

# 5<sup>th</sup> GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum

## Participant Feedback Report



### Rising to the challenge

GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum  
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## Executive Summary

The GAVI Alliance held its fifth Partners' Forum from 5-7 December 2012 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Forum was designed to enable new and existing partners and countries to provide feedback, share best practices, discuss key challenges, explore new collaborative models to enhance future programmatic performance and encourage innovation to address key bottlenecks - all while celebrating progress on an ambitious immunisation agenda.

The goal of the Forum was to explore, with the partners, better ways to accelerate Results, Innovation, Sustainability and Equity (RISE) in immunisation through a series of interactive plenary, panel, workshop and consultation sessions. The Forum was themed "Rising to the Challenge" to reflect the goal and each of the 45 technical sessions focussed on one of the four themes. A key objective was also to strengthen and broaden the partnership.

Five hundred and eighty participants from 94 countries attended the Forum representing governments from 55 GAVI supported countries including Ministers of Health and Finance, Assistant Ministers and Permanent Secretaries, EPI managers, HSS leads and other officials, civil society, faith based organisations and high level advocates, including First Ladies, the pharmaceutical industry, the donor community, parliamentarians, representatives from the private sector, research and technical institutions, the media, and of course the major GAVI partners WHO, UNICEF, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank.

A short questionnaire was provided to participants for their feedback on the last day of the Forum; the same questionnaire was also made available online after the Forum. Of the 580 participants, 164 provided feedback, giving a response rate of 28%.

Overall the Partners' Forum was deemed a great success with a rich and diverse Programme, enabling deep discussion and debate with a broad constituency. There was adequate opportunity for networking and building partnerships. The country awards dinner was well appreciated and felt to provide good incentive.

However, a few comments reflected the need for better logistical preparations specifically on-site registration. Other remarks raised the question of whether future conferences should take place over a longer period of time, reducing the necessity for a large number of parallel sessions.

## Introduction

This report is intended to provide feedback from the participants on their experience of the GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum, using responses from a short evaluation questionnaire. Some qualitative feedback provided by participants during and after the Forum is also included.

The evaluation questionnaire was developed by Jessica Wright, Programme Assistant, Partners' Forum Team and Joelle Tanguy, Managing Director, GAVI Alliance External Relations, with input from Peter Hansen, GAVI Alliance, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for technical oversight.

## The GAVI Alliance Partners' Forum

Since its inception in 2000, GAVI has held five meetings of the Partners (Netherlands 2000, Dakar 2002, New Delhi 2005, Hanoi 2009, Dar es Salaam 2012). The main objective of holding such conferences is to create a sense of ownership and commitment within the Partnership and thereby strengthen the Alliance to ensure alignment of common goals.

It is recognised that conferences of this type are very useful to bring together a critical mass of decision makers to enable networking, sharing of best practice and jointly identifying challenges and solutions to address them. GAVI believes that building momentum in this way contributes to enabling and underpinning the technical day to day work of the Alliance and the countries it supports.

To deliver its 2012 Partners' Forum, based on previous lessons learned, a Project Team of six external (i.e. non-GAVI) and one internal staff was appointed; a senior project manager with overall responsibility, two project managers (tasked with special events and the technical programme), and four programme assistants, all with experience in conference organisation and/or public health. The team reported to the Managing Director of the GAVI Alliance External Relations department, who was the Business Owner. External contractors were identified for travel, registration and accommodation support, local destination support and audio visual and IT support.

A Steering Committee, comprising the major partners and including the Tanzanian Government, was set up to guide the development of the Forum. The Programme for the Forum was developed with input from many partner agencies during the preceding months. Technical Working Groups were set up six months before the Forum to define sessions on the themes of Innovation, Sustainability and Equity, under the guidance of the Steering Committee. Each technical session was conceptualised and developed by a group of experts in the relevant field, defining the issues for presentation and discussion. Eminent speakers were identified to participate in the sessions and also contributed to the session development as they saw fit.

A separate working group was formed to review country data and define criteria by which countries would be identified for special awards of excellence in immunisation services.

The Forum was primarily held at the Hyatt Kilimanjaro in Dar es Salaam from 5-7 December 2012, with some sessions held in the adjacent Bank of Tanzania on the first day. The Opening Ceremony was held at the State House, hosted by the Tanzanian Government and the Awards Dinner was held at the Serena Hotel. A total of 580 participants registered for the Forum, not including the GAVI Secretariat. Participants stayed in five hotels close to the main venue.

