

Decision Letter

Lao PDR 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.

<p>1. Country: Lao PDR</p>
<p>2. Programme payment grant number: 1618-LAO-10a-Y ; 1820-LAO-10a-Y</p>
<p>3. Date of Decision Letter: 21 December 2017</p>
<p>4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the “PFA”): 7 June 2013</p>
<p>5. Programme: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)</p> <p>For further information about the Programme please refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavi HSS guidelines and HSS application form available by contacting your Gavi country manager; • Country’s approved grant proposal together with any responses to the HSS independent review committee (IRC’s) request for clarifications;
<p>6. Gavi performance based funding</p> <p>The Programme shall be subject to Gavi’s performance-based funding (PBF). Under this, the HSS support will be split into two payments: the programmed payment (based on implementation of the Programme) and the performance payment (based on improvements in immunisation outcomes). This means that in the first year, Country will receive 100% of the year one annual amount, as an upfront payment. After year one, countries will receive 80% of the annual amount, based on implementation of the grant. Note that countries whose total grant budget would fall below US\$3 million are exempt from this 80% rule.</p> <p>Lao PDR will have the opportunity to receive payments beyond the programme budget amount, for exceptional performance. Such performance payments will be based on performance on immunisation outcome indicators. For any given year, the programmed payment and performance payment may total up to 150% of the country’s year one annual amount (upfront investment).</p> <p>Performance payments for a given year will be made the following year, based on performance of the indicators listed and data verification.</p> <p><u>Lao PDR was not eligible to receive a performance payment for 2017, as their coverage data for both DTP3 and MCV1 decreased since 2016.</u></p>
<p>7. Programme Duration: 2016 to 2020</p>

8. Programme Budget: This is the amount of an estimated multi-year budget endorsed by Gavi under the Programme.
Note that with PBF, annual disbursements may be more or less than these endorsed amounts after the first year.

Programme Year	2016-2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Programme Budget (US\$)	3,555,846	1,844,154	1,800,000	1,800,000	10,326,298
Performance payment (US\$)	0				

9. 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	2016-2017	2018
Annual Amount (US\$)	3,555,846	1,844,154
Performance payment (US\$)	0	

10. Outstanding comments/clarifications: Not applicable

11. Documents to be delivered: Not applicable

12. 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 for the form.

Signed by,



On behalf of Gavi
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