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Statement by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Immunization Agenda 2030 and Cervical Cancer Elimination

Thank you Chair

Gavi, the Global Vaccine Alliance, welcomes the adoption of the Immunisation Agenda 2030 and the Global Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted immunisation services globally - setting back 25 years of progress in immunisation coverage in about 25 weeks, amplifying inequities and threatening the SDG's ambition of Leaving No One Behind.

The implementation of both strategies will be key to prevent further backsliding and to rebuild better immunisation and primary health care systems. It will give many young girls a chance to be healthy women, and it will help create the enabling environment for the introduction of COVID-19 vaccines.

On IA2030, Gavi calls upon Member States to:

1. Support the COVAX Facility to ensure fair and equitable access to safe and efficacious COVID-19 vaccines, and minimise disruptions to routine immunisation.
2. Prioritise, maintain, restore, and strengthen immunisation services with a focus on equity.
3. Promote data-driven and differentiated implementation of the IA2030 to reach -children not getting any routine vaccines and missed communities.

On Cervical Cancer, the COVID-19 pandemic should not put global commitments to reduce and eliminate cervical cancer at risk. Gavi calls upon Member States to:

1. Prioritise vaccination and cervical cancer screening in support of achieving 90% coverage with HPV vaccination, with special focus on the most vulnerable and most in need populations.
2. Implement the October 2019 SAGE recommendations for more equitable and transparent global allocation of HPV vaccine supply, by prioritizing HPV vaccinations for girls and young women in LMICS.

Thank you