

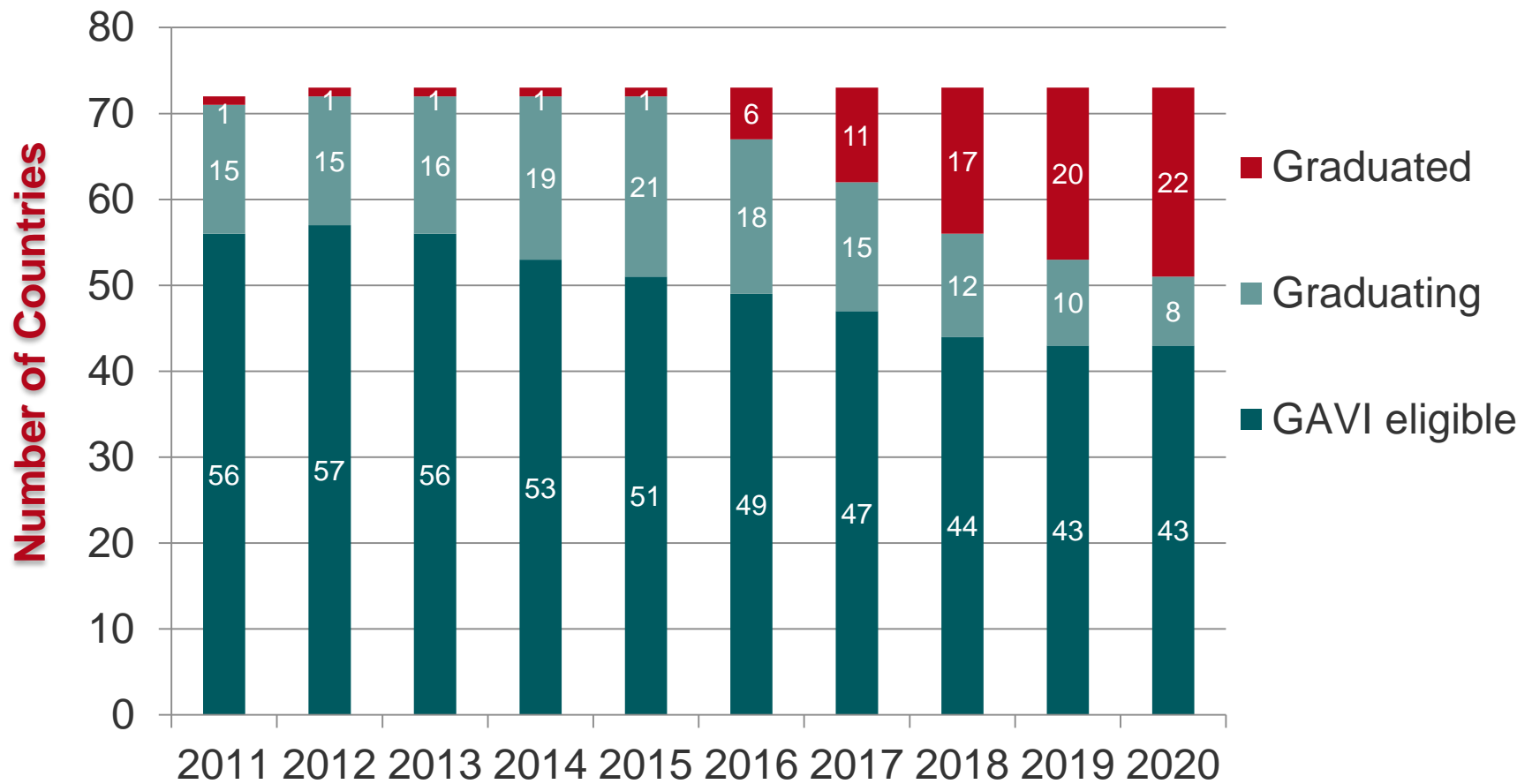
# **GAVI's engagement with graduating countries**

