

Gavi 6.0 New Country Application Narrative

This narrative template is required for the country application submission, along with the budget, vaccine details, and the Grant Accountability Framework (GAF). The narrative is used to articulate how the country's Cash Budget for the Gavi 6.0 strategy period (2026–2030) will strengthen routine immunisation, improve equity and sustainability of programmes, and support new vaccine introductions and preventive campaigns. For further guidance to complete this narrative, please refer to the [Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines](#).

Both this narrative and the budget must adhere to Gavi's three mandatory guardrails: (1) a minimum of 10% of the cash grant must be allocated to civil society organisations (CSOs); (2) a minimum investment in cold chain equipment procurement and maintenance, as defined in the Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines, must be ensured; and (3) funds must be allocated for measles and measles-rubella follow-up campaigns within range communicated.

Please note that this narrative template is for planning purposes only, to allow countries to begin the application process. Narrative templates will be accessible through the digital Gavi Grant Management System (GMS) in July. Countries will complete and submit the application through the GMS.

1. Country Context

This section comprises three parts: Country Context, Immunisation Programme Context, and Immunisation Programme Challenges.

1.1 Country Context *[500 words maximum]*

Please describe the country context including:

- Key country characteristics, including demographics, birth cohort, and zero-dose children
- Economic, political, and societal factors influencing primary healthcare and the immunisation programme
- Fragility and/or humanitarian settings
- Key challenges and gaps affecting primary healthcare and immunisation programme delivery and performance

1.2 Immunisation Programme Context

Since the latest National Immunisation Strategy (NIS), health sector plan, or equivalent, have there been any significant changes in the country context that affect the national immunisation programme? (*e.g. changes in immunisation coverage; epidemiological, economic, political, societal, or environmental changes, new vaccine introductions*)

- ☐ **Yes** — Please describe *[500 words maximum]*
- ☐ **No**

1.3 Immunisation Programme Challenges

Since the latest NIS, health sector plan, or equivalent, have any significant new health system-related barriers or gaps emerged affecting immunisation programme delivery, equity, and/or sustainability? Focus on the most critical health system constraints (*e.g. service delivery, workforce, supply chain, data systems, financing, demand, governance, gender-related barriers*).

- ☐ **Yes** — Please describe *[500 words maximum]*
- ☐ **No**

2. Goals, Design, and Strategic Alignment

This section comprises six parts: Prioritisation of Gavi Support, Goals and Objectives, Investment Areas and Activities, Zero Dose and Gender Barriers, Complementarity and Integration, and Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Alignment. Together, they clarify the request for Gavi support and its intended use.

2.1 Prioritisation of Gavi support

Gavi encourages countries to undertake a portfolio prioritisation process to inform the development of Gavi application in line with national priorities. *Please refer to the prioritisation guidance in Annex 1 of the [Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines](#).*

Has the prioritisation exercise been conducted in your country?

- ☐ **Yes** — Please provide a summary of the prioritisation process: how it was conducted, what stakeholders were involved, the criteria, rationale and evidence used, and any changes made based on lessons learned from past implementation. In your response, briefly explain the key strategic trade-offs considered during the prioritisation process, including how constraints informed choices about where Gavi support would be concentrated versus reduced. *[1000 words maximum]*
- ☐ **No**

2.2 Goals and Objectives

What objectives are prioritised for Gavi support, including cash and vaccine budgets, and how do they contribute to the goals of the health sector and immunisation programme? *[250 word maximum]*

2.3 Investment Areas and Activities

Please select the areas for Gavi support and use the relevant fields to describe the planned activities, particularly those taking place in the first two years and how they will address the gaps and challenges identified. Describe the geographic focus of the proposed Gavi

investments including a description of any focused efforts at sub-national level or in high zero-dose burden communities, and how these regions or communities were identified and selected. As relevant, describe any flagship interventions planned as described in the Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines and *[1,000 word maximum per area]*

Please note that within the GMS, as investment areas are selected, conditional fields will contain further prompts for additional information in accordance with the Funding Guidelines. For planning purposes, for the scope and requirements for new vaccine introductions, diagnostics, vaccination campaigns anticipated during the implementation period, please refer to Annex 3 of the Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines. For cold chain support, please refer to the [CCE Programme and Technology Guide](#) for the CCE programme changes, eligible product and services, and deployment modalities, including the eligibility and criteria for the country-led deployment approach. For Health System Investment Areas, further information available in Annex 4 of the Guidelines.

