

Decision Letter

Lao PDR

Health Systems Strengthening Programme

Targeted Country Assistance Programme

This Decision Letter sets out the Programme Terms of a Programme

This Decision Letter forms part of the Partnership Framework Agreement and together with the Partnership Framework Agreement 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 Partnership Framework Agreement. The English language version of this Decision Letter shall prevail in the case of any conflict with terms expressed in any other language.

1. Country: Lao PDR

2. Grant Number: LAO-HSS-4, LAO-TCA, LAO-EAF

3. Date of Decision Letter¹: 01 December 2023

4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement (the "PFA"): 07 June 2013

5. Programme(s):

Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)

FOR NEW PROGRAMMES in Gavi 5.0: For further information about the Programme please refer to:

- The Gavi *Theory of Change and Request for Support* guidelines and forms: available by contacting your Gavi Senior Country Manager;
- Country's approved grant proposal together with any responses to the Theory of Change independent review process and any request for clarifications;
- The workplan and budget document circulated by email describing the expected Programme Activities and Programme Budget as per the Date of the Decision Letter.

FOR ONGOING PROGRAMMES: For further information about the Programme please refer to the approved grant proposal/Programme Support Rationale document, the relevant Independent Review Committee report and the latest approved workplan and budget circulated by Gavi via email.

Targeted Country Assistance (TCA)

When countries undergo their full portfolio planning process during the 5.0 strategic period, TCA support will be planned for and incorporated into a country's Theory of Change and Gavi Support Detail as part of an integrated planning process and request for Gavi support.

For further information about the Programme please refer to:

- Gavi Theory of Change guidelines and Gavi support template by contacting your Gavi Senior Country Manager; and
- Country's approved Theory of change and workplan together with any responses following the IRC review process

In other cases where the Country's TCA request is not part of the full portfolio planning process, the request will be considered separately, and approved for the remainder of the current HSS grant.

¹ This Decision Letter will apply for the programme duration. Gavi will only update this Decision Letter in the event of additional funding is requested and approved

6. Programme Duration²: HSS: 2023-2024 ; TCA: 2022 - 2025 ; EAF: 2022

7. Annual Amounts: (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement)

This is the total amount approved by Gavi for the entire duration of the programme, estimated to be disbursed under the Programme. Annual amounts are defined as per section 4.1 of the PFA. 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. Further, amounts beyond the current Gavi strategic period (2021 – 2025) where applicable are indicative and are subject to the availability of funds and relevant approvals by the Gavi Board.

The Country acknowledges that: (a) a proportion of or the full Annual Amount may be disbursed directly to an agreed implementing partner, such as WHO, UNICEF and/or expanded partners, if agreed between Gavi and the country rather than to the Country; (b) each Annual Amount may be disbursed in a number of tranches at quarterly or six-monthly intervals; and (c) such disbursement shall constitute the satisfaction of the payment of that amount as if it were made to the Country.

Provision of technical assistance will continue to be channeled through partners (including UN partners, global and local partners, academic institutions and CSOs).

Utilisation of Gavi support is subject to performance monitoring. If the bank account information most recently provided to Gavi has changed or changes prior to disbursement, the Country shall complete a bank account information form updating the relevant information. Please contact gavihss@gavi.org for the form.

Programme Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Total
HSS (US\$)	-	2.000.000	-	-	-	-	2.000.000
PSC and Risk Assurance (US\$)	-	-	340.000	-	-	-	340.000
Equity Accelerator Funding ³ (US\$)	389.000	-	-	-	-	-	389.000
Targeted Country Assistance (US\$) ⁴	527.212	1.744.727	1.105.310	1.105.310	-	-	4.482.559
Total (US\$)	916.212	3.744.727	1.445.310	1.105.310	-	-	7.211.559

8. Outstanding comments/clarifications: None

9. Documents to be delivered:

10. Other conditions - the following terms and conditions shall apply to the Programme:

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² This is the entire duration of the programme.

³ HSS can be programmed for broader systems strengthening activities. Equity Accelerator Funding complements HSS support to further accelerate existing equity programming. EAF can only be used for activities that are identified as critical to reaching zero-dose children and missed communities in a specific context.

⁴ For Targeted Country Assistance, support prior to 2022 is not reflected in this Decision Letter.