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Gavi's approach to supporting middle-income countries facing challenges related to fragility, emergencies, and displaced populations



A key tool for sustaining routine immunisation programmes

Countries¹ affected by fragility, insecurity, conflict, and emergencies face unique challenges in sustaining routine immunisation service provision and uptake. In these contexts, large parts of the population, including displaced communities, are at an increased risk of being left behind. As immunity gaps widen, there are also significant threats to the progress made in eliminating and eradicating vaccine-preventable diseases. In recognition of this, in June 2022 the Gavi Board approved dedicated support to help sustain routine immunisation programmes in middle-income countries facing challenges related to fragility, emergencies, and displaced populations².

Country eligibility

In order to be considered for dedicated fragility support, countries must be eligible under the MICs Approach. Table 1 presents the list of eligible countries as of July 2022.

Conditions for support

Countries eligible under the MICs Approach must meet three conditions to be considered for dedicated fragility support to help sustain their routine immunisation programmes. These conditions are:

- 1 The country must fall within the classification for settings of chronic fragility, acute emergencies and/or hosting displaced populations as per Gavi's Fragility, Emergencies and Displaced Populations Policy³;
- 2 There must be an evidence-based demonstration of a time-limited need against which Gavi is best placed to respond in line with the Alliance's comparative advantages; and
- 3 Gavi's support must remain time-limited and the country must give a clear commitment to sustain funding for immunisation following the end of Gavi support, thereby assuring a clear exit strategy and avoiding the creation of dependencies in line with Gavi's development model.

Table 1

Countries and economies eligible under the MICs Approach as of July 2022

Former-Gavi eligible countries			Never-Gavi eligible countries*		
Angola	Guyana	Sri Lanka	Algeria	Kosovo	Saint Lucia
Armenia	Honduras	Timor-Leste	Belize	Lebanon	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Azerbaijan	Indonesia	Ukraine	Cabo Verde	Maldives	Samoa
Bhutan	Kiribati	Uzbekistan	Dominica	Marshall Islands	Tonga
Bolivia	Mongolia	Viet Nam	Egypt	Micronesia	Tunisia
Cuba	Nicaragua		El Salvador	Morocco	Tuvalu
Georgia	Moldova		Eswatini	Occupied Palestinian territory	Vanuatu
			Fiji	Philippines	Venezuela**
			Grenada		
			Iran		

*The list of never-Gavi eligible LMICs will be updated to include any countries reclassified as LMICs based on their 2022 or 2023 GNI p.c., released by the World Bank in 2023 and 2024 respectively.

**The Gavi Board approved that Venezuela be treated as eligible under the MICs Approach in the absence of a World Bank income classification.

Dedicated fragility support through the MICs Approach

Support for countries facing challenges related to fragility, emergencies, and displaced populations is time-limited and determined on a case-by-case basis. The details of support are defined in collaboration with in-country partners to ensure that Gavi's efforts are complementary to those of others.

Dedicated support may include:

- A portion of vaccine financing for existing routine vaccines;
- Technical assistance; and/or
- Access to Gavi prices⁴.

Gavi is continuously monitoring the status of countries eligible under the MICs Approach facing situations of fragility, emergencies, or displaced populations. Gavi welcomes discussions with countries or partners interested in exploring relevant challenges in more depth.

¹ In this document, the term countries is used to denote both countries and economies. Gavi's engagement does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of Gavi concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of frontiers or boundaries.

² Please find the June 2022 Board paper on the MICs Approach and supplementary documents linked [here](#).

³ Please find more details on Gavi's Fragility, Emergencies and Displaced Populations Policy linked [here](#).

⁴ Where this could lead to savings and with the agreement of manufacturers.



If you have questions about the MICs Approach please contact your Country Engagement Manager/ Senior Country Manager

