Section A: Introduction

- This report provides the Board with an overview of the activities of the Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) since the Board last met in December 2019.

- The PPC met by videoconference on 26-27 May 2020. During the meeting, the Committee discussed a number of important topics for the Alliance and agreed on recommendations which are being put forward to the Board at its June meeting for consideration.

- The PPC Chair report is attached in the form of a presentation as Annex A and the PPC recommendations to the Board are attached as Annex B.

Annexes

Annex A: PPC Chair report

Annex B: PPC recommendations to Gavi Alliance Board
PROGRAMME AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

BOARD MEETING
Helen Rees
24-25 June 2020, Virtual Meeting
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

Discussion and Guidance Items:

• CEO Update
• COVID-19 Pandemic Response: An Alliance update
• COVID-19 Pandemic: Vaccine Development, Access and Delivery
• Gavi 5.0: Measurement Framework/Strategy indicators

Recommendations to the Board:

• Strategy: Progress, Challenges and Risks and implications of COVID-19 on Gavi 5.0 operationalisation (Agenda Item 03)
• Review of the Gavi Gender Policy (Agenda Item 04)
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

CEO Update:

• PPC members noted the importance of maintaining the right balance between Gavi’s mission and the response to COVID-19
• Underlined the importance of a strong multilateral response and close coordination with partners in the face of a global pandemic
• Noted that countries had been given the opportunity to utilise 10% of their health systems strengthening (HSS) funds to respond to the outbreak, noting that countries have chosen to utilise only 6% reserving the rest for critical activities related to routine immunisation
• Enquired as to whether additional funding would be required to support routine immunisation for Gavi 5.0 in the COVID-19 context
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

Strategy Progress Update:

• PPC members expressed appreciation that principle of equity remains critical for Gavi 5.0 – and advised to build local partnerships to enable tailored and targeted country approaches

• Expressed desire to ensure sufficient capacity exists within the Secretariat to manage the new work areas, including on Cold Chain Equipment Optimisation Platform (CCEOP)

• Noted importance of Middle-Income Countries (MICs) workstream, including progressing with the technical assistance and political will building- to avoid backsliding for former eligible countries.

• Expressed concern on removing joint investment for CCEOP, as risks country ownership, sustainability, and domestic resource mobilisation. Secretariat will further review this
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic Response: An Alliance update:

- PPC members commended the Secretariat on their quick and collaborative response to the pandemic
- Referred to the importance and acknowledgement of the use of partnerships to date, including Alliance partners, development partners, industry, civil society organisations
- Noted very strong support for the country perspective driving this with flexibility and tailored approaches and microplanning
- On strengthening CCEOP and solarisation, supported the concept and the primary healthcare potential for this, but also advised to think through sustained expansion- looking at the evidence and need in response to COVID-19
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic: Vaccine Development, Access and Delivery:

• PPC members signaled that they wished to better understand how the Gavi Alliance Board and Committees will be engaged in decision making processes
• Flagged that it is essential that CSOs are fully engaged and consulted, especially to address any potential social bottlenecks, such as vaccine hesitancy or misinformation
• Probed for more detail on how this facility will differ from the current Gavi model with respect to both fundraising from donors and for ensuring there is sufficient demand
• Queried how the facility would improve global supply and capacity and ensure optimisation of overall prediction capacity
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

Gavi 5.0: Measurement Framework/Strategy Indicators:

• PPC members agreed that extending timelines was appropriate given COVID-19, but that new timelines must be established and adhered to
• Discussed the benefit of alignment between the Gavi 5.0 framework and Immunization Agenda (IA) 2030
• Encouraged Gavi to work with peer organisations (e.g. the Global Fund and the Global Financing Facility) to look into common indicators
• Highlighted the importance of including indicators on supply chain, data, gender-related barriers, and integration into primary health care
PPC Meeting, 26-27 May 2020

PPC Recommendations to the Board:

• Listed in Annex B
• Further details from the PPC discussions contained in the relevant papers to the Board, as listed in Slide 3
Thank you
Decision 1: Strategy: Progress, Challenges and Risks and implications of COVID-19 on Gavi 5.0 operationalisation (1/2)

The Gavi Alliance Programme and Policy Committee recommended to the Gavi Alliance Board that it:

1. **Grant** the Secretariat the authority to implement the following policy shifts from 1 July 2020 within the existing policy framework, noting that these shifts were approved by the Board in December 2019 for incorporation into Gavi’s new funding policies:
   
   a) Removing the programme filter requiring 70% or higher coverage of the 3rd dose of DTP-containing vaccine for a country to access new support for select vaccines (as set out in the Eligibility & Transition Policy);
   
   b) Allocating HSS resources according to four criteria: equity (number of zero-dose children), coverage (number of underimmunised children), ability to pay (GNI pc), and population in need (birth cohort), with all four criteria equally weighted;
c) Removing the cap of US$ 100 million over five years currently applied to total country HSS ceilings, but retaining the floor of US$ 3 million;

d) Integrating support for CCEOP into HSS support; and

e) Discontinuing the mechanism of awarding Performance Payments (as set out in the HSIS Support Framework).
Decision 2: Review of the Gavi Gender Policy

The Gavi Alliance Programme and Policy Committee **recommended** to the Gavi Alliance Board that it:

**Approve** the revised Gavi Alliance Gender Policy attached as Annex B to Doc 04, as amended by discussions at the PPC.