

**Programme and Policy Committee Teleconference
17 February 2009
Meeting Report**

Attendees:

PPC members

Sissel Hodne Steen (chair)

George Bickerstaff, Okwo Bele, Suresh Jadhav, Steve Landry, Susan McKinney, Olga Popova, Aldo Tagliabue, Majid Al-Junaid, John Clemens, Ahmed Magan

Secretariat

Alice Albright, Hostencia Esua, Ulf Herzer, Marc Hofstetter, Lisa Jacobs, Pooja Mall, Nina Schwalbe

Regrets

Rama Lakshminarayanan, Joan Awunyo-Akaba, Ashutosh Garg

Background

Following the Programme / Policy Committee (PPC) meeting on 2 February, the Secretariat compiled additional documentation to aid the PPC to make a decision about the 26 outstanding activities to be carried out by WHO and UNICEF within the framework of the GAVI Alliance Work Plan 2009-2010.

Discussion

- The PPC members commended the Secretariat and Partners on the excellent quality of the documents and preparatory work.
- The PPC members stressed the importance of finding appropriate ways to enhance GAVI's ability to monitor progress for work plan activities. Suggestions included more concrete milestones, quarterly reporting, and specificity around activity descriptions.
- The PPC members reiterated the need to develop principles by which decisions could be made in future.

Action items

- The Secretariat will clarify questions related to the WHO work plan activity on vaccine prequalification.

Decisions

- a) Based on additional information provided by WHO, UNICEF and the Secretariat, the PPC recognised that the outstanding 26 activities are critical to immunisation; furthermore the PPC considered that stopping funding for these specific activities would potentially be disruptive and have a negative impact on the successful implementation of the 2007-2010 Alliance Strategy. Therefore for 2009 and 2010, these activities should be funded by GAVI so as not to create a risk that critical functions are not funded.
Specifically,
 - Funding for 2009 activities USD 10,585,510 (of which USD 8,311,760 for WHO and USD 2,273,750 for UNICEF) should be transferred to WHO/UNICEF immediately.

- Funding for 2010 activities and corresponding budget of USD 11,072,360 (of which USD 7,969,360 for WHO and USD 3,103,000 for UNICEF), would be contingent upon adequate progress on 2009 deliverables. The PPC will work with the Secretariat, WHO, UNICEF and the World Bank to identify appropriate indicators to measure progress, to ensure common understanding of reporting requirement. These will be finalised at (or within 2 weeks) of the April PPC meeting.
- b) For activities beyond 2010 (to be developed in the framework of the new Strategy 2011-2015), the PPC agreed on the need to develop new principles on how immunisation activities related to GAVI carried out by WHO, UNICEF and the World Bank could and should be financed (through the GAVI Alliance Work Plan and/or directly by donors). In this work, the PPC will engage with donors and partners.

Other Business

- The PPC decided on a fourth face to face meeting on June 4th in DC after the GAVI Board meeting.