



## **Gavi's Child protection statement**

### **The Gavi Alliance's contribution to building a protective environment for children**

Gavi's mission is saving children's lives and protecting people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

We help partner countries to fulfill the right to health for their children as set forth in the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). While our support focuses on realising health rights, Gavi also endeavours to ensure that children's rights are respected in the delivery of Gavi supported services, in particular the right to be protected from violence, exploitation and abuse.

Gavi relies on its partners to implement immunisation programmes, and we do not have any in-country presence or directly hire staff or volunteers at country level. We expect our partners to protect children from abuse and exploitation of all kinds in the delivery of Gavi funded activities. In grant agreements with our partners Gavi aims to include appropriate child protection standards. In our relation with suppliers, Gavi uses a clause in the procurement agreements for goods and services that commit the company/organisation *not to exploit child labour or otherwise violate human rights in the conduct of its business*. We have also made child protection aspects explicit in our employee code of conduct.

Gavi is strongly committed to the respect of all child rights as set forth in the UNCRC and other international instruments, and we endeavour to ensure that these rights are fully protected in all the programmes we support.