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Cholera prevention and control

Thank you Chair.

Gavi welcomes the increased commitment and action from countries on the Ending Cholera Roadmap.

Increased fragility, urbanisation, population growth, displacement, migration and climate change are creating a growing risk of cholera in many countries. Ending cholera will require prioritising reaching communities that being left furthest behind from accessing the benefits of multisectoral action including immunisation and WASH.

The increased availability of OCV as a result of significant Gavi investments has empowered countries with a new tool to prevent annual occurrence of cholera outbreaks.

However, successes around OCV will be limited and short-lived unless appropriate linkages across all sectors, especially WASH, are developed and sufficient funding and technical assistance is secured.

Therefore, Gavi calls upon Member States to:

- Strengthen multisectoral action accompanied by mobilisation of sufficient funding to ensure successful implementation of the Ending Cholera Roadmap.

- Strengthen surveillance systems for detecting outbreaks at an early stage and more precise identification of cholera hotspots to appropriately target cholera control interventions.

Thank you.