

Annex A: Implications / Anticipated Impact

Impact on countries

Approval of the Financial Forecast enables funding to be allotted to programmes in accordance with the Programme Funding Policy.

Risk implication and mitigation, including information on the risks of inaction

Determination of Gavi's financial capacity to approve the recommended decisions relies on the Financial Forecast.

Risks that may impact the reliability of the financial forecast are described below, as well as the mitigation strategies in place to address these risks. These risks are currently elevated by the continued uncertainty from the impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic** and **COVAX deployment** on existing vaccine programmes and new introductions.

One of those risks arises from exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. In the forecast, non-US\$ pledges are valued at their US\$ equivalents using the Bloomberg spot exchange rates when compiling the forecast (consistent with the approach agreed with donors) or, where hedged, at the hedge rate. Pledges are hedged progressively.

Gavi's Cash and Investments Reserve provides a cushion for adverse fluctuations in resources and expenditures. Gavi can also decline or defer funding requests based on resource availability.

Risks associated with the financial forecast and mitigation

Factors that may impact the expenditure forecast include:

Demand volumes can vary significantly based on small changes in country introduction assumptions. While the introduction assumptions made in the current forecast leverage the information readily available, there remains an inherent high degree of uncertainty on these assumptions. In addition, the assumptions on introduction timing are often dependent on projections of when a country will no longer be eligible for new Gavi support. This forecast represents the application of the current Board approved Eligibility and Transition Policy. Changes or exceptions to this policy could vary demand significantly.

Price forecasts reflect expected market dynamics specific to each vaccine. The forecast represents a moderate most likely scenario estimate among a range of possible estimates and reflects information available at the time of preparation.

The forecast includes assumptions for supply availability as currently anticipated.

Expenditure reductions may also be achieved through future vaccine price reductions beyond what has already been incorporated into the price forecast and more efficient stock management at country level that cannot yet be reflected in the forecast.

Factors that may impact the forecast of resources available include:

Since Gavi's inception, approximately 99% of all donor pledges have been honoured by donors. Any non-payment of amounts pledged or failure to extend pledges would adversely impact the forecast of resources.

Risk mitigation

Should the net effect of risk factors materially impact the forecast the following are important measures towards mitigating that risk:

- The Cash and Investments Reserve, equivalent to at least eight months' future expenditure (currently nine months), provides a cushion for adverse fluctuations in resources and expenditures.
- In each year, a cumulative surplus is forecasted after meeting the needs of Existing Programmes, which is available towards funding Expected Future Requests for programme funding. When, in the future, such requests are considered for funding, approval can be declined or deferred in the light of resource availability as foreseen at that time.