Section A: Introduction

- This report provides the Board with an overview of the activities of the Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) since the Board last met in June 2017.
- The EAC met in Geneva on the 24-25 October 2017 where the members:
  a. Were updated on ongoing Gavi evaluation activities including those related to strengthening the Gavi Evaluation function;
  b. Discussed the quality and usefulness of the baseline assessment report for the Evaluation of Targeted Country Assistance (TCA) provided through the Partners' Engagement Framework (PEF);
     (i) The PEF TCA evaluation was highlighted as an example of how Gavi is learning and in real-time making changes. The baseline findings were discussed at an Alliance workshop which identified priority areas for action. Areas for improvement include capacity building approaches for TCA and skill transfer and improving TCA accountability measurement. These lessons learned are informing the 2018 TCA planning and improvements on delivery.
  c. Discussed the quality and usefulness of the assessment of the Full Country Evaluations first phase reports and were updated on the Full Country Evaluations second phase:
     (i) The FCE second phase was presented as an example of how Gavi is strengthening collaboration with other institutions, in this case The Global Fund. Identified areas of collaboration: sharing best practices and considering joint efforts for planning, monitoring, implementing the evaluation and in-country evaluation capacity strengthening activities, specifically in two countries (Mozambique and Uganda) were both projects are ongoing simultaneously.
  d. Discussed the potential approach for Health System and Immunisation Strengthening evaluation based on the evidence needs;
  e. Discussed the results of the Peer review of Gavi’s evaluation function presented by Nick York, which aims to inform the review of the Gavi Evaluation Policy, the review of the EAC Charter and improve the evaluation function within Gavi;
(i) The report provided several strategic recommendations, such as:
1) To identify and articulate the purpose of the Gavi Evaluation function and audience for its evaluations (including reference to the Board); 2) To develop a more utilisation-focused approach to evaluation; 3) To review and clarify the EAC role; 4) To re-examine provisions for independence (structural/behavioural/organisational independence) and 5) To develop an approach for country evaluation capacity strengthening.

f. Discussed and provided guidance on the preliminary evaluation workplan 2018-2020 considering the increasing demand for evaluations; and

g. Were updated on the first set of revisions of the EAC Charter.

- The EAC and PPC had a first joint meeting on 25 October 2017 where the main objective was to identify key areas of collaboration between the two committees, aiming for better harmonisation and coordination between the PPC and the EAC, a more systematic identification of areas that may benefit for a prospective evaluation, a better anchoring of evaluation design as part of Policy and Programme design, and a more effective use of evaluation findings for Policy and/or Programme design and implementation. It was agreed that a joint session of the EAC and PPC would be organised annually.

- The next EAC meeting will take place in Geneva in April 2018, and will include a status update on the follow-up of the recommendations of the peer review of the Gavi evaluation function, and any other relevant evaluation project updates will be part of the agenda.

- The evaluation findings are expected to continue informing the review of Gavi policies and programmes and the implementation of them, as well as, other upcoming evidence needs such as the Gavi Mid-term Review and the design of the Gavi 5.0 Strategy.

- The EAC Chair report is attached in the form of a presentation as Annex A.

**Annexes**

Annex A: EAC Chair report
EVALUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

BOARD MEETING
Rob Moodie
29-30 November 2017, Vientiane, Lao PDR
Outline

1. Peer review of Gavi Evaluation function: Strategic recommendations
2. Strengthening coordination to facilitate use of evidence
3. Strengthening collaboration with other institutions
4. Evaluations with utilisation focus
1. Peer Review of Gavi Evaluation Function: Strategic Recommendations

**Key recommendations**

1. Identify and articulate the purpose of the Gavi Evaluation function and audience for its evaluations

2. To develop a more utilisation-focused approach to evaluation

3. To review and clarify the EAC role

4. To re-examine provisions for independence (structural / behavioural / organisational independence)

5. To develop an approach for country evaluation capacity strengthening

**To inform**

→ Review Gavi Evaluation Policy

→ Review EAC Charter

→ Improvement of Gavi Evaluation function
2. Strengthening Coordination to Facilitate Use of Evidence

Identifying evidence needs
design and implementation of
Gavi policies, programmes

Ensuring relevant, high quality and timely evidence
3. Strengthening Collaborations with Other Institutions

**Full Country Evaluations (FCE)**
- 3 countries (Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia)
- First phase (2013-16)
- Second phase (2017-19)

**Prospective Country evaluations (PCE)**
- 8 Gavi countries (2 FCE countries)
- Inception phase ongoing in some countries

**Collaboration areas**
- Governance (e.g. TERG – EAC, the Global Fund TERG Secretariat – Gavi Secretariat)
- Evaluation design (e.g. joint evaluation questions)
- Implementation of evaluation (e.g. same evaluators in same countries)
- Evaluation capacity strengthening activities
4. Evaluations with Utilisation Focus

Alliance workshop to discuss use of:
- PEF – Targeted Country Assistance (TCA) evaluation findings

Priority areas identified
- Capacity building framework for TCA
- Improving measuring TCA progress / Milestones / Reporting
- TCA staffing approach

Course correction actions
- Evidence informing 2018 TCA planning and improvements on delivery
- Potential changes will be taken into consideration for the TCA evaluation midterm assessment

→ Close engagement with the evaluator to facilitate the use by Gavi Secretariat and Alliance partners

TCA evaluation conducted by: Deloitte.
Leveraging Evaluation Findings to Inform:

Past and ongoing evaluations:

• Full Country Evaluations
• Targeted Country Assistance evaluation
• Country HSS evaluations
• HSS meta-review
• Measles campaign evaluation

Future evaluations:

• Performance Based Funding evaluation
• Cold Chain Equipment Platform evaluation
• Civil Society Organisations evaluation

Review of Gavi policies and programmes
Gavi Mid Term Review
Gavi 5.0 Strategy
Thank you