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USAID'S INVESTMENT TO GAVI, THE VACCINE ALLIANCE

In 2017, an estimated 19.9 million infants worldwide were not reached with routine immunization. Delivering vaccinations is one of the most cost-effective ways to save lives, protect communities from infectious diseases, and improve health to ensure long-term prosperity and economic growth. Created in 2000, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is an international organization that brings together the public and private sectors with the shared goal of creating equal access to vaccines for children, wherever they live.

USAID PARTNERS WITH GAVI

Gavi's international programs support 13 life-saving vaccines and provide health system strengthening and targeted technical assistance across the globe. With support from donors, including USAID, Gavi supports the accelerated introduction of new and underutilized vaccines in 73 countries. As one of Gavi's longstanding donors, USAID has directly contributed to progress in immunization coverage, providing more than \$2 billion in support to Gavi since FY 2001. Across the world, immunization yields up to a 48-fold return on investments, averting an estimated 2-3 million child deaths per year.

LEVERAGING OUR BILATERAL AND GAVI INVESTMENTS

USAID's contributions to Gavi work in tandem with our bilateral investments. USAID's country programs build local and government capacity through interventions that support health worker training, supply chain management, and the development of sound immunization policy, strategies and guidelines, which, in turn, extend the efficacy and impact of our Gavi investment.

USAID investments help to build and sustain strong routine immunization systems to deliver Gavi-supported vaccines. The following are three examples of ways USAID's contributions to Gavi leverage our bilateral investment to prevent child and maternal deaths:

1. In Tanzania, USAID supported the implementation of the Reaching Every Child strategy in 19 underperforming districts, reducing the number of unvaccinated children in USAID-supported districts by 85% in three years. USAID also supported the piloting of an

innovative Vaccine Information Management System (VIMS) to improve access and use of data at all levels and to drive improvements in routine immunization. USAID's investments and efforts informed the nationwide scale-up of the VIMS, which is now being supported with resources from Gavi.

2. In Nigeria, USAID has partnered with the State Governments of Bauchi and Sokoto and the Bill and Melinda Gates and Dangote Foundations, to address supply and demand side barriers to immunization and strengthen political will and financial commitment for immunization. This unique model is being scaled up in other states with Gavi support.
3. In Pakistan, USAID support to the National Immunization Strengthening Program leverages funding from Gavi, other donors, and domestic resources to prioritize interventions in low-performing areas and drive improvements in immunization coverage.

RESULTS

Since 2000, USAID has supported Gavi in vaccinating more than 700 million children through routine programs and 760 million people through campaigns, saving more than 10 million lives.

USAID's bilateral programs and efforts to unite the public and private sectors have also played a pivotal role in supporting the introduction and scale-up of new vaccines and building sustainable immunization systems to support their delivery.

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

1. Gavi immunized **65 million children**—3 million more children than in 2016—often with more than one Gavi-supported vaccine.
2. Average coverage of Gavi-funded vaccines in supported countries climbed to **41 percent**, up from 37 percent in 2016, with more countries offering a wider range of vaccines as part of their routine immunization programs than ever before.
3. Through 2017, **8 countries transitioned** out of Gavi's financial support, bringing the total number of countries that transitioned out to 15.
4. **\$48 million** in vaccine programs was invested by “transitioned” or “transitioning” countries that was formerly invested by Gavi, evidence that USAID's support to Gavi is helping improve country ownership and long-term sustainability.
5. On average, **84 percent** of districts across Gavi-supported countries met the benchmark for equitable immunization coverage.

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