

Decision Letter

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) Programme

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

- 1. Country: Lao People's Democratic Republic
- 2. Grant number: LAO-HSS-3,LAO-HSS-3-MOH,LAO-HSS-3-UNIC
- 3. Date of Decision Letter: 29 April 2020
- 4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the "PFA"): 7 June 2013
- 5. Programme: Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)

For further information about the Programme please refer to:

- 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;
- The workplan and budget document describing the expected Programme Activities and Programme Budget as at the Date of the Decision Letter.
- **6. Gavi performance based funding:** Not applicable as there has not been any coverage increase compared to baseline (start year of programme) .
- 7. **Programme Duration:** 2016-2021 (a one year no cost extension was granted as part of the overall reallocation and budget review in July 2019).
- **8. Programme Budget:** This is the amount of an estimated multi-year budget endorsed by Gavi under the Programme.

Programme Year	2016-2019	2020*	Total
Programme Budget (US\$) Inclusive of top up #1	7,200,000	1,800,000	9,000,000
HSS flexibility for additional funds (US\$) Top up #2	2,250,000	-	2,250,000
Total			11,250,000

^{*}The 2020 programme budget can be used until December 2021.

- **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 will be disbursed directly to the agreed implementing agency, UNICEF, rather than to the Country
 - (b) Each Annual Amount may be disbursed in tranches at quarterly or six-monthly intervals.

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- 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.

This Decision Letter is for the approval of the grant. Disbursements will be subject to the lifting of the official suspension of the cash programmes, and subject to the mutually agreed upon calendar of reimbursement following the Gavi audit.

Any requested adjustments to the Annual Amounts will be subject to Gavi approval. It is essential that the Country's Inter-Agency 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.

Signed by,

Pascal Bijleveld Director, Country Support

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