The GAVI Alliance

Saving children's lives and protecting people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries

Immunisation is recognised as one of the most efficient, successful and cost-effective health investments in history. Immunised children have higher cognitive abilities and are more likely to attend school and go on to be productive, healthy adults. But even with this compelling evidence, more than 22 million children, mainly in the developing world, are still not vaccinated against common but life-threatening diseases. More than one in five of all children who die before the age of five lose their lives to vaccine preventable diseases.

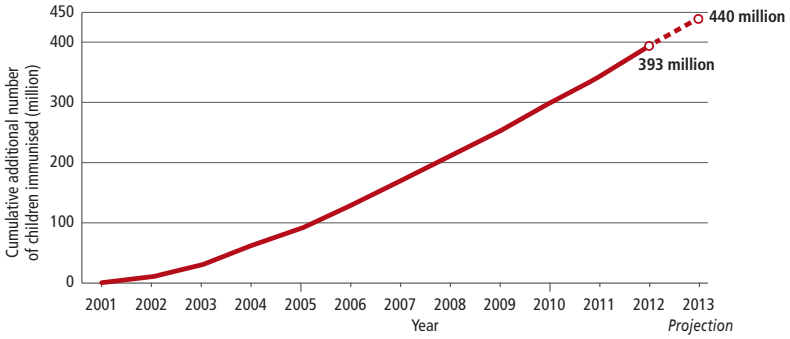
The GAVI Alliance is a unique public-private global health partnership committed to saving children's lives and protecting people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

The GAVI Alliance has contributed to preventing an estimated 6 million future deaths by supporting vaccines in developing countries.

Who is part of the GAVI Alliance?

The Alliance brings together developing country and donor governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the World Bank, civil society organisations, the vaccine industry in both industrialised and developing countries, research and technical agencies, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other private philanthropists. Working together, the GAVI Alliance is able to reach goals no single organisation could achieve on its own.

An additional 440 million children immunised with GAVI support



Sources: WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunization Coverage 2013; United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects, the 2012 revision

What does the GAVI Alliance do?

Strengthens immunisation programmes and improves health systems

GAVI funds immunisation programmes in developing countries where more than 85% of the world's unvaccinated children live. GAVI also supports the strengthening of health systems and local civil society organisations to ensure effective immunisation and health services. A total of US$ 8.2 billion has been committed for programmes in countries between 2000 and 2017.

Funding is provided for new and underused vaccines for infants, such as the pentavalent vaccine (against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b, known as Hib). Immunisation campaigns against meningitis A, maternal and neonatal tetanus, measles and yellow fever are also supported. New vaccines against pneumococcal disease and rotavirus (which causes diarrhoea) are being introduced in a rapidly growing number of developing countries and will save millions of children's lives.

Responding to demand from developing countries, the GAVI Alliance is introducing vaccines against rubella and the human papillomavirus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer.

How does the GAVI Alliance work?

Builds on country commitment

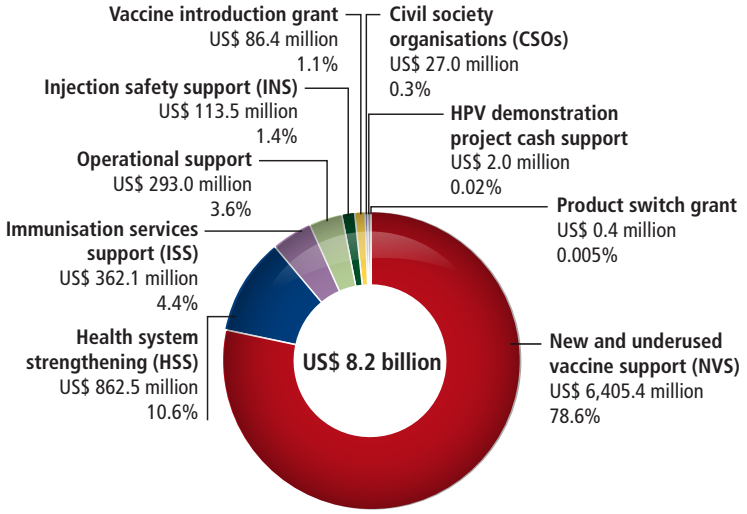
Countries that are eligible for GAVI support determine their immunisation needs and apply for GAVI support to implement and expand their vaccination programmes. GAVI's co-financing policy requires that recipient countries contribute towards the cost of the vaccines. This further strengthens ownership and long-term sustainability of the programmes. The fact that countries increasingly demand GAVI-funded vaccines and are prepared to co-finance them shows their strong commitment to improving the health of their populations.

Leads the way in innovative finance

GAVI is developing innovative methods to finance health programmes. The International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm) raises funds by issuing bonds in the capital markets, using long-term government pledges as a guarantee. Since its launch in 2006, IFFIm has raised more than US$ 4.5 billion and has doubled the funds available for GAVI's immunisation programmes. IFFIm is funded by Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
www.iffim.org

> ***GAVI is quite simply a great organisation. It was set up by people who wanted to do aid in a different way and to my mind that is exactly what it's achieved.***
>
> UK Prime Minister David Cameron

US$ 8.2 billion committed to countries



Source: GAVI Alliance

Note: These commitments are from inception until 31 December 2013

Develops market-based solutions

GAVI's Advance Market Commitment (AMC) is a new approach to public health funding. It stimulates the last stage development and manufacture of affordable vaccines tailored to the needs of developing countries. The AMC for pneumococcal vaccines was launched with a US$ 1.5 billion upfront commitment from donors. In addition, GAVI committed US$ 4 billion to fund the vaccine roll out over ten years. In December 2010, the first pneumococcal vaccines reached children in developing countries. By the end of 2013, more than 20 million children had been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease by countries with GAVI support.
www.vaccineamc.org

Engages the private sector in immunisation

The GAVI Matching Fund is an innovative financing mechanism. It enables contributions to GAVI from companies, foundations, their customers, employees and business partners to be matched by the UK Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Already, more than US$ 150 million has been raised through the GAVI Matching Fund. GAVI's goal is to raise US$ 260 million for immunisation through the fund by the end of 2015.

Improves the business of vaccination

GAVI helps to secure predictable long-term funding and stimulates demand for vaccines. Thanks to the Alliance's work, manufacturers – including those in emerging markets – have demonstrated increased commitment to providing suitable vaccines for developing countries and to lowering vaccine prices. GAVI is committed to ensuring secure supply of quality vaccines at affordable prices.

Embraces the opportunity to save millions more lives

Immunisation is a major factor in lowering child mortality and can help achieve Millennium Development Goal 4 and meet the goal of the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. GAVI support has helped to develop new opportunities to prevent diseases. With the support of its donors, GAVI is helping countries to ensure the immunisation of an additional 245 million children between 2011 and 2015. This will save an estimated four million lives.

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