

**73rd World Health Assembly
Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance**

Cervical cancer

Thank you Chair

Cervical cancer is still the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the world today. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted delivery and uptake of immunization services, including vaccination for protection against cervical cancer, and amplified global inequities within healthcare, disproportionately impacting women's health.

HPV is a key intervention to prevent and control cervical cancer across a women's life course, particularly in high burden developing countries. It also offers adolescent girls a unique touchpoint to access additional essential services.

Gavi calls upon Member States to:

1. **Prioritise interventions such as vaccination and cervical cancer screening** that support achieving the Global Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer's 2030 targets of 90% coverage with HPV vaccination, especially the most vulnerable and most in need populations, to secure equitable access to HPV vaccines.
2. **Implement the October 2019 SAGE recommendations** that called for more equitable and transparent global allocation of HPV vaccine supply, by mobilizing and prioritizing support for HPV vaccine availability and vaccination for girls and young women

Thank you