

Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
Agenda Item 143/3 – General Programme of Work (GWP 13)
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Thank you Chair.

On behalf of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance:

Gavi welcomes the consultative process to develop the GPW 13. In the latest version, Gavi welcomes the strong alignment with the SDGs, the emphasis on multisectoral approach, policy coherence, the focus on the most vulnerable, tackling health inequalities and the human rights based approach.

In the most recent version of the GWP, Gavi further welcomes the reference to sustaining and enhancing vaccination coverage to ensure that no child is left behind, and the prioritisation of disease prevention, including for vaccine-preventable diseases. Strengthening of health governance and securing adequate health financing, in particular domestic resource mobilisation, also represent key priorities that Gavi identifies with and supports.

Please allow us to make the following suggestions to further strengthen the strategic outcomes of the GPW13:

- Include an **ambitious measure for immunisation** in the package of **essential services** from which the set tracers indicator for basic service delivery for UHC will be developed
- Recognise **immunisation as: 1) a platform** from which to build UHC; 2) **a cost efficient and key prevention measure** for some non-communicable diseases, including cervical and liver cancer; 3) **as a highly cost-effective solution to prevent infections** and reduce the ability of microbes to develop resistance.
- Include a **stronger articulation** of joined up approaches across priority areas – especially health coverage and health emergencies. A more coordinated emphasis on building strong and resilient health systems represents a good example of operationalising joined up approaches.
- Recognise, support and progress a **governance mandate of the health-related dimension of the SDGs in the World Health Assembly (WHA)**. This will allow WHA to become more responsive and drive political ambition for health and the interlinkages between health and other SDGs. WHO can then present challenges, call for guidance, draft advices which lead to SDG related resolutions, call for WHA to give political impetus or

resources to emerging issues, challenges or to close gaps identified.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance congratulates WHO for this GPW and looks forward to contributing to its implementation.