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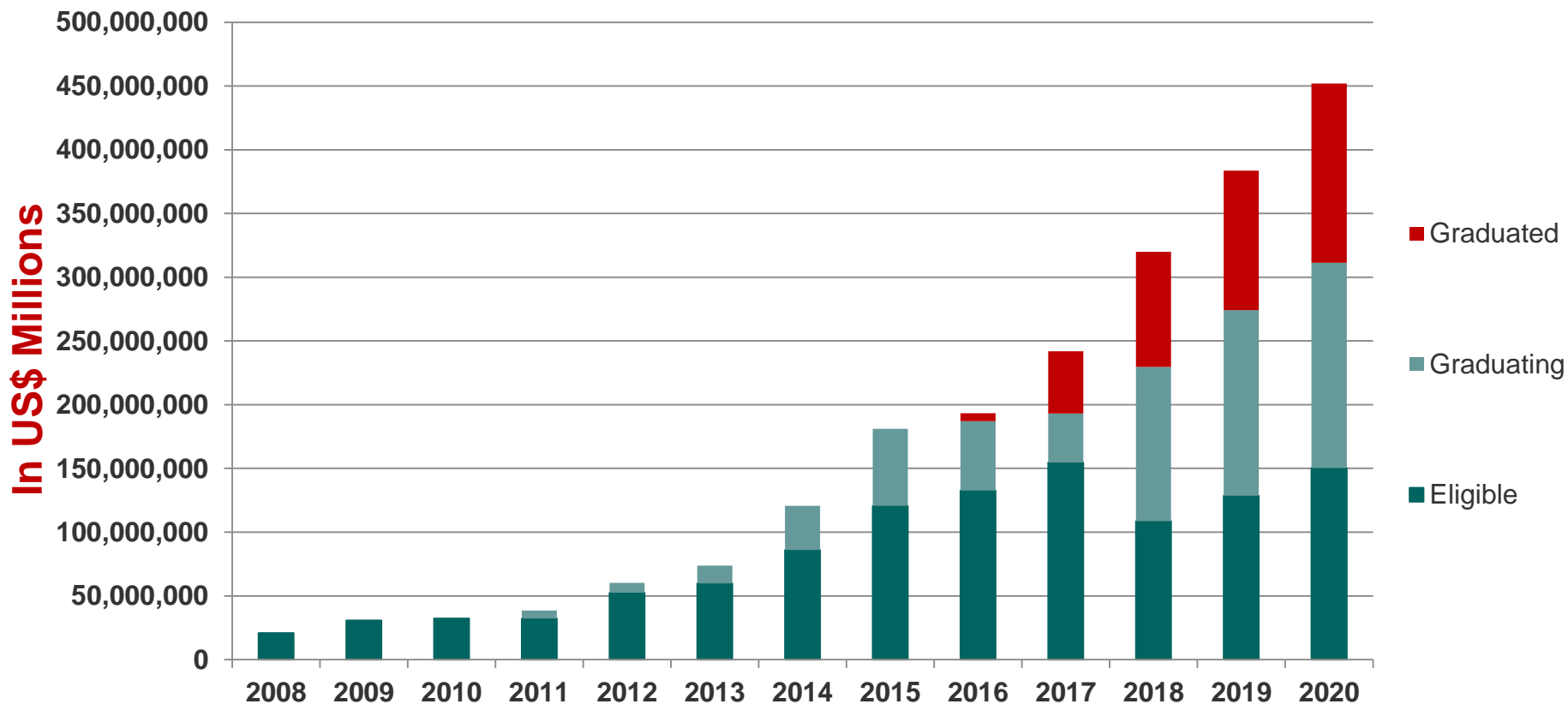
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# Number of graduating/graduated countries projected by 2020



# Countries contributions on GAVI supported vaccines: Over US\$ 2 billion



Note: India not included

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# Current approach to support graduating countries

- Assessing and mitigating potential bottlenecks to achieve financial sustainability of vaccines
- Technical support to strengthen national capacity
- Political advocacy on financial sustainability
- Exploring options to ensure access to affordable prices after graduation
- Independent evaluation of graduated countries

# Areas beyond financing sustainability need improvement in graduating countries

- GNI growth outpacing institutional and health systems development
- Adequate fiscal space is not always the main bottleneck
- Access to affordable prices is key
- Programmatic areas can be improved
- Most countries do not have access to GAVI's cash support during graduation

# Strengthening graduation: Proposed approach

- Allow new graduating countries to apply to new support during the grace year
- Conduct analysis to facilitate access to affordable prices post-graduation
- Broaden current engagement to include immunisation performance and institutional capacity
- Provide cash support to tackle bottlenecks during graduation

# Next steps

- Develop and implement communication strategy for graduation
- Revise framework and tools for graduation assessments and plans
- Prioritise countries to support the development of graduation plans in Q1
- Revise functions and composition of the Immunisation Financing & Sustainability task team
- Report to PPC on scope, process and progress on cash support for graduating countries

# Recommendations (1/3)

The GAVI Alliance Board is **Recommended** to:

- a) **Approve** that, to support time-limited catalytic investments in preparation for graduation, all graduating countries will be eligible to apply for a graduation grant on the basis of their graduation plan. A graduation grant covers the period until a country is graduated;
- b) **Approve** that countries entering the graduation process after 31 December 2013 will be eligible to apply for new support (HSS and vaccine support) until the end of the next calendar year after the date they have been informed of their expected graduation. Vaccine and HSS support may be provided to countries until they graduate. However, HSS support will only be available to such countries with a DTP3 coverage below 90%;



## Recommendations (2/3)

- c) **Approve** that, to address issues of low immunisation coverage, countries that have entered the graduation process prior to 31 December 2013 and that have a DTP3 coverage below 90% are eligible to apply for HSS support that may be provided until they graduate;
- d) **Request** the Secretariat to conduct analyses and consultations to develop and propose instruments to support access to affordable prices for all Lower Middle Income Countries (LMICs), including graduated countries and non-GAVI LMICs. Options would be brought to the Board for consideration in 2014;
- e) **Approve** an amount up to US\$ 2 million to be added to the 2014 Business Plan for the GAVI Secretariat and partners to scale-up engagement with graduating countries.

## Recommendations (3/3)

- f) **Note** that the PPC requested the Secretariat, working with the Immunisation Financing & Sustainability task team and key stakeholders, to conduct further analysis in relation to the implementation of the catalytic investments and HSS support for countries currently in the graduation track and to report back to the PPC;
- g) **Note** that the decisions made in relation to support for graduating countries do not pre-empt any decision to be made on graduation support in the 2016-2020 Strategy.



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