A total number of 45 technical sessions were held during the three days. Rapporteurs synthesized and summarised the proceedings of each session and these were posted on the dedicated Forum website at the end of each day; in addition daily media and social media activities were implemented. In addition to the technical sessions many participants took the opportunity of setting up side meetings, pre-session meetings and consultations. As a result a further 68 small sessions were also held, including press briefings.

Simultaneous translation in Russian, French and Spanish was provided for all sessions in the plenary hall, most special sessions and the Ministerial consultation; French translation was provided for all panels and workshops. For the off-site events, special language arrangements were made. The Programme was provided in English and French, and the Pocket Programme was provided in all four languages.

## **Evaluation Method**

A two-page post-conference questionnaire was developed in English and French. It comprised 20 questions and was provided in paper copy, for all participants to complete on the last day of the Forum. In addition, after the Forum, an email was sent to all participants, requesting they complete the same questionnaire on line (using "Survey Monkey") if they had not already done so.

Participants were asked to rate the various statements and questions about their experiences at the Forum, “excellent”, “good”, “average”, “poor” and “very poor”. The questions were set out in four sections:

**Overall impression** – participants were asked to rate their experience and satisfaction, whether they would recommend this conference and whether the conference met their objectives for attendance.

**Rising to the challenge** – participants were asked to rate their opportunities to provide feedback to the GAVI Alliance, influence future GAVI strategy, increase their knowledge, learn and discuss best practice, discuss key challenges, explore new partnerships, enhance future programmatic performance and identify innovative ways to address challenges.

**Sessions** – participants were asked to rate whether they thought the Forum had broadened the GAVI Alliance partnership to involve new organisations and individuals; whether they felt the Forum would enable them to deliver results, increase equity, increase sustainability of immunisation programme and to use new innovations. They were also asked to rate the quality of presentations, speaker knowledge and the opportunities for audience participation, and how well media and social media were used during the Forum to reach out to a broader audience.

**Further comments** - finally, the participants were asked, in a free text section, which part of the conference was most valuable to them and if they felt anything could have been improved.

## Evaluation Findings

Of the 580 participants 164 questionnaires were received (16 of which were partially completed; 91 were filled in on site and 73 completed online), giving an overall response rate of 28%.

Each of the 20 questions or statements were rated “excellent”, “good”, “average”, “poor” and “very poor”.

**1. Overall impression:** The overall experience and satisfaction rated by respondents as “excellent” and “good” was 95% (see graph 1 below). Of the 153 respondents 93% reported that they would recommend the conference (responding “excellent” = 52% and “good” = 41%). Of 161 respondents, 86%, stated that it met their objectives for attending (“excellent” = 39% and “good” = 47%).

*Graph 1. Participants’ Responses to the overall experience and satisfaction with the Partners’ Forum (N=162)*



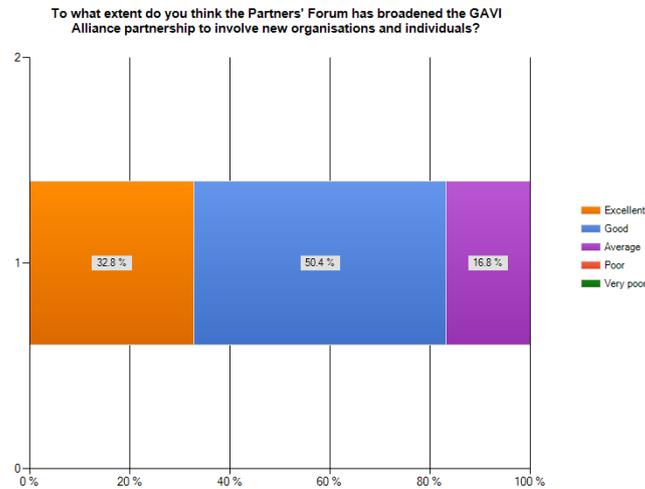
**2. Rising to the Challenge** (see graph 2 below): When asked to rate the extent to which specific opportunities had been offered through the Forum, the highest responses were “increase knowledge” (“excellent” and “good” = 85%), “learn and discuss best practice” (“excellent” and “good” = 84%) and “explore new partnerships” (“excellent” and “good” = 83%). The lowest rating was given for “influence future GAVI strategy”, 12% of participants rated this “poor” and “very poor”.

