



Community outreach vaccination, Uganda, March 2024  
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# Gavi impact in Africa since 2000



**Gavi's mission is to save lives and protect people's health by increasing equitable and sustainable use of vaccines. Our work is driven by country needs and priorities. Gavi supports countries to strengthen primary health care (PHC) through innovative partnerships that address challenges of access to immunisation, including gender-related barriers.**

By improving access to new and under-used vaccines for millions of the most vulnerable children, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is transforming the lives of individuals, helping to boost the economies of countries and making the world safer for everyone. By leveraging the strength of the Vaccine Alliance to improve child health and PHC, we are working in support of the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Gavi's support helps improve global health security by reducing the risk of infectious disease outbreaks that have epidemic and pandemic potential. Crucial to this engagement is Gavi's support for emergency vaccine stockpiles to protect against the epidemic-prone diseases cholera, Ebola, meningococcal meningitis and yellow fever.

## World's first malaria vaccines

As of April 2025, 20 countries in Africa have introduced malaria vaccines into routine immunisation with Gavi support: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Uganda. Additional countries are expected to introduce this year.

## Overview: Gavi's impact in Africa (2000–2023)



40

country partners



21

infectious diseases are prevented by vaccines in Gavi's portfolio in Africa as of April 2025 – including Ebola, malaria and mpox



>US\$ 13.6bn

disbursed in Gavi-supported African countries (58% of overall Gavi disbursements)



>US\$ 1.1bn

co-financed by African countries since 2008



469m

children reached through routine immunisation in Africa



12m

future deaths averted in Africa<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on estimates of impact from the Vaccine Impact Modelling Consortium (VIMC) using the 2023 WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage (WUENIC), July 2024



Gavi-supported HPV vaccination, Ethiopia, November 2024  
Credit: UNICEF Ethiopia/2024

## Driving progress through partnership

Investing in health care is essential to sustainable development: as children become healthier, they, their families, communities and countries are more able to be economically prosperous and socially stable. Through our current partnerships with 40 African countries, Gavi supports routine immunisation programmes to strengthen access to and delivery of PHC as a pathway towards achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Last African Vaccination Week (AVW), partners celebrated 50 years of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) – the impact of which Gavi was established in 2000 to expand. [Click here](#) to read more about these partnerships.

## Sustainable financing

African governments have increased considerably their co-financing of Gavi-supported vaccines over the last ten years—from US\$ 15 million in 2010 to more than US\$ 145 million in 2023. This sustained investment is in alignment with the Addis Declaration on Immunization commitment to “increase and sustain domestic investments and funding allocations for immunization.” By end 2023, African governments had invested more than **US\$ 1.1 billion in co-financing of Gavi-supported vaccines**. In July 2024, the Abidjan Declaration in Côte d’Ivoire marked a new era of sustainable immunisation in Africa – read more in [this article](#) by Gavi CEO Dr Sania Nishtar, writing in *The Africa Report*.

## Combating cervical cancer

Between 2014 and 2023, more than **20.2m girls in Africa** have been immunised against human papillomavirus (HPV), the main cause of cervical cancer, and **23 African countries** had introduced the HPV vaccine with Gavi support.

This will support countries to mobilise domestic resources for health and improve health spending, while enabling development partners and countries to align on joint financing.

## Addressing inequities in immunisation, reaching zero-dose children

By end 2023, Africa was home to more than 7.1 million ‘zero-dose’ children who have not received even a single vaccine shot; 1.6 million of these children live in countries facing fragility. To reach them, Gavi’s 2021–2025 strategy brings a much stronger focus on reaching the most marginalised by strengthening PHC systems; building and sustaining community demand; addressing gender-related barriers; and bringing innovative approaches to ensure that immunisation services reach these children.

Immunisation protects the health of communities, reduces the number of people forced into poverty, and gives children an equal chance of a healthier and more productive future.

In Africa, continued commitment by country governments and local authorities; support from Vaccine Alliance partners; civil society engagement; and the voices of vaccine champions will be pivotal to attaining vaccine equity—both between and within countries.