

Gavi CSO Funding Mechanism

Call for Proposals: Mozambique

Application Guidance

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Introduction

Central to Gavi's mission is strengthening a more diverse response to expand immunisation coverage to 'zero-dose' children and missed communities in Gavi-eligible countries.

This call for proposals is open to national civil society organisations (CSOs) registered in **Mozambique. There are five grants available and only one grant can be awarded per CSO.**

Grants to fund CSOs will be open for applications starting on **Tuesday 7th July at 16:00h Maputo time**. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 4th August, at 17:00h Maputo time**.

Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Please aim to submit your application in the online system (Grantelope) at least one day before the deadline, in case of difficulties. All compulsory questions should be completed before any application can be submitted.

Please register an account with Grantelope, log in, and complete the eligibility review as soon as possible. If you are eligible, you will then be able to access the application form so you can familiarise yourself with what is required to fully submit the application: [Registration \(grantelope.com\)](https://grantelope.com). See the [Accessing Grantelope](#) guidance.

For questions on the application process, emails should be sent **in English** to: gavi-cso@mannonidaniels.com

Context

Mozambique faces significant challenges in vaccination coverage and marked disparities between provinces. In 2024, according to data from the Health Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation System (SIS-MA 2024–2025), there were approximately 105,318 zero-dose children, with this number having decreased to 60,138 as a result of the continued implementation of routine vaccination, mobile vaccination teams, and catch-up strategies for vaccinating children, such as Big-Catch-Up (BCU) and other national-level initiatives.

According to the National Immunization Strategy 2026–2030, the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) is committed to achieving and maintaining, by 2030, a coverage rate of over 95% of fully vaccinated children for all antigens in the 2024 baseline (83%, BCG proxy), including the recovery of all remaining zero-dose children.

The National Immunization Strategy 2026–2030 (ENI) of the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) recognizes that Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are increasingly acknowledged as an important partner in achieving the EPI's goals of sustainable, inclusive, and high-impact immunization outcomes by 2030.

The CSO fund management mechanism for implementing demand-generation and mobilization activities, in addition to being aligned with the ENI, falls within the Strategic Plan for the Health Sector (PESS), specifically under the priorities of Primary Health Care (PHC), which emphasizes the participation of civil society and community actors in the implementation of the community health care subsystem.

Available grants

Total funding available for grants to Mozambique is 1,600,000 USD.

CSOs can apply for multiple grants if they wish (using one application form for each separate application), but only one grant can be awarded per CSO.

The objective of the fund distribution is to ensure that financial resources allocated to CSOs are distributed proportionally to the needs of each district, enabling:

- Identification and referral of zero-dose and under-immunized children;
- Increased demand for routine vaccination services;
- Support for social mobilization and community engagement activities;
- Improved outreach to populations living in remote and underserved communities;
- Contribution to reducing inequalities in access to immunization services.

Applicant organizations must demonstrate **the capacity to fully cover the assigned districts** within their selected province and present specific strategies to reach hard-to-reach populations, vulnerable communities, and zero-dose children.

Selected priority provinces and districts

Grant Duration

Provinces	Total amount USD	Nr of grants	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	N.º of districts	Proportion in each provinces	Priority Districts
Niassa	250 000 \$	1	89418	26281	24967	9	28%	Chimbonila, Cuamba, Majune, Mandimba, Mavago, Mecanhela, Ngaúma, Nipepe, Sanga
Cabo Delgado	255 000 \$	1	148118	82073	77970	10	53%	Ancuabe, Balama, Chiúre, Cidade de Pemba, Ibo, Mecufi, Metuge, Montepuez, Mueda, Namuno
Nampula	364 000 \$	1	226815	82963	78815	11	35%	Angoche, Distrito de Nampula, Lalaua, Meconta, Memba, Mogovolas, Nacala-A-Velha, Nacala-Porto, Nacarua, Rapale, Ribaue
Zambézia	386 000 \$ (Zambézia; 252 000 \$ + Sofala 134 000 \$)	1	135287	62893	59748	8	44%	Cidade de Quelimane, Ile, Luabo Maganja da Costa, Mocuba, Mocubela, Molumbo, Pebane
Sofala			45605	9971	9472	5	21%	Caia, Cheringoma, Dondo, Maríngue, Marromeu
Tete	345 000 \$ (Tete 180 000 \$ + Manica 165 000 \$)	1	71359	12968	12320	7	17%	Cahora Bassa, Chiuta, Cidade de Tete, Doa, Marávia, Moatize, Zumbo
Manica			80468	29639	28157	5	35%	Bárue, Cidade de Chimoio, Gondola Manica, Vanduzi
Total	\$1 600 000	5	797070	306788	291449	55	37%	