Graph 2. Participants’ Responses to the objective “Rising to the Challenge” (N=154)



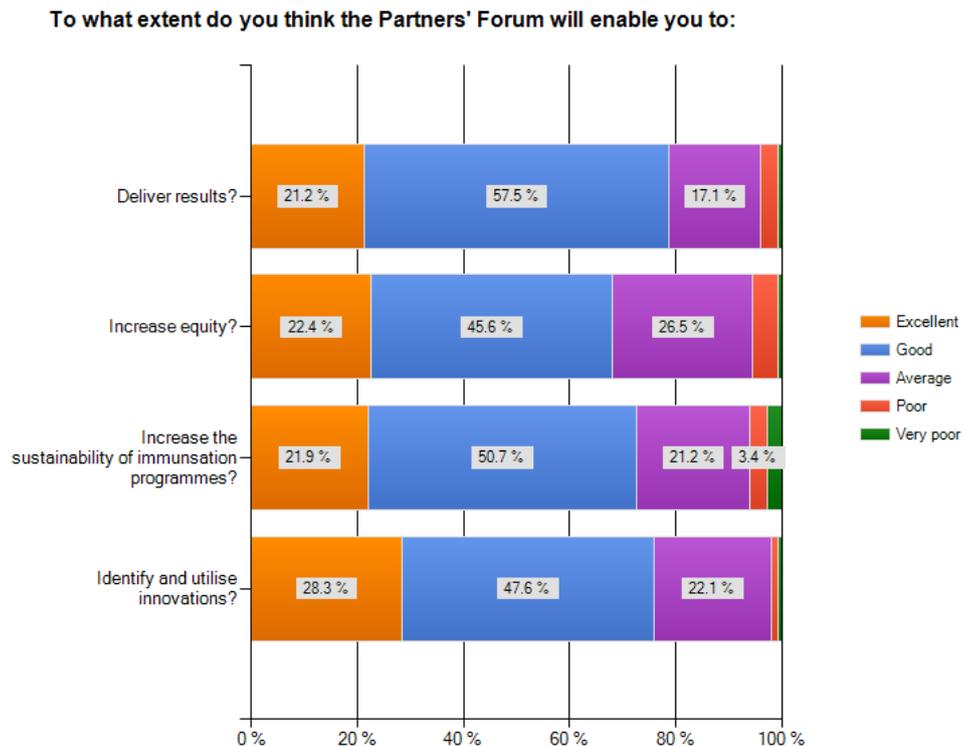
**3. Sessions:** Of 137 respondents to the question on the extent to which the Partners' Forum had broadened the GAVI Alliance partnership to involve new organisations and individuals, 83% responded "excellent" and "good", with 17% reporting "average" (see graph 3 below).

*Graph 3. Participants' Responses to enhancing the Partnership (N=137)*



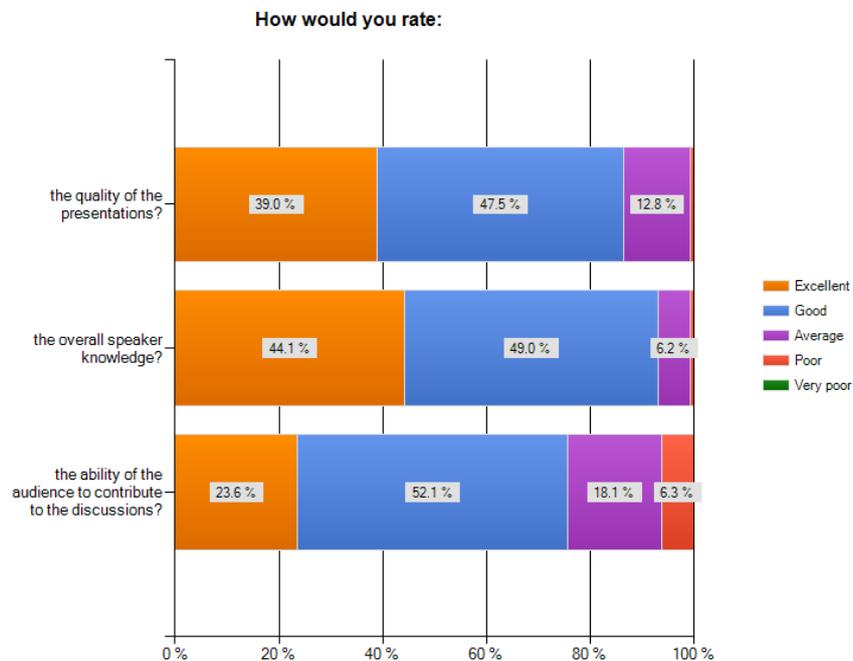
Of the 147 respondents to this question (graph 4 below) 78% rated "excellent" and "good" the extent to which the Partners' Forum will enable them to deliver results and 76% rated "excellent" and "good" the extent to which the Partners' Forum will enable them to identify and utilise innovations. Increasing equity and sustainability were ranked lower at 68% and 73%.

