

Annex A: First Response Fund – Programmatic Parameters for Decision

Duration	7 years until end of December 2030. Subject to a Board decision to continue the Fund, in 2030 donors will have the option to withdraw or renew their funds for a further 5 years.
Use of Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate rapid vaccine access including procurement of doses (and ancillaries such as syringes) for target priority populations, including healthcare workers; • Accelerate the delivery of vaccines, including the procurement of additional cold chain equipment, community protection measures, support for surge capacity and pandemic response plan implementation at country level; • Provide targeted support to maintain routine immunisation and protect healthcare workers (such as the purchase of personal protective equipment); • Other uses, as approved by the Board, provided aligned with the overall objective of the Fund.
Geographic scope	Core Gavi-eligible countries, unless expanded on an exceptional basis by the Board.
Eligibility	<p>The Fund will be restricted to the highest levels of public health emergencies with a two-stage eligibility process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An emergency will need to meet both objective eligibility criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A WHO declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), or grade 2 or 3 emergency. A minimum of 80% of funding is reserved for PHEICs. – The emergency relates to a disease / pathogen for which Gavi does not have an existing programme or outbreak response mechanism in place (unless exceptionally agreed by the Gavi Board). 2) An emergency will also need to satisfy a further technical assessment, based on clear criteria and informed by partner consultations and risk assessments, with an associated recommendation to disburse from the Fund made by an internal steering committee chaired by the CEO.