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The Minister of Population and Health  
Ministry of Population and Health  
Kabul  
Afghanistan

03 October 2019

***Afghanistan Request for Additional Flexibility Funding of  
Health System Strengthening Programme***

Honorable Minister,

I refer to the request for support for the additional flexibility funding to Afghanistan Health System Strengthening (HSS) Programme submitted to the Gavi Secretariat in March 2019.


In April 2019, the Independent Review Committee (IRC) reviewed your request and recommended approval with clarifications. Based on the clarifications presented, the IRC recommends **approval** of the HSS additional flexibility funding, as described in Annex A to this letter.

The programme budget endorsed by Gavi is for the years 2019 to 2021 with approved allocation for disbursement covering the years 2019 and 2020. Approval for 2021 disbursement will be requested from the Gavi High-Level Review Panel in 2020.

The attached Annex includes programmatic and financial information related to this additional flexibility funding to Afghanistan HSS.

Please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Ricard Lacort at [rlacort@gavi.org](mailto:rlacort@gavi.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Thabani Maphosa  
Managing Director, Country Programmes

Attachments:

Anne A: Decision Letter Afghanistan Health Systems Strengthening Programme

## Decision Letter

### Afghanistan Health Systems Strengthening Programme

This Decision Letter forms part of the PFA and together with the PFA sets out the Programme Terms of the Programme. Any term used in this Decision Letter but not defined shall have the meaning given to such term in the PFA.

<b>1. Country:</b> Afghanistan																		
<b>2. Programme payment grant number:</b> 1619-AFG-10a-Y; 2021-AFG-10a-Y																		
<b>3. Date of Decision Letter:</b> 03 October 2019																		
<b>4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the "PFA"):</b> 30 April 2013																		
<b>5. Programme: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)</b>  For further information about the Programme please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gavi HSS guidelines and HSS application form available by contacting your Gavi country manager;</li> <li>Country's approved grant proposal together with any responses to the HSS independent review process request for clarifications;</li> <li>The workplan and budget document circulated by email describing the expected Programme Activities and Programme Budget as at the Date of the Decision Letter.</li> </ul>																		
<b>6. Programme Duration:</b> 2016-2021																		
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- 8. Annual Amounts:** This is the estimated annual amount Gavi has approved to be disbursed under the Programme. The Country acknowledges that:
- (a) a proportion of the Annual Amount may be disbursed directly to an agreed implementing agency, such as WHO and UNICEF, rather than to the Country; and
  - (b) each Annual Amount may be disbursed in a number of tranches at quarterly or six-monthly intervals.

Programme year	2016-2019	2019	2020	2021
Annual Amount (US\$)	47,499,999			
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- 9. Outstanding comments/clarifications:** The Country shall provide the following clarifications to Gavi<sup>1</sup>: Not applicable

- 10. Documents to be delivered:** Not applicable

- 11. Other conditions: The following terms and conditions shall apply to the Programme.**

Any requested adjustments to the Annual Amounts will be subject to Gavi approval. It is essential that Country's Health Sector Coordination Committee (or its equivalent) be involved with this process both in its technical process function and its support during implementation and monitoring of the Programme. Utilisation of Gavi support stated in this letter will be subject to performance monitoring.

If the bank account information most recently provided to Gavi has changed or changes prior to disbursement, the country will need to complete a bank account information form. Please contact [gavihss@gavi.org](mailto:gavihss@gavi.org) for the form.

On behalf of Gavi



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<sup>1</sup> Failure to provide the comments/clarifications requested may result in Gavi withholding further disbursements