*Graph 4. Participants' Responses to enabling Results, Innovation, Sustainability and Equity (N=147)*



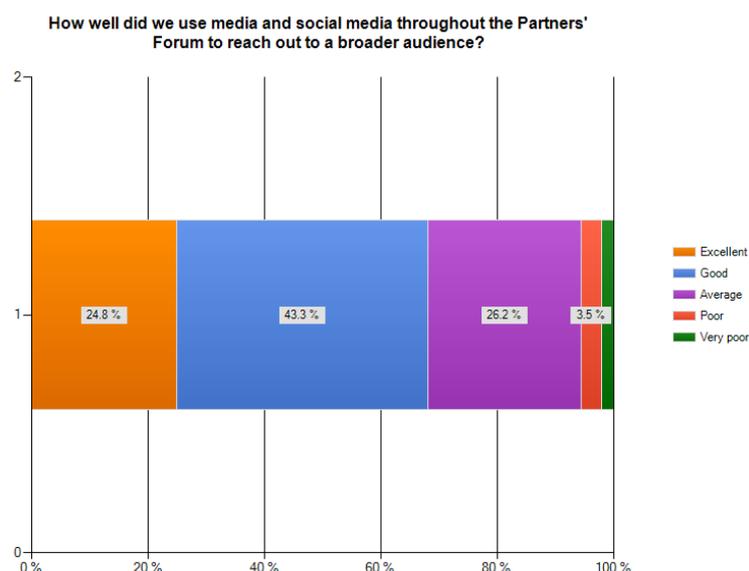
Of the 147 respondents to this question 93% rated “excellent” and “good” the overall speaker knowledge; 87% rated the quality of the presentations “excellent” and “good” and 76% “excellent” and “good” the ability of the audience to contribute to the discussions.

*Graph 5. Participants’ Rating of the Technical Sessions (N=147)*



Of the 141 respondents to this question on the use of media and social media throughout the Partners’ Forum to reach out to a broader audience (graph 6), 68% rated “excellent” and “good”. Approximately a quarter of respondents (26%) rated the media and use of social media “average”.

*Graph 6. Participants’ Rating of the use of media and social media (N=141)*



Over 100 participants provided free text responses to the questions “what part of the conference was most valuable for you?” and “further comments or suggestions for future Partners’ Forums?” Full responses can be found in Annex 1.

General feedback was very positive and constructive:

*“most valuable were the presentations, special sessions and sharing of experiences - I now connect clearly how my son (7 months) has benefited through six GAVI supported vaccines in Kenya as how this fits into the Equation & Efforts of GAVI partners as illustrated doing the PF. Many attended as partners, I attended as beneficiary. More beneficiaries in the next GAVI PF. Thanks”*

*“Parliamentarians dialog and their commitment to achieve sustainable immunization financing through Dar es Salaam declaration was most valuable for me. It gives high level political commitment to own the program at country level (country ownership) and sustainability-which is in line with GVAP. Second most important was vaccine economics which provides strong evidence to show immunization as investment case that a country make it - helps increase bargaining power of the Ministry of Health to demand more government budget for immunization from the Ministry of Finance. Suggestions: increase collective action among three key national institutions (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and Parliament), CSOs and domestic private sector to strengthen country level immunization system for achieving sustainability.”*

A few negative comments were also received:

*“There were too many people and very important topics were going at the same time. Sometimes you will half attend each one and you may not have time to be involved in discussions or asking questions. Otherwise I thank GAVI for such an organised conference. The organisers did an excellent job. Well done.”*

## Conclusion

This survey was used to capture feedback from the participants on their experience of the Partners’ Forum, within a month of their attendance. While this is informative, the limitations of generalizability and statistical significance are recognised. A full impact evaluation should also be carried out.

The response rate of the current survey was reasonable at 28%. It could be acknowledged that the great many partners involved in the development and planning of the Forum may have affected the response rate.

The majority of respondents reported they were very satisfied with their experience and that they would recommend the conference. This was borne out in the qualitative data received that the conference was valuable for networking, learning, promoting debate and discussion. The majority of respondents also reported that their personal objectives for attending the meeting had been met, which considering that all participants are involved in one way or another in improving immunisation, is clearly a very positive outcome.

