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14 October 2019

***Decision Letter: Request for approval of Gavi  
Health Systems Strengthening additional funds***

Your Excellency,

I am writing in relation to Tajikistan's request for approval of Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) additional funds under Board approved HSS Flexibilities which was submitted to the Gavi Secretariat in April 2019.

In May 2019, the Independent Review Committee (IRC) reviewed your request and recommended approval subject to clarifications. Based on the country's response to clarifications, the IRC recommended approval of the additional funding for Health Systems Strengthening programme in Tajikistan, subject to conditions and requirements as specified in the Appendices to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Country Manager for Tajikistan Mr Homero Hernandez at [hhernandez@gavi.org](mailto:hhernandez@gavi.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Thabani Maphosa  
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          UNICEF Country Representative  
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## Decision Letter

### Tajikistan 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> Tajikistan
<b>2. Grant number:</b> TJK-HSS-2, TJK-HSS-2-PBF, TJK-HSS-2-PBF-UNDP, TJK-HSS-2-UNDP, TJK-HSS-2-UNIC, TJK-HSS-2-WHO
<b>3. Date of Decision Letter:</b> 14 October 2019
<b>4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the “PFA”):</b> 7 November 2012
<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 committee (IRC’s) request for clarifications;</li> <li>• The workplan and budget document describing the expected Programme Activities and Programme Budget as at the Date of the Decision Letter.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Gavi performance based funding</b>  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.  Country 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 120% of the country’s year one annual amount (upfront investment).  <u>Performance payments for a given year will be made the following year, based on performance of the indicators listed and data verification.</u>
<b>7. Programme Duration:</b> 2016 to 2020

**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	2016-2018	2019	2020	Total
Programme Budget (US\$)	5,948,145	1,689,200	2,022,655	9,660,000
HSS Flexibilities for additional funds (US\$)		2,859,018	2,138,992	4,998,010
Performance Payment (US\$)	460,000			460,000

**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, UNDP, UNICEF and The World Bank, 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	2016-2018	2019	2020
Annual Amount (US\$)	5,948,145		
HSS Flexibilities for additional funds (US\$)		2,859,018	2,138,992
Performance payment (US\$)	460,000		

**10. Outstanding comments/clarifications:** The Country shall provide the following clarifications to Gavi<sup>1</sup>: 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](mailto:gavihss@gavi.org) for the form.

Signed by,



**On behalf of Gavi**

Thabani Maphosa

Managing Director, Country Programmes

14 October 2019

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