

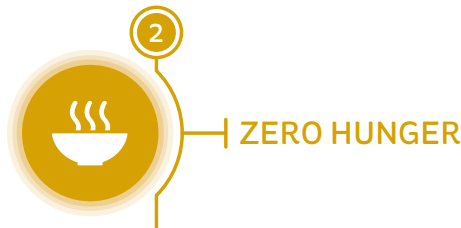
# IMMUNISATION AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



NO POVERTY

**HEALTHY CHILDREN & FAMILIES = INCREASED PROSPERITY**

Immunisation protects people from being forced into poverty due to high out-of-pocket health expenditures. Every year, healthcare costs push approximately 100 million people into poverty. Focusing on prevention rather than expensive treatment, immunisation by 2030 will help to prevent 24 million households in 41 low- and middle-income countries from slipping into poverty.



ZERO HUNGER

**IMMUNISATION + NUTRITION = HEALTHIER FAMILIES**

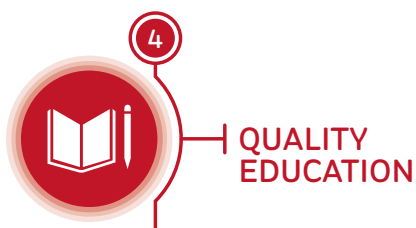
Immunisation provides a platform for delivering nutrition interventions and work hand in hand with good nutrition to help reduce child mortality. Vaccine-preventable diseases could tip children into a malnourished state as they impair the absorption of essential nutrients. Malnourished children are more likely to die from infectious diseases such as diarrhoea, measles and pneumonia, many of which can be prevented by vaccines.



GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**IMMUNISATION = HEALTHY LIVES AND WELL-BEING**

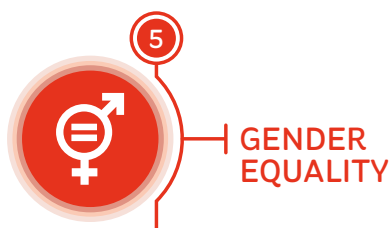
Immunisation is one of the most cost-effective ways to save lives and promote good health and well-being. Every year, vaccines save 2-3 million lives, and millions more are protected from disease and disability. It routinely reaches more households than any other health service and brings communities into regular contact with the health system. This provides an effective platform to deliver other primary health care services and upon which to build universal health coverage.



QUALITY EDUCATION

**VACCINES = IMPROVED LEARNING**

Immunisation increases educational attainment since vaccinated children learn more while they are able to go to school and perform better, positively impacting on cognitive development as well as long-term productivity. Moreover, schools are a platform for health promotion, delivery of vaccines and other health services. The benefits flow both ways: children of educated parents have a greater chance of being immunised and well-nourished and thus enjoy better health.



GENDER EQUALITY

**IMMUNISATION = EMPOWERED WOMEN AND GIRLS**

Immunisation is a gender-equal intervention. Globally, girls and boys are immunised at similar rates. However, there are variations at sub-national levels and in some countries because a range of different barriers inhibit women's ability to access healthcare for their children. Gavi supports countries to make focused efforts to identify and address gender-related barriers to immunisation services, such as through training female health workers, as empowering women is critical to improving child vaccination coverage.



CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

**WASH + VACCINES = LESS DISEASE**

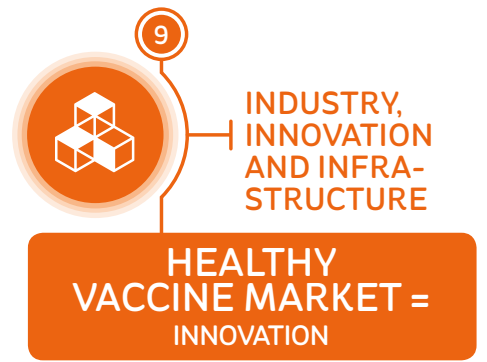
Vaccines, along with clean water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), are proven interventions to prevent diarrhoeal diseases, a leading cause of child mortality in developing countries. Investments in oral cholera and rotavirus vaccines, WASH and health systems form an integrated approach to help eliminate diarrhoeal disease.



Immunisation brings newer, cleaner and more sustainable technology to developing countries' health systems. For instance, Gavi's cold chain equipment optimisation platform gives countries access to solar and energy efficient refrigeration, which is not only more reliable and cost-effective but also more environmentally friendly. Our support includes vaccine monitoring devices that ensure optimum energy usage and reduce wastage.



Investment in human capital can dramatically strengthen a country's competitiveness. Vaccinated, healthy children grow into a productive workforce and become strong contributors to the economy. In addition, healthy children free up parents' time so they are able to work. In Gavi-supported countries, every US\$ 1 spent on immunisation generates US\$ 54 in broader societal benefits of people living longer and healthier lives.



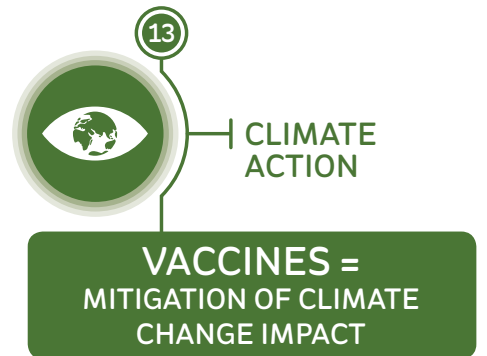
Gavi makes vaccine markets work better by attracting more suppliers, dramatically reducing vaccine prices and ensuring more equitable and sustainable access to vaccines and other innovative products that meet developing countries' needs. Since our inception in 2000, we have contributed to a significant increase in new manufacturers supplying vaccines for Gavi and the majority of the vaccine doses we procure are manufactured in developing countries.



Immunisation protects the health of communities, reduces the number of people forced into poverty, and gives children an equal chance of a healthier and more productive future. By focusing on the underserved communities and unimmunised ("zero dose") children in the poorest and most marginalised populations, especially the urban poor and those living in remote rural settings and conflict areas, Gavi brings immunisation and primary health care services to those furthest behind.



By 2050, nearly 70% of the global population will be living in urban areas. The number of people living in slums or informal settlements has also grown to over 1 billion, many of whom lack access to basic health services. Strengthening urban immunisation programmes protects them against the increased risk of disease outbreaks and is an opportunity to bring integrated preventative services to urban and underserved communities.



The impact of climate change cuts across health and well-being, livelihood, and security of people, particularly for the poorest and most vulnerable communities, such as people on the move. Immunisation is critical to building people's and systems' resilience to and reducing the risk of outbreaks due to climate-sensitive diseases, such as yellow fever, cholera and Ebola, particularly in urban, fragile and post-disaster settings.



Effective, safe, and people-centred health systems are the backbone of social institutions in every country, and immunisation is often the first point of contact between these systems and the population. Through Gavi support, countries' efforts to improve equitable access to vaccines contributes to building public trust, stronger social cohesion, peaceful and inclusive societies.



Leveraging the comparative advantage of each partner, the Vaccine Alliance's innovative public-private partnership model has transformed global progress by accelerating equitable and sustainable access to vaccines both at scale and pace. Since 2000, Gavi support has helped countries immunise more than 760 million children. This has helped to reduce deaths from vaccine-preventable diseases by more than 60 per cent and played a key role in halving the under-five mortality rate in those countries.

*Gavi is one of 12 multilateral agencies which developed the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All (GAP). The GAP aims to strengthen purposeful collaboration among the 12 agencies to help accelerate country impact towards the health-related SDGs. Gavi co-led the accelerator on "sustainable financing for health" to help countries rapidly improve the generation, allocation, and use of funds for health.*