

SUBJECT: PROGRAMME AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Category: For Information

Section A: Introduction

- This report provides the Board with an overview of the activities of the Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) since the Board last met in December 2019.
- The PPC met by videoconference on 26-27 May 2020. During the meeting, the Committee discussed a number of important topics for the Alliance and agreed on recommendations which are being put forward to the Board at its June meeting for consideration.
- The PPC Chair report is attached in the form of a presentation as Annex A and the PPC recommendations to the Board are attached as Annex B.

Annexes

Annex A: PPC Chair report

Annex B: PPC recommendations to Gavi Alliance Board

PROGRAMME AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

BOARD MEETING

Helen Rees

24-25 June 2020, Virtual Meeting



PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

Discussion and Guidance Items:

- CEO Update
- COVID-19 Pandemic Response: An Alliance update
- COVID-19 Pandemic: Vaccine Development, Access and Delivery
- Gavi 5.0: Measurement Framework/Strategy indicators

Recommendations to the Board:

- Strategy: Progress, Challenges and Risks and implications of COVID-19 on Gavi 5.0 operationalisation (*Agenda Item 03*)
- Review of the Gavi Gender Policy (*Agenda Item 04*)

PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

CEO Update:

- PPC members noted the importance of maintaining the right balance between Gavi's mission and the response to COVID-19
- Underlined the importance of a strong multilateral response and close coordination with partners in the face of a global pandemic
- Noted that countries had been given the opportunity to utilise 10% of their health systems strengthening (HSS) funds to respond to the outbreak, noting that countries have chosen to utilise only 6% reserving the rest for critical activities related to routine immunisation
- Enquired as to whether additional funding would be required to support routine immunisation for Gavi 5.0 in the COVID-19 context

PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

Strategy Progress Update:

- PPC members expressed appreciation that principle of equity remains critical for Gavi 5.0 – and advised to build local partnerships to enable tailored and targeted country approaches
- Expressed desire to ensure sufficient capacity exists within the Secretariat to manage the new work areas, including on Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform (CCEOP)
- Noted importance of Middle-Income Countries (MICs) workstream, including progressing with the technical assistance and political will building- to avoid backsliding for former eligible countries.
- Expressed concern on removing joint investment for CCEOP, as risks country ownership, sustainability, and domestic resource mobilisation. Secretariat will further review this

PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic Response: An Alliance update:

- PPC members commended the Secretariat on their quick and collaborative response to the pandemic
 - Referred to the importance and acknowledgement of the use of partnerships to date, including Alliance partners, development partners, industry, civil society organisations
 - Noted very strong support for the country perspective driving this with flexibility and tailored approaches and microplanning
 - On strengthening CCEOP and solarisation, supported the concept and the primary healthcare potential for this, but also advised to think through sustained expansion- looking at the evidence and need in response to COVID-19
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COVID-19 Pandemic: Vaccine Development, Access and Delivery:

- PPC members signaled that they wished to better understand how the Gavi Alliance Board and Committees will be engaged in decision making processes
- Flagged that it is essential that CSOs are fully engaged and consulted, especially to address any potential social bottlenecks, such as vaccine hesitancy or misinformation
- Probed for more detail on how this facility will differ from the current Gavi model with respect to both fundraising from donors and for ensuring there is sufficient demand
- Queried how the facility would improve global supply and capacity and ensure optimisation of overall prediction capacity

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Gavi 5.0: Measurement Framework/Strategy Indicators:

- PPC members agreed that extending timelines was appropriate given COVID-19, but that new timelines must be established and adhered to
- Discussed the benefit of alignment between the Gavi 5.0 framework and Immunization Agenda (IA) 2030
- Encouraged Gavi to work with peer organisations (e.g. the Global Fund and the Global Financing Facility) to look into common indicators
- Highlighted the importance of including indicators on supply chain, data, gender-related barriers, and integration into primary health care

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PPC Recommendations to the Board:

- Listed in Annex B
- Further details from the PPC discussions contained in the relevant papers to the Board, as listed in Slide 3

Thank you



REVIEW OF DECISIONS

PROGRAMME AND POLICY COMMITTEE
26-27 May 2020, Virtual Meeting



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Decision 1: Strategy: Progress, Challenges and Risks and implications of COVID-19 on Gavi 5.0 operationalisation (1/2)

The Gavi Alliance Programme and Policy Committee **recommended** to the Gavi Alliance Board that it:

1. **Grant** the Secretariat the authority to implement the following policy shifts from 1 July 2020 within the existing policy framework, noting that these shifts were approved by the Board in December 2019 for incorporation into Gavi's new funding policies:
 - a) Removing the programme filter requiring 70% or higher coverage of the 3rd dose of DTP-containing vaccine for a country to access new support for select vaccines (as set out in the Eligibility & Transition Policy);
 - b) Allocating HSS resources according to four criteria: equity (number of zero-dose children), coverage (number of underimmunised children), ability to pay (GNI pc), and population in need (birth cohort), with all four criteria equally weighted;
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Decision 1: Strategy: Progress, Challenges and Risks and implications of COVID-19 on Gavi 5.0 operationalisation (2/2)

- c) Removing the cap of US\$ 100 million over five years currently applied to total country HSS ceilings, but retaining the floor of US\$ 3 million;
- d) Integrating support for CCEOP into HSS support; and
- e) Discontinuing the mechanism of awarding Performance Payments (as set out in the HSIS Support Framework).

Decision 2: Review of the Gavi Gender Policy

The Gavi Alliance Programme and Policy Committee **recommended** to the Gavi Alliance Board that it:

Approve the revised Gavi Alliance Gender Policy attached as Annex B to Doc 04, as amended by discussions at the PPC.

