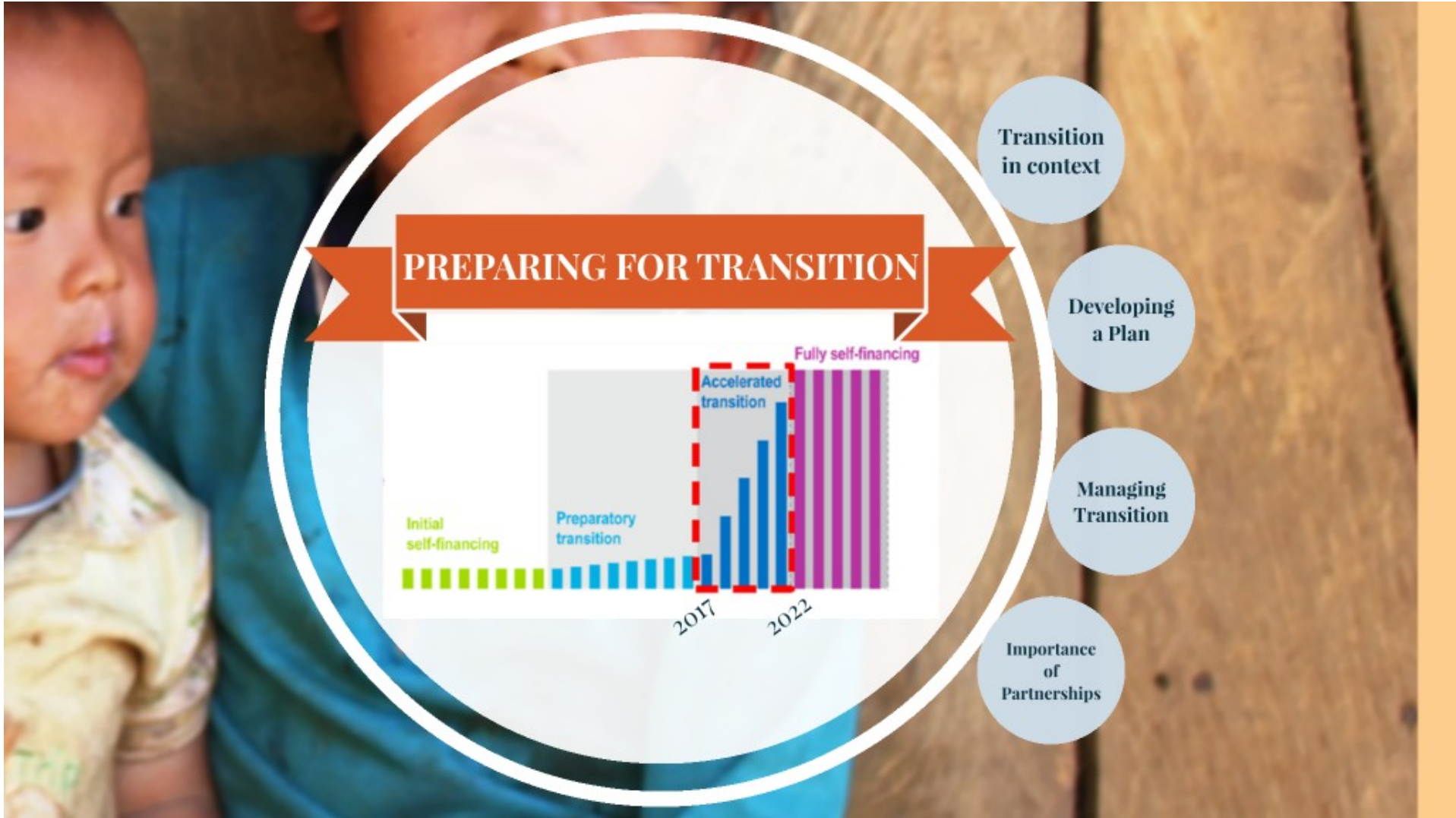
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# Transition in context



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- As Lao PDR plans to graduate from LDC status, UNFPA, in this current programme of support (2017-2021), will gradually reduce funding for family planning commodities