Respondents felt less strongly that the Forum offered them the opportunity to influence future GAVI strategy development, or that their participation would help enhance future programmatic performance or identify innovative ways to address challenges, albeit the range of positive responses was still well over half. However, more than three quarters of them did rate their increase in knowledge and exploring new partnerships the most highly.

Strengthening and broadening the partnership and reaching out to new organisations and individuals was a key objective of this Forum. A greater number than ever before of civil society organisations, faith based organisation and influential groups such as the parliamentarians not only attended this Forum but actively participated in the discussion and debate. Moreover, the Parliamentarians signed a special Declaration during the Forum stating their commitment. One parliamentarian commented in the evaluation questionnaire that the *“Parliamentarians dialog and their commitment to achieve sustainable immunization financing through Dar es Salaam declaration was most valuable for me. It gives high level political commitment to own the program at country level (country ownership) and sustainability-which is in line with GVAP”*.

Concerted efforts were also made to engage ministers of finance, following on from the Hanoi meeting, an increased participation was seen in Dar es Salaam; this should prove to have an impact for the future. GAVI will continue to engage and encourage the active involvement of such important constituents at country and regional level.

Attendees felt strongly that their attendance would enable them to better deliver results and identify and utilise innovations in the future. However, they felt less strongly that their attendance would increase equity and sustainability in their programmes. This is perhaps less surprising as these issues are linked to external factors including financing.

The knowledge and quality of speaker presentations was rated very highly. However, nearly a quarter of respondents felt there was not as much possibility for audience interaction during the sessions as they would have liked.

Just over a quarter of participants rated “average” the use of media and social media during the Forum, however, they may have been unaware of extent to which social media was being used, as this was not broadly publicised. Three of the sessions were live webcast and interactive questions were received during the session from non-attendees following the Forum via webcast. In addition, the rate of new Twitter followers increased by 54% (842 additional followers in one month) and the #GAVIPartners hashtag was used 2,721 times including senior staff from partner organisations and CSOs. There was a 53% increase in Facebook fans (1,069 additional fans) and the Facebook fan page generated 432,930 news feed impressions (48% increase). In future, GAVI will communicate more proactively during such conferences on the breadth of ongoing media coverage and session webcasting.

Finally, many useful suggestions, comments and observations were shared during and after the Forum. An important GAVI donor stated that they would be happy to participate in such activities in the future and that the involvement, particularly of the CSOs, vaccine manufacturers and implementing countries was extremely valuable to them.

To ensure maximum value for money for such events, it is always helpful to see some outcomes and recommendations on how the feedback will be used by the GAVI Alliance.

The GAVI Alliance has an action-oriented and results-based culture and will capitalise on the outcomes of the Forum; resulting actions will be well documented by GAVI going forward.

## Annex 1

### 5<sup>th</sup> Partners Forum Evaluation - free text feedback from Survey

#### 9. Which part of the conference was most valuable to you? Any further comments? Is there anything that could be improved?

One hundred and eighteen participants responded to this section. The responses are documented below, split and organised first the “most valuable” part of the conference, then “any comments or suggestions on improvements” and finally, issues relating to conference “logistics”.

#### Comments on Forum content

##### Most Valuable:

1. *all*
2. *all of conference was valuable Improvement*
3. *all of them*
4. *all places if possible, more time, less groups to enable participants to attend more sessions.*
5. *all the parts were valuable.*
6. *all the sessions were important.*
7. *All! Further partners Forum is crucial*
8. *all, more specifically, the transfer of technology for vaccine production. Excellent organisation. Thank you for this success!!!*
9. *as format - workshops and panel discussions. As topic - graduation from the GAVI support.*
10. *best practice sessions and plenary sessions improvements = presenting common challenges and intervention to overcome them*
11. *best practices*
12. *best practices in new vaccine intro civil society*
13. *best practices, and discussions*
14. *ceremonie d'ouverture*
15. *co-financing session.*
16. *conference utile dans son senssemble*
17. *CSO and FBO sessions*
18. *Emphasis on routine vaccination, polio eradication and quality of data*
19. *Every part was important*
20. *friday morning plenary.*
21. *GAVI cofinancing = most useful*
22. *GAVI support for new vaccines and new rewarding system of the GAVI*
23. *HSS*
24. *Immunization Financing/ Role of CSOs in immunization advocacy and service delivery*
25. *Inclusion of full length session for FBOs is commendable*
26. *info on GAVI graduation*
27. *innovations on polio & new vaccines*
28. *Innovative developments, market dynamics and sustainability, and technology transfer.*
29. *Innovative works.*
30. *intensification of routine immunisation; new new vaccines; best practices, reaching the unreached Networking. PF well run but it would have been useful to have Powerpoint as well as just talking. It gives discussions more focus and is easier to stay engaged.*
31. *Interactions*
32. *Interactive sessions.*
33. *La audiencia o entrevista con actores claves como la Sra. Machel y los otros representantes*
34. *la plus utile: conference sur le RSS et le FBP (PBF) inviter les representatives des des partenaires du pays et des societe civile*
35. *les débats en groupes avec presentations sur les pays - l'organisation est excellente dans la forme et dans le fond.*
36. *Meeting with other participants*

