

The Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) Report

Quality assessment of the evaluation

Name of evaluation: Evaluation of the Cold Chain Equipment Optimization Platform (CCEOP)

Year of report: 2021

a) The Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) rated this report as;

- Fully met or exceeded Gavi quality standards
- Met Gavi quality standards with only minor shortcomings
- Partially met Gavi quality standards with some shortcomings
- Did not meet Gavi quality standards with major shortcomings

b) General comments:

Strengths

The report is highly readable and organised appropriately. It is well written, easily accessible, and summarises a very extensive body of evidence with considerable clarity and transparency. It makes good use of tables, figures, and graphics. The summary table provided in the executive summary is useful. In general a good high level overview of CCEOP as a whole was provided as was some details about its focus in each of the three case study countries (Guinea, Kenya, Pakistan). The context, purpose, scope, and objectives are well defined and the evaluation questions are clear. The organizing framework for the evaluation is useful. The findings are presented in a clear and systematic way against the evaluation questions and are evidence based. The conclusions are well substantiated by the evidence particularly for the category of intermediate outputs and outcomes.

Shortcomings

There are few departures from the original ToR/RFP. Some elements such as the presentation of information on stakeholders, how they were related to the project, and how they were engaged could be strengthened. The presentation of the mixed methods design, sample collection, statistical analysis plan, and qualitative research approach could be further developed for the cross country report as was done for country case studies. It is not clear how the intervention logic was conceptualised, how intermediate outcomes were measured and how alternative explanations were considered. In general, while the evaluation sought hard to produce useful recommendations, a strong case wasn't made in the report either that such recommendations were clearly those for which there was the greatest demand to guide onward decision making.