

# **GAVI support to Civil Society Organisations**

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- Slow disbursement of GAVI funds causing disruption to CSO programme implementation.
- *“Requested the Secretariat, concurrently with the evaluation of CSO support in 2011, to review options for direct support to CSOs for service delivery and advocacy and submit to the PPC for its recommendation to the Board.”*

# Evaluation of GAVI support to CSOs (1)

- *GAVI's support to CSOs is, in principle, important to achieve the country's and its own immunisation objectives.*
- *A "single funding stream" rather than two separate types of support.*
- *Integrate CSO support with HSS/HSFP.*
- *Clearly define and prioritise the objectives of CSO support and define a "theory of change".*

## Evaluation of GAVI Support to CSOs (2)

- *In general, CSOs were more concerned with receiving funds on time than how the funds were routed by GAVI.*
- *Channel funds via government as its “default approach” but allow flexibility.*
- *Providing funding directly to CSOs... is likely to be a central factor in GAVI programming in fragile environments... informed by individual country analysis.*

# Flexibility, but funding through government is the default

- Not assured that direct support will significantly reduce implementation delays.
- Option 3 – allow countries to request funds directly to CSOs as part of a country HSFP application.
- Does not limit GAVI's ability to engage CSOs directly where circumstances require different approaches.

# Recommendations:

- The Programme and Policy Committee recommends that the GAVI Alliance Board:

- **Decides** that Government remains the default approach but direct funding for CSO activities can be requested as part of a country Health Systems Funding Platform (HSFP) application (Option 3).

While provision of funds to CSOs through the HSFP is the recommended option, it should not limit GAVI's flexibility to engage CSOs directly where rare and exceptional circumstances require different approaches. Approaches should be developed in response to country-specific analysis.

- **Requests** the Secretariat to prepare an implementation framework recognising an increased risk in procurement and financial management and potential resource implications for the Secretariat and which draws on the findings of the evaluation of GAVI support to CSOs and presents why and how GAVI works with and supports CSOs.



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