37. *Most valuable: CSO Forum –*
38. *Most valuable: Equity in Vaccine*
39. *Most valuable: Hans Rosling's presentation*
40. *most valuable: immunisation and equity - CSO participation*
41. *most valuable: involve partnership*
42. *Most valuable: Knowledge Sharing*
43. *Most valuable: les séances plénières*
44. *most valuable: networking*
45. *Most valuable: Opening session and particularly the presentation by GAVI CEO –*
46. *most valuable: partage des experiences, réseautage, Innovation*
47. *Most valuable: Plenaries and observing the Board Meeting Comments: Thank you very much for organizing such a comprehensive, highly impactful conference! The planning within the different strategic goals was excellent! Congratulations again! and thank you*
48. *Most valuable: plenaries, meetings with parliamentarians Improvements: allocate more time for Q&A after presentations*
49. *most valuable: Presentations by Seth and Hans Rosling comments: I have not seen GAVI eligible countries coming forward to give 5 minutes reports on the money given to them in terms of outcomes/impacts. Is that deliberate?*
50. *most valuable: presentations, special sessions and sharing of experiences - I know connect clearly how my son (7months) have benefited through six GAVI supported vaccines in Kenya as how this fits into the Equation & Efforts of GAVI partners as illustrated doing the PF. Many attended as partners, I attended as beneficiary. More beneficiaries in the next GAVI PF. Thanks*
51. *Most valuable: séance sur le financement base sur la performance*
52. *most valuable: Seth Berkley plenary and Prof Hans Rosling.*
53. *Most valuable: the sessions on Country Ownership and Political Will*
54. *networking*
55. *networking*
56. *Networking and discussing with GAVI sec on an informal basis. There were too many sessions - the meeting could have been shorter each day to enable maximum enjoyment of the sessions. Overall, it was a successful event.*
57. *networking opportunities*
58. *networking, content learning*
59. *new vaccines*
60. *new vaccines*
61. *new vaccines*
62. *new vaccines Addressing the demand side was the weakest link in discussions as GAVI is supply driven, but the 5th child is a mostly demand problem.*
63. *Paediatricians perspective*
64. *panel sessions, opening ceremony, reward ceremony (recognises and encourages people's work)*
65. *Parliamentarians dialog and their commitment to achieve sustainable immunization financing through Dar es Salaam declaration was most valuable for me. It gives high level political commitment to own the program at country level (country ownership) and sustainability-which is in line with GVAP. Second most important was vaccine economics which provides strong evidence to show immunization as investment case that a country make it- helps increase bargaining power of the Ministry of Health to demand more government budget for immunization from the Ministry of Finance. Suggestions: increase collective action among three key national institutions (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance and Parliament), CSOs and domestic private sector to strengthen country level immunization system for achieving sustainability.*
66. *Plenaries, Symposium, workshops*
67. *Plenary and innovations*
68. *Plenary in which a person demonstrated through statistics way forward for vaccination, family planning and health system strengthening on day three*
69. *Plenary session*
70. *Plenary session. Surprised that sessions weren't full - many were only half full or less. Many speakers had last minute changes or had the wrong speakers listed. Would be good to have more sessions highlighting CSO activities. Engage more private sector speakers.*