The application submission process, subsequent due diligence, pre-contractual review, and contracting are expected to take three months to complete. Grants are expected to begin in October 2026 and last for up to 14 months. All grants must end by 31 December 2027.

Grant Objective

The mechanism aims to complement vaccination efforts by strengthening community engagement, improving the identification and referral of unvaccinated children, and increasing demand for routine immunization. It will:

- Increase vaccination coverage and reduce the number of zero-dose and under-immunized children
- Support the routine immunization process, including campaigns to increase routine immunization coverage.
- Reinforce the EPI's priorities in demand generation, communication, and areas of need.

Expected Results

- Reduction in the number of zero-dose children (0 doses of DTP1/Penta1) in priority districts.
- Increased DTP3/Penta3 coverage in target districts.
- Identification and referral of zero-dose, under-immunized, and missing/dropout children.
- Demand generation and social mobilization activities implemented in priority districts.
- Reduced number of children susceptible to measles

Key Principles

- Focus on zero-dose children and hard-to-reach communities
- Alignment with EPI priorities and systems
- Results-oriented implementation with regular monitoring
- Promoting sustainability through community structures
- Coordination with existing partners to avoid duplication

Activities must demonstrate a clear link to the objectives, expected results and principles. Applicants must clearly explain how their activities will directly contribute to eligible children being vaccinated.

Performance Monitoring Indicators

All fund recipients must demonstrate meaningful partnerships with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and smaller CSOs. This requirement ensures local ownership, sustainability, and community engagement, while strengthening the broader CSO ecosystem.

Performance Measures

CSOs will be expected to demonstrate how they are contributing to the following indicative key performance indicators:

- # of vaccine doses administered, by antigen
- # of zero-dose children identified and referred for vaccination
- # of zero-dose children vaccinated with DTP1/Penta 1
- # of under-immunised children identified and referred for vaccination
- # of under-immunised children vaccinated with DTP3/Penta3
- # of children vaccinated with MR1
- # of children vaccinated with MR2
- # of geographic areas receiving services and outreach (disaggregated by type: urban slum, hard-to-reach, and conflict-affected)
- # of service delivery sessions delivered or supported by Gavi CSO fund manager mechanism grantees (disaggregated by type: fixed, mobile, and outreach).

Eligible Civil Society Organizations

Definition of CSO (includes):

- National NGOs
- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Religious-based organizations
- Organizations with experience in humanitarian , and emergency contexts
- Academia

Eligibility Criteria for CSOs

- Be a **national non-profit CSO** based in Mozambique, specifically in the province of implementation or a neighboring province.
- Registered with **the Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs**.
- Be a member of a **civil society network at the national or provincial level**.
- Have **at least three years of experience** in child health projects, immunization, community mobilization, and in **humanitarian and conflict contexts** (essential for Cabo Delgado).
- Experience **working with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**, providing them with technical and financial capacity-building.
- Evidence of **successful implementation** of community mobilization projects in the last 5 years.
- Experience working in **collaboration with MoH, Provincial, District, and local health unit teams**.
- Bank accounts must be able to receive payments in **USD**
- The lead applicant organisation must demonstrate financial capacity by having an average annual expenditure over the past three years that exceeds **more than 50%** of the average annual grant value for which they are applying.