- ☐ Changes to vaccine portfolio (product switch requests, allocation adjustments, or financing changes)
- ☐ New vaccine and/or diagnostics introduction(s)
- ☐ Measles / Measles-Rubella follow up vaccination campaign
- ☐ Other vaccination campaign(s)
- ☐ Cold chain equipment procurement (see Annex A for information that will be requested as conditional fields in the GMS)
- ☐ HSIS Investment Areas:
 - Service delivery
 - Demand generation and community engagement
 - Human resources for health
 - Governance and management
 - Supply chain
 - Data, Monitoring, and Learning
 - Vaccine-preventable disease surveillance, laboratory capacities, and diagnostics
 - Health financing
 - Other (*please specify*)

2.4 Zero Dose and Gender Barriers

How will the proposed activities address barriers to improve equity and sustainably identify and reach zero-dose children and missed communities? How will the proposed activities address gender-related barriers to immunisation access, uptake and service retention? *[500 word maximum]*

2.5 Complementarity and Integration

How will Gavi support align with broader health sector and other immunisation financing, priorities, and programmes? Please describe complementarity to domestic funding and other

development partner assistance (e.g., the Global Fund) and integration with or complementary to relevant programmes such as primary health care (PHC), malaria programmes, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs), nutrition, or health campaigns? *[500 words maximum]*

2.6 Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Alignment

Is the country currently considering, preparing, or implementing any health, nutrition, maternal and child health, education, or WASH project in collaboration with a Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) — such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, or Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank — that could present opportunities for alignment or pooling of financing with Gavi support?

- ☐ **Yes** — Please describe the project(s), including the timeline for project development, stage of preparation, and potential areas of alignment. Where relevant, also specify key co-financiers or partners, the financing instrument (e.g., IDA grant/credit/loan), and whether results and MEL frameworks are aligned or coordinated with Gavi support. *[500 word maximum]*
- ☐ **No**

3. Implementation Support and Management

This section comprises four parts: Technical Assistance, Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Engagement, Sustainability, and Performance Management.

3.1 Technical Assistance

Please describe the technical assistance needs for successful implementation of the prioritised investments. *[500 words maximum]*

3.2 Civil Society Organisations (CSO) Engagement

Please explain how CSOs will support immunisation delivery in missed and underserved communities in the country context, including the main activities they will carry out and the geographical areas where they will work. Please also indicate the proposed funding mechanism for channeling funds to CSOs, and the rationale for choosing this mechanism. Note that specific CSOs cannot be named at the application stage, as they will be identified through a competitive selection process following approval of the application. As a reminder, a minimum of 10% of the cash grant must be allocated to CSOs, as per the mandatory guardrails outlined in the Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines. *[500 word maximum]*

3.3 Coordination and Performance Management

Please describe the governance and coordination mechanisms to oversee grant implementation at national and sub-national levels, including monitoring, evaluation, and regular performance reviews for scaling of best practices and correcting under-performance. This section can also be used to further explain the targets set in the Grant Accountability Framework (GAF), as further described in the Gavi 6.0 Funding Guidelines, how these will be monitored and plans for supplemental evidence generation activities (e.g. surveys, research, evaluations). *[500 words maximum]*

3.4 Sustainability

Please describe how activities will be sustained after this Gavi grant ends. Specify which activities are expected to transition to domestic or other financing within or after the grant period. *[500 word maximum]*

4. Risks and Mitigation

This section comprises one part. Please identify risks that could affect grant implementation and the achievement of results. Describe how these risks will be mitigated. Risks may be technical, operational, financial, political, capacity-related, external, or other.

4.1 Risk Management

Please complete the table below for each identified risk:

Risk	Mitigation Measure
Describe the risk and how it could affect immunisation programme delivery and outcomes. <i>[100 word maximum]</i>	Describe the actions to manage this risk. <i>[100 word maximum]</i>

Annex A: Cold Chain Equipment (CCE)

As the cold chain procurement investment is selected in section 2, the following conditional fields will apply:

Cold Chain System Overview

Please provide an overview of the cold chain system and infrastructure status, including key gaps and total CCE needs for the grant period. This should include the existing inventory update system, including the year of the last update. *[500 word maximum]*

Cold Chain Investment

How will Gavi support help address the CCE gaps and complement existing CCE capacities? How was Gavi support for CCE prioritised (e.g replacement, expansion or extension)? Please provide the total CCE budget (Gavi, country, procurement fees) and describe the funding source, status for the joint investment and any funding gaps that will not be addressed. Please provide a justification where CCE needs are lower than the CCE minimum floor communicated [1,000 word maximum]

Equipment Deployment Plan

Please select which deployment modality has been chosen and explain the rationale and the associated risks and mitigation strategies. *[250 word maximum]*

- ☐ **Supplier-led**
- ☐ **Country-led** (*Please upload the country led deployment toolkit*)

Cold Chain Equipment Performance Monitoring and Maintenance

How will the cold chain equipment be monitored and maintained to ensure reliable operation over time? Please describe the preventive and curative maintenance system in place, key barriers and proposed interventions to strengthen the system, including who will carry out the maintenance and repairs, how data will inform decisions, and how maintenance, including spare parts, will be funded. *[500 word maximum]*