71. *Plenary sessions*
72. *Plenary sessions*
73. *Plenary sessions were most valuable.*
74. *Plenary Sessions, GVAP, Equity Please maintain efforts - Bravo!*
75. *Plenary sessions.*
76. *Plenary: disappointing attendance at some sessions. Would have liked sessions to start on time.*
77. *Plus utiles: mobilisation des ressources, formation des la disponibilite des vaccines, la distribution, l'accessibilite, la formation des contres (??)*
78. *presentations and discussion*
79. *Séances spéciales. Les discussions à améliorer la prise en charge*
80. *Session SY 3.7 Improvements = speakers should be encouraged to prepare slides; more time for discussion Other praise: nice network of volunteers*
81. *Session sur le RSS et les nouveaux mechanisms financement*
82. *Sessions and panels on HPV vaccination*
83. *Sharing experiences with other countries (best practices), New knowledge to the Rota and PCV13 vaccines*
84. *Side meetings were most valuable to me as well as a few keynote speeches such as that of Hans Rosling.*
85. *Side meetings. This is about PR. Not getting things done or moving forward.*
86. *social events*
87. *sustainability of immunisation financing*
88. *technical updates, partnership, etc*
89. *the networking*
90. *The opportunities for networking and the plenaries*
91. *The opportunity to meet CSOs from the South*
92. *the parallel sessions were well organized and provided interactions with participants. The presentation by Prof. Hans Rosling needs to be put on DVD and sent to all or put on the web*
93. *The Plenary Sessions, when one had the opportunity to question presenters and contribute to the debate.*
94. *The presentations on Policies, strategies, innovations, epidemiology and immunisation financing. It was just simply perfect. Bravo to GAVI and partners*
95. *The presentations on various topics and this should be continuous.*
96. *The session on Advocacy for policy change was the best. This was my first GAVI PF and it was excellent*
97. *The value of vaccines for health and economic development*
98. *The whole arrangement was excellent, and the most valuable was the presentations, otherwise all events were perfectly conducted,*
99. *Vaccine Supplier sessions (area of least prior knowledge) Working groups session hearing feedback from implementers*
100. *Valuable = networking with folks focused on immunisation to discuss critical components of the system with leading thinkers in this area*
101. *workshops, symposia, plenary sessions, and some of the special sessions*

#### **What could have been improved:**

102. *All Key stakeholders (Health and Finance ministers) should be invited for participation. maximum CSO participation should be encouraged*
103. *beaucoup de sujets traites en parallele pour des delegations insuffisantes*
104. *comments: be more focus and discuss future way forwards*
105. *Comments: consider accommodation for all*
106. *Comments: keep the award system, it provides more incentive to leaders, especially MPs.*
107. *Comments: mettre les support à disposition avant la tenue du forum pour une meilleure préparation des interventions et des discussions*
108. *comments: try the small groups, a la New vaccine Introduction meetings from one day. People need more active interaction*
109. *Comments: where was the forum on disease surveillance? Where was the forum on global vaccine forecasting*

110. *En revanche, les délégations ont peu ou pas été préparé aux presentations parce que les programmes ne sont distribués que pendant le Forum. Il serait bon de distribuer le programme un mis avant le forum pour permettre aux pays de se préparer davantage.*
111. *give all the eligible countries the opportunity to speak about their experience - some contributed, others didn't*
112. *Good to know how the inputs provided at the partnernship forum will be taken forward and help to shape future policy etc.*
113. *I am somewhat split in my evaluation of this meeting as it does provide a unique forum to meet a large number of people. However the discussions really remained rather superficial and it would be difficult to design the event in a way that would improve this outcome. The cost of such an event is also a bit scary and I am not convinced of the cost/benefit ratio. Would it not be more logical to have the partner forum combined with a Fund Raising event ?*
114. *I would recommend to avoid similar subjects in parallel sections.*
115. *Improve = content preparation for presentations. Call for abstract for presentations.*
116. *improve = more membership participation from each country so that there can be full participation in various sessions since so many taking place at the same time*
117. *improve = move involvement of FBOs due to critical and sustainable role in health services and immunisation*
118. *Improvement = no concurrent sessions...*
119. *Improvements = challenge to participate in all sessions which were running concurrently. Have a bi-day plenary (morning and evening). Key speakers would give an overview on what will be discussed in small sessions*
120. *Improvements = have Ministers of Finance at PF.*
121. *Improvements = no presentations or panels on surveillance of EPI target diseases - would be interesting next time.*
122. *Interpretation issues should be taken into account*
123. *Issues = not enough time for discussions*
124. *je souhaite que des présentations peuvent être faites en espagnole, en français et autres langues que seulement en anglais, c'est un forum mondial non? Nous n'avons pu voir visiter la ville de DAR ES SALAAM - les départs ont été précipipés. Le diner du 7 décembre 2012 n'a pas été servi. A part ces quelques observations, je félicite les organisateurs qui ont été à la hauteur de l'événement. Il faudrait revoir la prise en charge. Salut! Excellente année 2013 à GAVI et partenaires.*
125. *less presentations and more focused to have time.*
126. *More participation of CSOs especially local ones.*
127. *No clear outcome/objective. Just "celebrating GAVI", at a price of 5m USD or above...*
128. *Non English speaking participants did not have the opportunity to express well*
129. *PF was very expensive -money could have been used to improve the immunisation status of children back home. Outcome of meeting is not equal to the cost. Conference not worth the money.*
130. *programme was too packed so not enough time for building networks and making enduring partnerships.*
131. *qu il y ait plus de presentations en francais. Que les presentations soient resumees dans les deux langues*
132. *rallonger la durée de l'atelier pour éviter les séances similtanées , car tout est intéressant*
133. *Recommend: not have concurrent sessions (bearing in mind the cost and interest of participants to attend all).*
134. *Recommendations= more involvement of FBOs*
135. *seeing how it works first hand It is surprising how many of the sessions speakers are from GAVI secretariat, while few broader members of the Alliance have center stage*
136. *Suggestion: Next PF in Asia. More scientific topics*
137. *suggestion: number of speeches in the sessions like State dinner to be reduced*
138. *suggestion: une meilleure representation des pays africains et une meilleure tribune d expression pour les delegues*
139. *thanks*
140. *The presentations were too 'light' particularly the analytical ones. Need more depth.*
141. *There were too many people and it and very important topics were going at the same time. Sometimes you will half attend aech one and you may not have time to be involved in*