Example:

If applying for a grant of US\$750,000 over 18 months, the average annual amount to receive is US\$500,000 (\$750,000/18 times by 12). The lead organisation needs to be able to demonstrate that their average annual expenditure for the last 3 years was at least US\$250,000 (50% of US\$500,000).

Mandatory requirement for partnership with CBOs

All fund recipients must demonstrate meaningful partnerships with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and smaller CSOs. This requirement ensures local ownership, sustainability, and grassroots engagement, while strengthening the broader CSO ecosystem.

Criteria for Selecting Local CBOs (by CSOs)

CSOs will implement activities in collaboration with CBOs that:

- Have a local presence and a network of trusted local leaders (religious leaders, traditional healers, teachers, women's groups).
- Have at least 5 years of experience in child health/community mobilization projects.
- Have experience working with MoH teams and health facilities.
- Have prior experience in the target province and district.

- Knowledge of the cultural, religious, and social dynamics of the target districts.
- Knowledge of strategies for reaching marginalized populations and addressing gender barriers.
- They have basic financial and operational management skills.
- They are able to reach marginalized populations.

Application Evaluation Criteria (Competition Review)

The review of applications will be conducted according to the following criteria

- **A well-reasoned proposal** on how the CSO will increase adherence.
- **Previous experience of testing innovative solutions** (e.g., reminder bracelets, SMS, discussion groups).
- **Strategy to strengthen the capacity of local CBOs** for post-project sustainability.
- **Specific strategies to reach marginalized populations** (internally displaced persons, remote areas, hard-to-reach communities).
- **Proven capacity to address gender barriers** (parental involvement, training of female caregivers, women's safety during travel).
- **Relevant experience and results:** E.g., Have they managed to reduce dropout rates or increase retention in similar contexts?
- **Clean financial record:** Audited accounts, fund management in accordance with standards.
- **Presence in target districts:** Have you been working in or have a presence in the target districts?
- **Relationships with CBOs:** Do you have existing relationships with CBOs in the target districts?
- **Mobilization strategy:** Evidence-based, realistic, and aligned with national plans (ENI, PESS)?
- **Monitoring capacity:** Are they able to track dropouts individually at the district level?
- **Data reporting:** Are you able to report data in real time to the EPI (via FESP, UPSCALE, or another tool used by the MoH)?
- **Local capacity building:** Does the plan provide for the capacity building of a local community structure (OCB/APS)?
- **Integration of local capacity-building actions**

Applications may be submitted by a consortium, provided that the lead applicant has the capacity to manage other CSOs and local partners.

Coordination and Monitoring Mechanism with CSOs and CBO

Coordination between the Program, Gavi (MannionDaniels), and CSOs-CBOs

Level	Participants	Frequency	Estimated Duration	Responsible
Community	Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Community Health Workers (CHWs), community leaders, women's groups, religious leaders, and others to be identified on-site	Weekly	2 hours	Local CBO, with support from the district CSO
Health Center	Representatives of CBOs, APS, and the Health Center's EPI Technician	Monthly	1 day	EPI Technician from the Health Unit
District	District Chief Physician, District EPI Technicians, Health Units, implementing CSOs, and OBC representatives	Quarterly	1 day	MCD/District EPI
Provincial	Provincial Chief Medical Officer, EPI_DPS and SPS□, grant-funded CSOs in the province, and EPI partners	Quarterly	1 day	Provincial MCP/EPI
Central (National)	MoH (National EPI), MannionDaniels, CSOs from each province	Quarterly + annual	1 day	MoH /EPI MannionDaniels
Training	CSO, CBO, APS, and community leaders	Before project kick off	2 days	MoH /EPI MannionDaniels

CSOs are expected to build in costs for the above coordination into their budgets.

*All EPI strategy or vaccination schedule updates should include local CSOs/CBOs/APS and community leaders.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted **in English** only. Applicants must complete the online application form before the deadline. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered. The online application will be available for download on the Application Guidance page of the Gavi website from **Tuesday 7th July 2026**.

