ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNTRIES POST-TRANSITION

BOARD MEETING

Santiago Cornejo

6-7 June 2018, Geneva, Switzerland



Background

The Board requested for Angola, Congo and Timor-Leste analysis of the risks to successful transition and how they could be mitigated

Key points from the analysis across the three countries:

- Post-conflict countries that from 2004 to 2014 experienced unprecedented economic growth driven by high commodity prices
- They did not benefit from substantial Gavi support receiving limited health systems investments and transition support
- Financial sustainability risks are relatively low but high risks to the performance of their immunisation programmes



Angola

Advocacy and political will strategy EPI and human resources capacity building

- Innovative strategy for national and sub-national levels by introducing new partnerships (e.g. Brazil, private sector and learning platforms)
 Strengthening service delivery to the under-immunised
 - 18 peri-urban districts with ~60% of the under-immunised
 - Comprehensive urban strategy:
 - Co-investment in the WB's maternal and child health project to target these districts (only 2 are currently targeted by the project)
 - Strengthen supply chain (equipment and training), demand (SMS project) and data quality (DHIS2 co-investment with World Bank and Global Fund)



Congo Republic

Advocacy and political will strategy EPI and human resources capacity building

- National and sub-national levels (e.g. private sector, partnering w/ bilateral agency and national training centre and learning platforms)
 Strengthening supply chain
- Finalise upgrading cold-chain throughout the whole country
 Demand promotion
- Nationwide scale up of SMS reminder project
 Explore options for co-investment with WB



Timor-Leste

EPI and human resources capacity building

 National and sub-national levels (e.g. bolster partner capacity to fill gaps and transfer skills, twinning arrangement and partnering w/ bilateral agencies and national training centre)

Catalytic vaccine support

- MR campaign and introduction of Rotavirus vaccine in routine
 Strengthening supply chain
- Finalise upgrading cold-chain throughout the whole country
 Strengthening governance/institutions
 - Partnering with Australian institutions for NRA and NITAG strengthening



Risks and next steps

Risk remains high in these countries despite mitigation actions

- Political will is increasing but not yet solidified
- New partnerships and approaches are promising but not proven
- Some of the challenges take time to tackle but short timeframe

PPC recommended the approval of these actions as an **initial approach** to post-transition engagement in these three countries

- Requested robust individual country plans for PPC review at its next meeting
- Recommended approval of sufficient funding to start implementation



Recommendation

The Gavi Alliance Programme and Policy Committee recommends to the Gavi Alliance Board that it:

- a) <u>Approve</u> the initial approach to post-transition engagement in Angola, Congo Republic and Timor-Leste set out in Annex A to Doc 06;
- **Approve** within the overall Partners Engagement Framework an additional amount of US\$ 20 million for the engagement of post-transition support for Angola, Congo Republic and Timor-Leste for the period of 2018-2020; and
- c) Request the Secretariat to present robust individual country plans for those three countries to the PPC at its next meeting.



THANK YOU