discussions or asking questions. Otherwise I thank GAVI for such an organised conference. The organisers did an excellent job. Well done.

142. To be done annually
143. too little interaction in the workshops and symposia, too many presentations of varying quality
144. Too many concurrent sessions happening simultaneously - very hard to choose and attend
145. Too self-congratulatory. GAVI would do well to take a bit more critical look at itself
146. Will presentations be available online? [yes]
147. Would be useful to specify which sessions are more technical vs. high-level, that would be helpful.

## Comments on logistics

1. améliorer la logistique: besoin d'un accueil spécial pour VIP, véhicule et agent de sécurité.
2. Il faudrait améliorer la traduction de l'anglais au français. Pour ce faire, je vous suggère de privilégier les traducteurs francophones pour la traduction anglais- Français
3. Improve ID preparation (registration); have a desk for delegates where they can have issues or questions answered.
4. Improvements: better registration facilities, more user friendly programme format
5. La réservation d'hôtel doit tenir compte des heures de départ de vol tardifs pour le retour
6. mieux être logé dans l'hôtel de la réunion
7. On site/venue registration need to be improved to avoid long queues and reduce time interval between photo taking and issuing of IDs/name tags
8. plenaries - Translations and stable electricity
9. Registration was very disorganised. Meeting venue had challenges. Need legible name badges. GAVI needs to improve observance of diplomatic protocol.
10. suggestions: more and better orientation of participants on where to go and when
11. There is a need of improvement on registration process which was quite stressing. It could have been better to decentralise the registration process in hotels where participants checked in.

## About The GAVI Alliance

Global immunisation rates barely reached 5% when the World Health Organization (WHO) founded the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in 1974 to deliver basic vaccines to children in developing countries. By 1990, thanks to WHO and UNICEF's Universal Childhood Immunisation campaign, a remarkable 80% of the world's children were being immunised with the six EPI vaccines against tuberculosis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles and polio. However during the 1990s, progress ground to a halt as child immunisation was overtaken by other donor priorities and as a result, developing countries were struggling to maintain vaccination campaigns and pharmaceutical companies had no incentive to invest in supplying vaccines to the poorest parts of the world.

By the start of the new millennium, children born in industrialised countries were receiving an average of 11-12 vaccines including newer, more expensive vaccines given routinely against Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b. Their counterparts in poor countries could count on half of those vaccines. Nearly 30 million children in developing countries were missing out on life saving vaccines.

In January 2000 the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) was formally launched at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, as a result of high level consultations on how the slowdown in global vaccination rates should be addressed. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged US\$ 750 million over five years to fund GAVI in its goal of working in partnership with the existing major players in global immunisation; the key UN agencies, leaders of the vaccine industry, representatives of bilateral aid agencies

and major foundations, to ensure that critical existing and new vaccines were reaching those children that needed them most.

Since 2000, 370 million additional children have been immunised against leading vaccine-preventable diseases in the world's poorest countries with GAVI support. As of the end of August 2012, GAVI has committed US\$ 7.9 billion in programme support until 2016 to developing countries, of which 80% has been committed towards the purchase of vaccines.