There is a single-stage process for applying for the grant:

- Applications must be submitted online via the online grant management system, Grantelope. CSOs will also use Grantelope to manage their grants if their application is successful. It is vitally important that the primary contact email submitted in Grantelope remains valid throughout the application process so that contact with applicants can be maintained.
- Applicants should first complete an eligibility review by filling in a simple form. To do this, they should [register to use the system](#) and click on the text displaying 'Available Grants' in the left-hand menu. The round for **Mozambique** must be selected, and the requested details must be entered. A 'Task' will then be assigned to applicants to complete an eligibility check; this will appear under 'Tasks' in the left-hand menu. See [Grantelope guidance](#).
- Grantelope, the online application system, is designed to be easy to use. It automatically saves applications as the details are entered, and an application can be revisited as many times as required before it is submitted ahead of the closing date.
- A copy of the application's questions can be downloaded as a PDF from Grantelope for working offline and consulting with colleagues. It is important to note, however, that this PDF should not be completed offline and submitted, as only applications made online on Grantelope are accepted.
- To complete an application, a dedicated Project Workbook will also need to be submitted.

About the Project Workbook

The Project Workbook includes six tabs to be completed during the application phase:

Overview

1. Grant Information – describes the basic information of the application and must correspond to the content of the application form.

Technical templates

2. Workbook builder – this should support an applicant's project design process. It includes some formulas to auto-fill certain cells in the subsequent templates.
3. Workplan – this sets out an applicant's key activities and timeframe for implementation.
4. Risk register – this records the risks an applicant foresees and strategies for mitigation.
5. Learning – this captures what an applicant would like to learn and share from their project.

Financial template

6. Budget – this records all proposed spending for the project, including mandatory CBO sub-granting requirements.

Additional document for application

- Results Framework

This document captures an applicant's indicators and proposed six-monthly targets for key activities.

Important

- Guidance, located within the Project Workbook, should be read carefully before an application is submitted.
- The [Technical Guidance](#) document, available to download from the website, should be considered. It outlines how to approach gender equality and social inclusion (GESI), localisation, learning, and risk to each component of a proposed project.
- The [Financial Guidance](#) documents should also be used to help applicants complete their budget (as they provide information on the principles of financial reporting, budget classification, management, and exchange rates).
- CBO Partnership Documentation: Grant applicants must provide detailed partnership agreements and sub-granting plans for CBOs and smaller CSOs.

Review Process

All eligible grant applications submitted will be reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Relevant experience in the provinces and districts
- Program approach and design, including
 - Appropriate justification for the selection of the province and district
 - Strategy for district coverage
 - Justification for setting targets (Targets available in Annex 1)

- Quality of the proposed results framework, including:
 - Alignment with key national indicators
 - Targets
- Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning (MEL) approach
- Gender equality and social inclusion approach
- Fiduciary risk
- Risk management (including safeguarding)
- Stakeholder engagement
- Team structure
- Capacity to deliver
- Ability to develop CBO partnerships and sustainability
- Innovation potential and learning contribution.

Funding decisions are based on an analysis conducted by an independent technical review panel and on the financial health of the applicant organization.

The review process is expected to take approximately three weeks. After the review, all applicants will be informed of the result, and general feedback from the reviews will be provided to unsuccessful applicants. Successful applicants will also receive additional feedback from the reviewers to strengthen their project during the pre-award review process.

It is vitally important that the primary email address submitted on Grantelope remains valid throughout the application process so that contact with applicants can be maintained.

Successful applicants will then undergo due diligence and pre-contract review processes, which may take approximately eight weeks. Grants are expected to begin around October 2026.

Next Steps and How to Get in Touch

An introductory webinar for potential applicants will be held on:

- **Tuesday 14th July, in Portuguese, from 12:00 PM to 13:30 PM (Maputo time)**
- **Register for the webinar** in advance here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/7TW78o-QQStQo7uhA8TGw>

For broader information on the application and granting process, a [Process Guidance](#) document is also available.

