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The Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
International Health Relations Department
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Tajikistan

11 December 2014

Dear Minister,

Management Letter: Request for 2015 Renewal of Gavi support for New Vaccines Support

This management letter accompanies the Decision Letter about Tajikistan's request for renewal for New Vaccines Support (NVS) for pentavalent vaccine which was reviewed by the Gavi High Level Review Panel (HLRP) on 27-29 October 2014.

The HLRP replaces the monitoring Independent Review Committee in making recommendations to Gavi's Chief Executive Officer on the renewal of Gavi support for existing grants. This change is part of Gavi's new grant application, monitoring and review approach, which is designed to ensure closer coordination with countries' planning cycles, better align NVS and HSS support, and improve fiduciary oversight. The HLRP, composed of Alliance partners and Independent Review Committee (IRC) members, is designed to increase the accountability of the Alliance, and to streamline the review processes. The Panel will meet several times a year to enable alignment with countries' budgetary and planning cycles.

This management letter sets out areas on which we would like encourage follow up actions.

The Internal Appraisal conducted by Gavi has noted the following recommended areas for action. We encourage you to work to ensure these points are adequately addressed. We request that you review the table below and provide us feedback on the suggested actions and timeframe to address the comments. I will be following up with your Ministry and our partners on the following:

Immunisation programme management:

- Improve program management by introducing standard operating procedures
- Improve documentation of meetings, progress made in each area
- Define technical assistance needs for ICC

Immunisation services

- Strengthen the capacity and increase the financial support of the mobile units working in the hard to reach areas

Cold Chain

- Implementation of EVM recommendations should speed up and improve the situation at central and regional levels in light of the new vaccine introductions. VIGs for IPV and Rota should be used efficiently to maximize benefits for the cold chain improvement.

Data quality

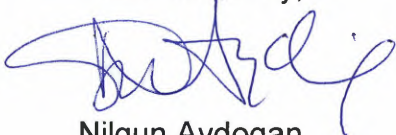
To bring the estimation methodology of the target population (denominator) for calculating coverage towards WHO recommendations.

Health Systems Strengthening (HSS)

- Develop plans to improve:
 - HSCC role and oversight including technical assistance
 - Program management and documentation (introduce standard operating procedures)
 - Utilise the findings in the new HSS implementation when approved
- Provide Gavi with end of grant detailed report with financial documentation

Please do not hesitate to contact me at naydogan@gavi.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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Attachments: Tajikistan's Internal Appraisal

cc: The Minister of Finance
The Director of Medical Services
Director Planning Unit, MoH
The Director of RCIP
WHO Country Representative
UNICEF Country Representative
WHO EURO
UNICEF CEE/CIS Regional Office
WHO HQ
UNICEF Programme Division
The World Bank

Tajikistan VACCINE SUPPORT

This Decision Letter sets out the Programme Terms of a Programme.

1. Country: Tajikistan			
2. Grant Number: 1115-TJK-04a-X			
3. Date of Decision Letter: 11/12/2014			
4. Date of the Partnership Framework Agreement: 7th November 2012			
5. Programme Title: NVS, Pentavalent Routine			
6. Vaccine type: Pentavalent			
7. Requested product presentation and formulation of vaccine: DTP-HepB-Hib, 1 dose(s) per vial, LIQUID			
8. Programme Duration¹: 2008 - 2015			
9. Programme Budget (indicative) (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement):			
	2008-2014	2015	Total ²
Programme Budget (US\$)	US\$11,877,517 ³	US\$1,513,000	US\$13,390,517
10. Vaccine Introduction Grant: Not applicable as already disbursed to country.			

¹ This is the entire duration of the programme.

² This is the total amount endorsed by GAVI for the entire duration of the programme. This should be equal to the total of all sums in the table.

³ This is the consolidated amount for all previous years.

11. Indicative Annual Amounts (subject to the terms of the Partnership Framework Agreement):⁴

Type of supplies to be purchased with GAVI funds in each year	2008-2014	2015
Number of Pentavalent vaccines doses		740,000
Number of AD syringes		881,200
Number of re-constitution syringes		
Number of safety boxes		9,700
Annual Amounts (US\$)	US\$11,877,517 ⁵	US\$1,513,000

12. Procurement agency: UNICEF. The Country shall release its Co-Financing Payments each year to UNICEF.

13. Self-procurement: Not applicable.

14. Co-financing obligations: Reference code: 1115-TJK-04a-X-C. According to the Co-Financing Policy, the Country falls within the group Low Income.
The following table summarises the Co-Financing Payment(s) and quantity of supply that will be procured with such funds in the relevant year.

Type of supplies to be purchased with Country funds in each year	2015
Number of vaccine doses	83,300
Number of AD syringes	
Number of re-constitution syringes	
Number of safety boxes	
Value of vaccine doses (US\$)	US\$159,230
Total Co-Financing Payments (US\$) (including freight)	US\$165,000

15. Operational support for campaigns: Not applicable

⁴ This is the amount that GAVI has approved.

⁵ This is the consolidated amount for all previously approved years.

16. Additional documents to be delivered for future disbursements:	
Reports, documents and other deliverables	Due dates
<i>Annual Progress Report 2014</i>	As agreed with the Gavi secretariat
17. Financial Clarifications: The Country shall provide the following clarifications to GAVI*: <i>*Failure to provide the financial clarifications requested may result in GAVI withholding further disbursements</i>	
18. Other conditions: Not applicable.	

Signed by,

On behalf of the GAVI Alliance

Hind H. Khatib

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11 December 2014

