WHA 74: Pre-Recorded Gavi Statement on IA2030

Proposed statement (max 2 mins)

- Gavi congratulates Member States on the adoption of the Immunisation Agenda 2030.

- As we embark on this new vision, we must recommit to **vaccine equity not just between countries but within countries**.

- This will require concerted country action to reduce the number of children who remain deprived of even the most basic vaccines.

- Sadly, more than 10 million children do not receive a single shot – these zero dose children are markers of compounded vulnerabilities and severe inequities.

- They embody communities facing acute poverty, gender barriers, stigmatization , low access to education, nutrition, water and sanitation.

- If we can reach them with immunisation, we can also bring them other essential services through multi-agency and multi-sector coalitions.

- The cost of inaction is clear: communities with a large number of zero dose children are more vulnerable to disease outbreaks, medical

impoverishment and death. 50% of vaccine preventable deaths are concentrated among zero dose children.

- Gavi thus urges Member States to prioritise highly differentiated and targeted sub-national strategies to reach zero-dose children and missed communities with a full course of vaccines and essential primary health care.

- So that together, we save lives and realise the SDG vision of leaving no one behind. Thank you.