All related guidance documents can be located on the [Application Guidance page](#) online.

For questions, emails should be sent to: gavi-cso@mansiondaniels.com

ANNEX 1: Distribution of funds by priority districts in each province (Data source: SISMA 2025)

Niassa

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to be reached	Target (95%)	Proportion in each district (%)	Allocated funds USD
Chimbonila	6270	1630	1549	25%	
Cuamba	24461	7835	7443	30%	
Majune	2880	749	711	25%	
Mandimba	17927	6215	5904	33%	
Mavago	2175	565	537	25%	
Mecanhelas	17500	4497	4272	24%	
Ngaúma	8633	3063	2910	34%	
Nipepe	3221	932	886	28%	
Sanga	6351	795	755	12%	
Total	89418	26281	24967	28%	\$250,000.00

Cabo Delgado

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to be reached	Target (95%)	Proportion in each district (%)	Funds Allocated USD
Ancuabe	11684	4983	4734	41%	
Balama	15139	7299	6934	46%	
Chiúre	26470	18992	18042	68%	
City of Pemba	14112	5145	4888	35%	
Ibo	1287	666	633	49%	
Mecufi	4810	2262	2149	45%	
Metuge	7927	3341	3174	40%	
Montepuez	28050	14996	14246	51%	
Mueda	16328	9366	8897	54%	
Namuno	22311	15022	14271	64%	
Total	148118	82073	77970	53%	\$255,000.00

Nampula

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	Proportion each district	in (%)	Funds Allocated USD
Angoche	19660	3316	3151		16%	
Nampula District	59061	21933	20836		35%	
Lalaua	18601	9449	8976		48%	
Meconta	15178	3361	3193		21%	
Memba	23506	10022	9521		41%	
Mogovolas	22988	9463	8990		39%	
Old Nacala	8442	1916	1820		22%	
Nacala-Porto	20581	8446	8024		39%	
Nacaroa	12113	4707	4471		37%	
Rapale	9289	1247	1184		13%	
Ribaue	17395	9104	8649		50%	
Total	226815	82963	78815		35%	\$364,000

Zambézia

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	Proportion each district	in (%)	Funds Allocated USD
City of Quelimane	23226	10313	9797		42%	
Ile	18633	4825	4583		25%	
Luabo	3829	2062	1959		51%	
Maganja da Costa	13305	7416	7046		53%	
Mocuba	30159	15598	14818		49%	
Mocubela	9373	4054	3851		41%	
Molumbo	22453	11381	10812		48%	
Pebane	14308	7244	6882		48%	
Total	135287	62893	59748		44%	\$252,000.00

Sofala

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	Proportion in each district (%)	Funds USD	Allocated
Caia	12971	1955	1857	14%		
Cheringoma	4371	1000	950	22%		
Dondo	10106	1905	1810	18%		
Marromeu	10582	1770	1681	16%		
Maríngue	7576	3342	3175	42%		
Total	45605	9971	9472	21%		\$134,000.00

Tete

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	Proportion in each district (%)	Funds Allocated USD
Cahora Bassa	6556	1578	1499	23%	
Chiuta	7523	1226	1165	15%	
Cidade de Tete	22156	3918	3722	17%	
Doa	5696	647	615	11%	
Marávia	7710	1879	1785	23%	
Moatize	16264	2987	2837	17%	
Zumbo	5453	734	698	13%	
Total	71359	12968	12320	17%	\$180 000,00

Manica

District	TG 2026 (Proxy BCG)	Children to reach	Target (95%)	Proportion in each district (%)	Funds Allocated USD
Bárue	13229	3793	3603	27%	
City of Chimoio	26982	10059	9556	35%	
Gondola	14256	4696	4461	31%	
Manica	13927	4753	4516	32%	
Vanduzi	12075	6338	6021	50%	
Total	80468	29639	28157	35%	\$165,000.00