- Global Fund funding will already start to be reduced during 2018-2021

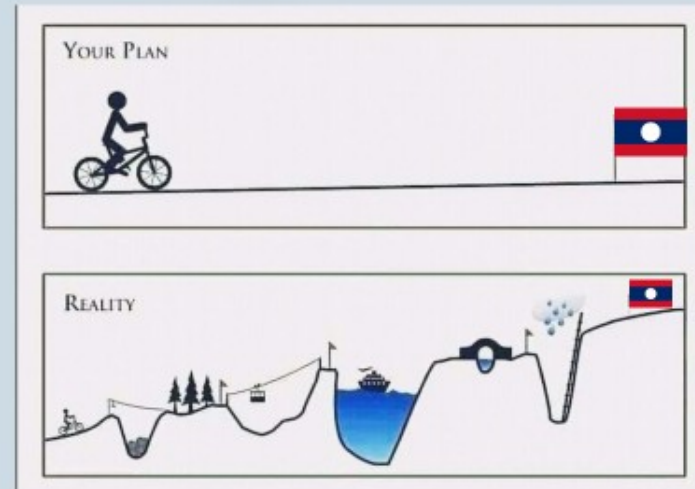
- Fully self-financing by end 2021
- Gavi Transition Plan agreed in 2017

# Developing a Plan

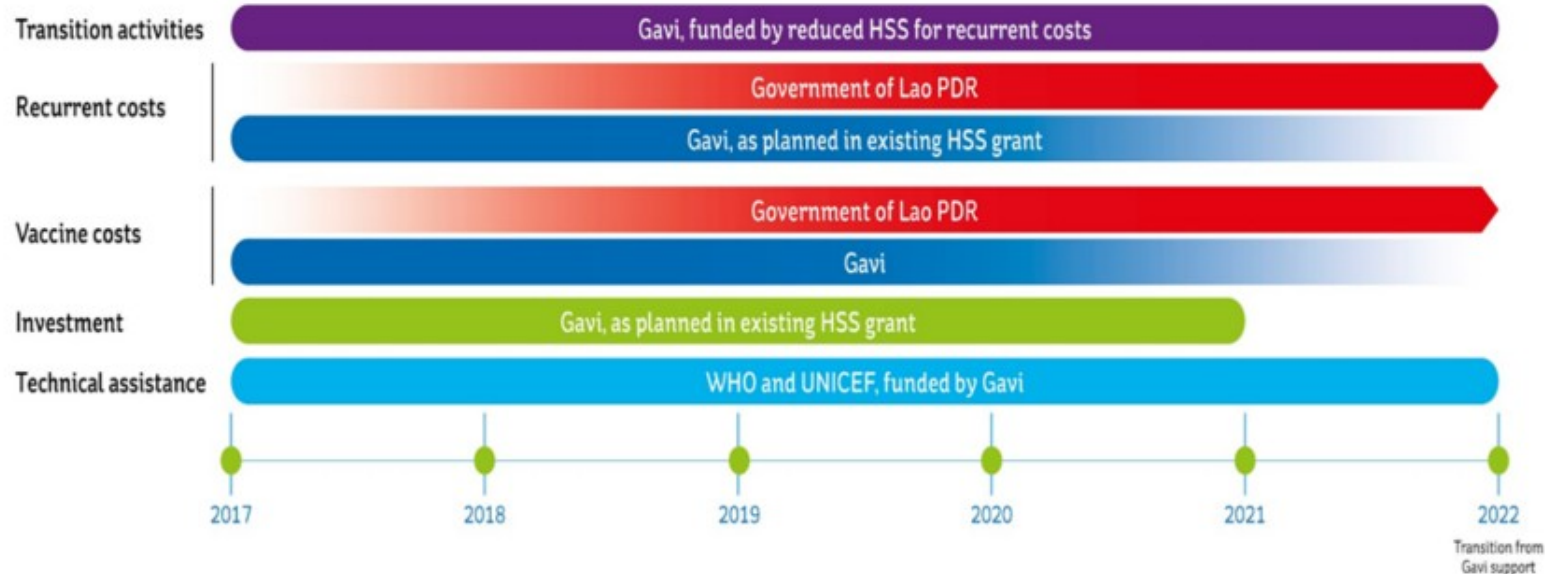
The Government of Lao with partner support has developed a Gavi transition plan, which was approved in mid-2017.

