



# The GAVI Alliance

Saving children's lives and protecting people's health by increasing access to immunisation in developing 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, 19 million children, mainly in the developing world, are still not vaccinated against common but life-threatening diseases. As a result, one child dies every 20 seconds from a vaccine-preventable disease.

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 developing countries.

**The GAVI Alliance has contributed to saving more than five and a half million lives by supporting vaccines in developing countries.**

## Who is part of GAVI?

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

## What does GAVI do?

### *Increases immunisation coverage and improves health systems*

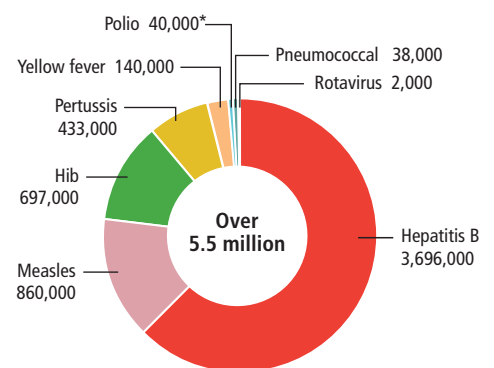
GAVI funds immunisation programmes in developing countries where 85% of the world's unvaccinated children live. It also supports the strengthening of health systems and local civil society organisations to ensure effective immunisation and health services. A total of US\$ 7.2 billion has been approved for country programmes between 2000 and 2016.

<sup>1</sup>Source: these estimates and projections are produced by the WHO Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, based on the most up to date data and models available as of October 2011.



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## Over five and a half million future deaths prevented with GAVI support to countries<sup>1</sup>



\* Polio estimate includes deaths averted by vitamin A supplements supported by GAVI.

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 for meningitis A, maternal and neonatal tetanus, yellow fever and measles have also been supported. New vaccines against pneumococcal disease and rotavirus (which causes diarrhoea) are now being rolled out in developing countries and will save millions of children's lives.

Responding to demand from developing countries, the GAVI Alliance is taking the first steps towards the introduction of vaccines against rubella and human papillomavirus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer in developing countries.

## How does GAVI work?

### ***Builds on country commitment***

Countries that are eligible for GAVI support actively take the lead. They determine what their immunisation needs are, apply for funding and oversee the implementation of 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 immunisation 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 a trailblazer in 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 and to pay back interest. Since its launch in 2006, IFFIm has raised more than US\$ 3.5 billion and has effectively doubled the funds available for GAVI's immunisation programmes. IFFIm is funded by Australia, Brazil, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

[www.iffim.org](http://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

### ***Develops market-based solutions***

GAVI's Advance Market Commitment (AMC) is a new approach to public health funding designed to stimulate 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 commitment from donors. In addition, GAVI committed up to US\$ 1.3 billion to the initiative. In December 2010, the first pneumococcal vaccines reached children in the developing world. It is forecasted that by the end of 2012, more than 13.5 million children will have been vaccinated against pneumococcal disease through GAVI support.

[www.vaccineamc.org](http://www.vaccineamc.org)

### ***Engages the private sector in immunisation***

The GAVI Matching Fund is an innovative financing mechanism which 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. GAVI's goal is to raise US\$ 260 million for immunisation through the Matching Fund by the end of 2015.

### ***Improves the business of vaccination***

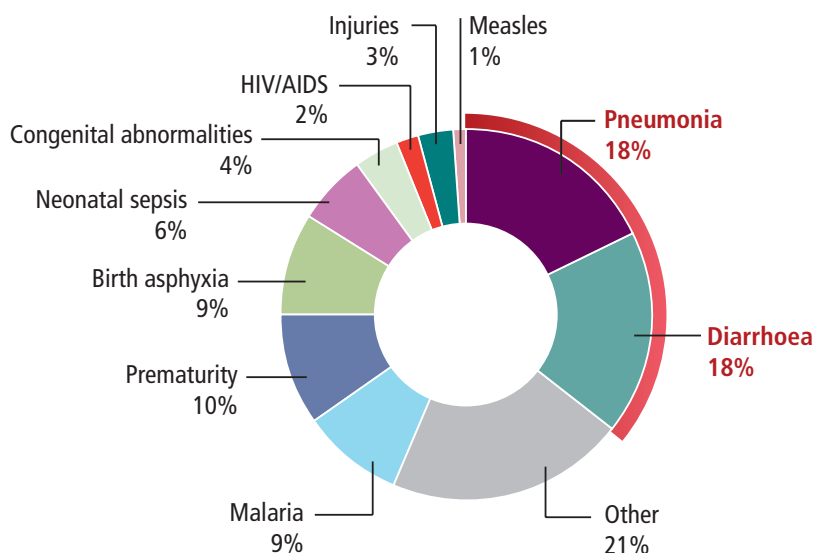
GAVI's ability to secure predictable long-term funding and prompt demand for vaccines positively shapes markets. Thanks to the Alliance's work, manufacturers – including those in emerging markets – have demonstrated increased commitment to providing suitable vaccines for developing countries and to lowering vaccine prices. GAVI is committed to further shaping markets and lowering prices by making it a priority area of work.

### ***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 the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. GAVI's support has already made a significant impact and new opportunities exist to prevent additional diseases. With the support of its donors, GAVI will fund countries to ensure the immunisation of a quarter of a billion children by 2015, which will save four million lives.

Information current as of November 2011

## Causes of under-five child deaths in low-income countries



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