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Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
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Accelerating the elimination of cervical cancer as a global public health platform (EB146/9)

Thank you Chair.

Scaling up cervical cancer prevention and control strategies including vaccinating girls against HPV and holistic health system approaches are the first steps on the path to elimination of cervical cancer.

The HPV vaccine touchpoint is often the first-time adolescent girls reconnect with the health system, offering a unique opportunity for the provision of additional essential services and health promotion.

Gavi is deeply concerned that the current shortage of HPV vaccines could result in failure to introduce or sustain HPV vaccination programmes, particularly in low-income high burden countries.

Gavi calls upon Member States to:

- Implement recommendations of the Meeting of SAGE in October 2019 that call for more equitable and transparent global allocation of HPV vaccine supply by mobilising and prioritising support for HPV vaccine availability and vaccination for girls and young women particularly in low-income high burden countries.

- Note that in the 2021-25 period, Gavi will accelerate the roll out of the HPV vaccines to girls and adolescents in low-income high burden countries.

Thank you.