

**SUBJECT: EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**

**Category: For Information**

### **Section A: Introduction**

- This report provides the Board with an overview of the activities of the Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) since the December 2019 Board.
- Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, the EAC had a virtual meeting on 25 March 2020. Many items scheduled for the meeting were postponed.
- Since the last report to the Board, the EAC has:
  - Discussed novel evaluation methods in the face of COVID-19 impacting on traditional data collection approaches. The EAC discussed the utility of a pulse survey to understand the impact of COVID-19 on Routine Immunisation and that considerations and questions around COVID-19 be considered as a part of ongoing evaluations;
  - Provided guidance on the draft questions for the final evaluation of the Advance Market Commitment (AMC);
  - Approved the addition of the Fragility, Emergencies, Refugees Policy to the 2020 Evaluation Workplan;
  - Provided guidance to the Secretariat on how to strengthen utility of learning products and communication of evaluation findings; and
  - Provided detailed feedback on the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the evaluations of Gavi's Engagement with the Private Sector and the Supply and Procurement Strategy. Final reports are expected Q4 2020.
- The EAC will focus on the 2021 workplan and supporting Gavi to develop a robust Theory of Change for Gavi 5.0 and an evaluation work plan which reflects the impact of recent Gavi Alliance Board decisions related to COVID-19. This should include how COVID-19 programming affects Gavi's other investments.

- One of the key principles for 5.0 is to strengthen learning from evidence. Identifying relevant evaluation questions early on will enable timely generation of evidence.
- The EAC believes that Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) and Gavi Alliance Board decisions could be better informed by past evaluations (e.g. section in the Board papers referring to relevant findings; pre-Board briefings, etc).
- The EAC Chair Report is attached in the form of a presentation as Annex A and the EAC recommendations to the Board are attached as Annex B.

### **Annexes**

**Annex A:** Evaluation Advisory Committee Chair report

**Annex B:** Evaluation Advisory Committee recommendations to Gavi Alliance Board

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BOARD MEETING

**Nina Schwalbe**

24-25 June 2020, Virtual Meeting



# Evaluation Workplan (2020-2021)

## WORK PLAN Prior EAC June 2020

Commissioning Unit	Evaluation Type (by subject/focus/scope)	Evaluators	Evaluation Timeline		Requested by	2019	2020				2021	
			Start Date	End Date		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
EVALUATION UNIT (Centralised)	<b>Strategies, policies and frameworks</b>											
	CCEOP (Phase I) Evaluation *	JSI	Jan-18	Dec-20	Board approved strategy		ONGOING					
	Co-financing, Eligibility and transition Policy Evaluation	CEPA	May-19	Apr-20	EAC		COMPLETED					
	Supply and Procurement Strategy Review *	CEPA	Apr-20	Nov/20	Board approved strategy		ONGOING					
	Gavi's Engagement with the Private Sector	Mott MacDonald	May-20	Jan-21	Secretariat		ONGOING					
	Post-transition Evaluation of Gavi support	TBD			Evaluation policy				TO BE CONFIRMED			
	Fragile, Emergencies and Refugees Evaluation (Retrospective)	TBD	Jul-20		Board approved policy		PLANNED					
	<b>Thematic</b>											
	AMC Outcome/Impact evaluation	TBD	Jan-21		AMC Board		PLANNED					
	PROGRAMME TEAMS/COUNTRY-LED (Decentralised)	<b>Decentralised evaluations/reviews</b>										
Country Programme Evaluation - Uganda**		IDRC	Jun-19	Jun-21	Country		ONGOING					
Country Programme Evaluation - Zambia**		University of Zambia	Jan-20	Dec-20	Country		ONGOING					
Partners Engagement Framework - Technical Country Assistance Country Assessments		IOD Parc	Dec-18	Mar-20	Secretariat/EAC		COMPLETED					
Girl Effect-Gavi partnership evaluation		Swiss TPH	Apr-20	Dec-20				ONGOING				
HSIS Evaluation - Papua New Guinea		TBD								TO BE CONFIRMED		
HSIS Evaluation - Somalia		TBD						PLANNED				
Looking Back at the Gavi 5.0 Data Strategic Area (Review)		TBD	Jun-20	Sep-20				PLANNED				
Evaluating the impact of electronic Logistic Management Information Systems (eLMIS) and Electronic Immunization Registries (EIR) in low- and middle-income countries	Boconi University						ONGOING					

\*\* Substantial evaluation involvement

\*High strategic value - EAC Oversight

To be confirmed	Decision to commission yet to be made
Planned	development, procurement processes and contract signing
Ongoing	Signed contract and implementation ongoing
Completed	Final report, dissemination

# Centralised evaluations in progress

Evaluation	Process Update
Evaluation of the Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Programme	Cross country and country midline reports submitted 2019. Endline and case studies planned for Q3/Q4 2020. Midline findings and recommendations used to inform Gavi white paper, PPC and Board updates 2020.
Evaluation of Gavi's Engagement with the Private Sector	Inception phase underway. Mott MacDonald selected supplier. Draft report by 9 November 2020. Final report by 11 December 2020.
Evaluation of Gavi's Supply and Procurement Strategy	Inception Phase underway. CEPA selected supplier. To inform update to PPC October 2020 (TBC) with first draft report delivered by 18 September 2020 and final report by 30 October 2020.
Evaluation of Gavi's Fragility, Emergencies, Refugees Policy	RFP in development. EAC review of Evaluation Questions pending.
AMC Outcome/Impact Evaluation	RFP launch Q3. Evaluation to launch Jan 2021.

# Gavi 5.0 and COVID-19

## Observations

- The Secretariat has instituted pulse surveys and incorporated questions related to the pandemic into ongoing evaluations
- In recent weeks Gavi has adopted a number of changes to its policies and programs in response to COVID-19
- Understanding the effects and impact of those changes on COVID-19 and Gavi more broadly (positive and negative) requires urgent attention and investment in evaluation

## Questions

- What are the the broader challenges that Gavi programmes will face because of the pandemic and how can Gavi start evaluating the impact?
- To what extent are processes in place to assess key shifts and define evaluation priorities?
- What are the priority questions for the Board?
- New challenges require new evaluation methods – the field is ready, is Gavi?

# Thank you

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# REVIEW OF DECISIONS

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EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
25 March 2020, Geneva



## Decision 1: Evaluation Workplan

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The Gavi Alliance Evaluation Advisory Committee:

- a) **Approved** the multi-year workplan for the remaining Gavi strategy period (2020) as set out in Doc 06, as amended by discussions at the EAC; and
- b) **Agreed** on the level of EAC involvement for the centralised evaluations of high strategic value to the Gavi Board.

# Thank you

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