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**Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance | GAVI**

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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is an international organisation based on a unique partnership of public and private sectors working towards equal access to new and underused vaccines for children in the world's poorest countries. It believes immunisation is the most influential and cost-effective form of preventative medicine that not only saves lives but also reduces health care costs elsewhere.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Child survival
- Access to immunisation
- Innovative financing for development
- Health system strengthening

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Gavi aims to accelerate the uptake and coverage of vaccines, increase the efficiency of immunisation delivery within strong health systems, support the sustainability of national immunisation programs and shape the vaccine market so that vaccines are available and affordable even to the poorest countries. Gavi acts as technical assistance and funding provider, supporting country-owned programs, with the goal of eventual graduation to full independence from external funding.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

GAVI Board is composed of 28 members including representatives of donor organisations and countries, as well as independent individuals. Civil society and vaccine industry both in developing and developed countries are also represented on the board. This composition ensures balanced decision-making. The board is chaired by Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, with Gunilla Carlsson as a Vice-Chair. Seth Berkley is Gavi CEO.

**FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

Gavi funding is formed by two streams, Innovative Finance, which accounts for 25% of total funding, and Direct Funding in the forms of grants and agreements from donor governments and personal and private sector philanthropy, which accounts for 75% of the funding. Funds are pledged for a designated time period ahead, ensuring commitment and reliable funding in order to carry out the projects. The assured resources for 2016-2020 are USD 8.8 billion.

## PUBLICATIONS

See: <http://www.gavi.org/library/publications/>

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