

REVIEW OF THE STRATEGY FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA

BOARD MEETING

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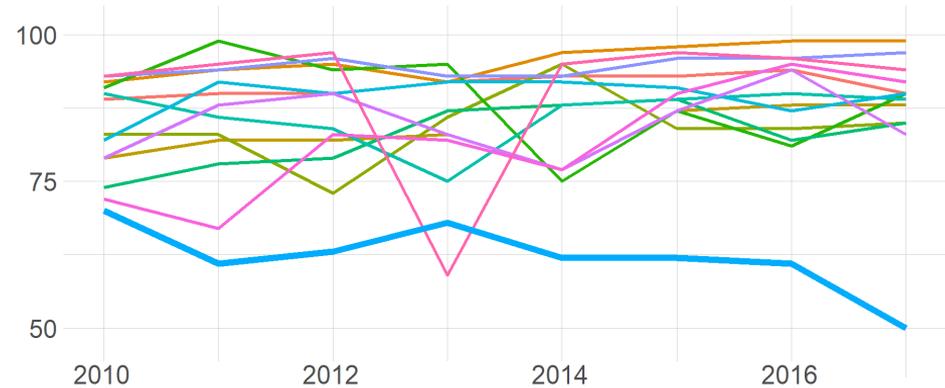
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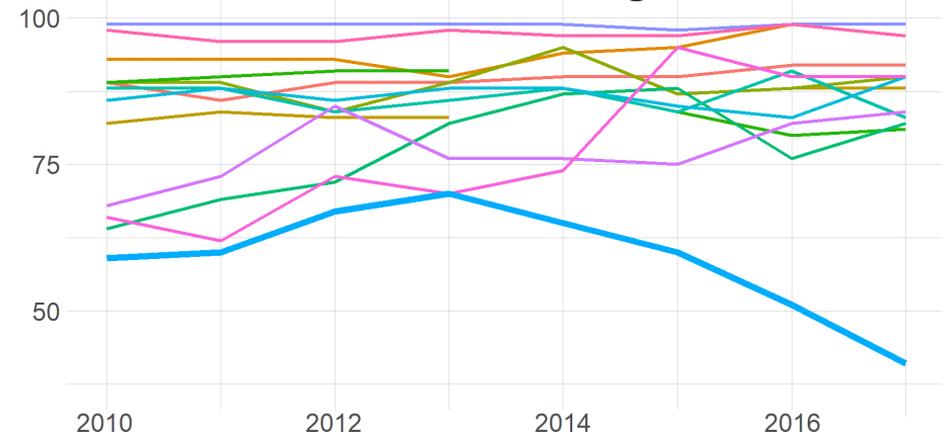
Context

- 10 million people, 850 languages
- Dispersed, difficult geography
- US\$ 50 billion mine/oil revenue
- Endemic violence and corruption
- Health system in crisis
- US\$ 719k Gavi funds misused, US\$ 667k reimbursed to-date
- Measles outbreak, earthquakes, highlands insecurity, APEC, polio outbreak & response

Penta3 coverage, Asia Pacific



MCV1 coverage, Asia Pacific



Key points

- Despite challenges, recent launch of Gavi HSS through multi-donor fund supporting provincial service delivery; and of MR/OPV campaign leveraging GEPI architecture.
- Major political volatility in May and June 2019, but indications that the new PM and MoH are supportive of immunisation and health sector reform.
- Government has launched 10-year National Health Plan development. Proposed that Gavi supports the first five years, to end 2025, to set the path to EPI sustainability.
- Accountability Framework will set out Government commitments aligned with the National Health Plan and other donor requirements.
- Despite planned mitigations, significant risks will remain around Government capacity and rate of improvement in EPI.

Recommendation

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

- a) **Approve**, as part of a tailored strategy to address the challenges in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and taking into account the request made by the Government of PNG to the Gavi Alliance Board in November 2018, that PNG be exceptionally granted an extension of the country's "Accelerated Transition" period (Phase 2) from 2020 to 2025;
- b) **Request** Alliance partners to engage in PNG's National Health Planning process to assist the Government to develop specific applications for Gavi Health System Strengthening and New Vaccine Support, and identify, key national commitments to health system and immunisation strengthening on which Gavi support would be conditional;

Recommendation (continued)

- c) **Request** the Secretariat, in the context of the National Health Planning process and in consultation with the Government and Alliance partners, to develop an accountability framework and to organise annually a review with Alliance partners and the Government to assess progress against that accountability framework.
- d) **Delegate** to the Secretariat the authority to apply policy flexibilities required to respond to the circumstances in PNG during the extended Accelerated Transition period, noting that the indicative cost of this Gavi support to PNG is estimated to be an amount of US\$ 60 million;
- e) **Request** the Secretariat to provide annual updates to the PPC and an update to the Board in 2023 on the progress of Gavi's support to PNG.



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