## Focus areas of the Transition Plan:

- Immunisation financing
- Immunisation legislation and advocacy
- Strengthening technical advice (NITAG)
- Strengthening of microplanning, supervision and outreach
- Improving data quality and surveillance
- Increasing communication and demand generation

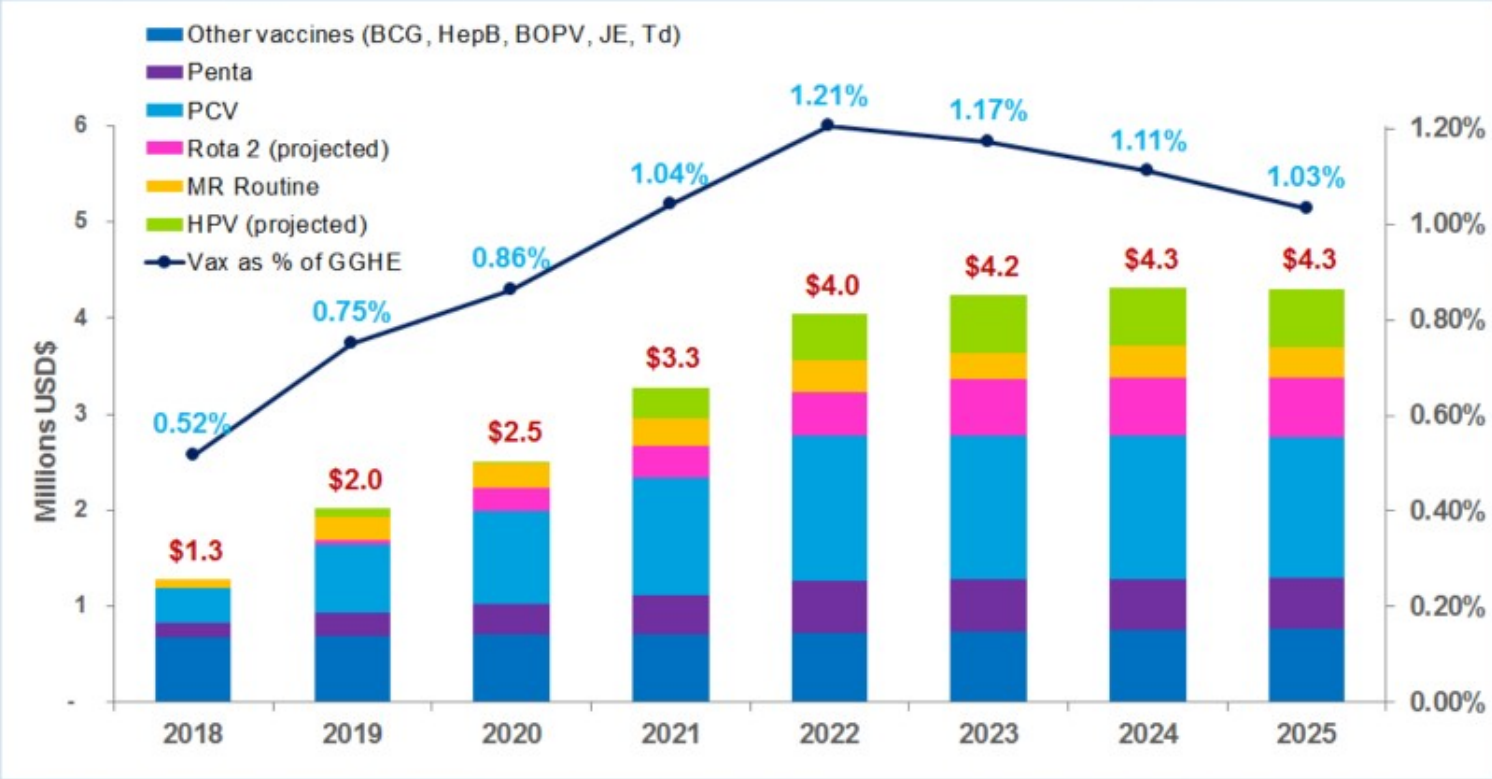


# Mobilizing domestic resources to replace Gavi support





# Vaccine cost as % of government health expenditure will peak in 2022



# Managing Transition on the path to UHC

- Situate transitioning of key health programs within a **broader health financing** context in progressing **toward UHC**
- **Assess fiscal space and viable options for domestic resource mobilization** for achieving and sustaining UHC
- **Strengthen institutional capacity** of the country to deliver services for results
- Develop **one unified transition roadmap** and actionable plans to ensure smooth transition from donor funded programs to domestically financed integrated health programs

# Importance of Partnerships



# Looking to the future of Lao PDR

- Graduation from LDC status by 2020
- Progress towards UHC by 2025
- Achievement of SDGs



**HEALTH IS A HUMAN RIGHT**

FAMILY PLANNING   SKILLED BIRTH ATTENDANTS   ANTENATAL VISITS   VACCINES   ANTI-RETROVIRAL TREATMENT   TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT   INSECTICIDE-TREATED BED NETS

**THAT 400 MILLION ARE WAITING FOR**

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION / WORLD BANK GROUP (2015)

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**Thank you!  
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