



*General Presentation of the*  
**Gavi CSO Constituency**  
for Immunisation and Stronger Health Systems

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**Helping to reach Every Child with Immunisation and Health Services**

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# *12 years of* **The Gavi CSO Consistency**

In 2010, Civil Society representatives formally created the Gavi CSO Constituency.

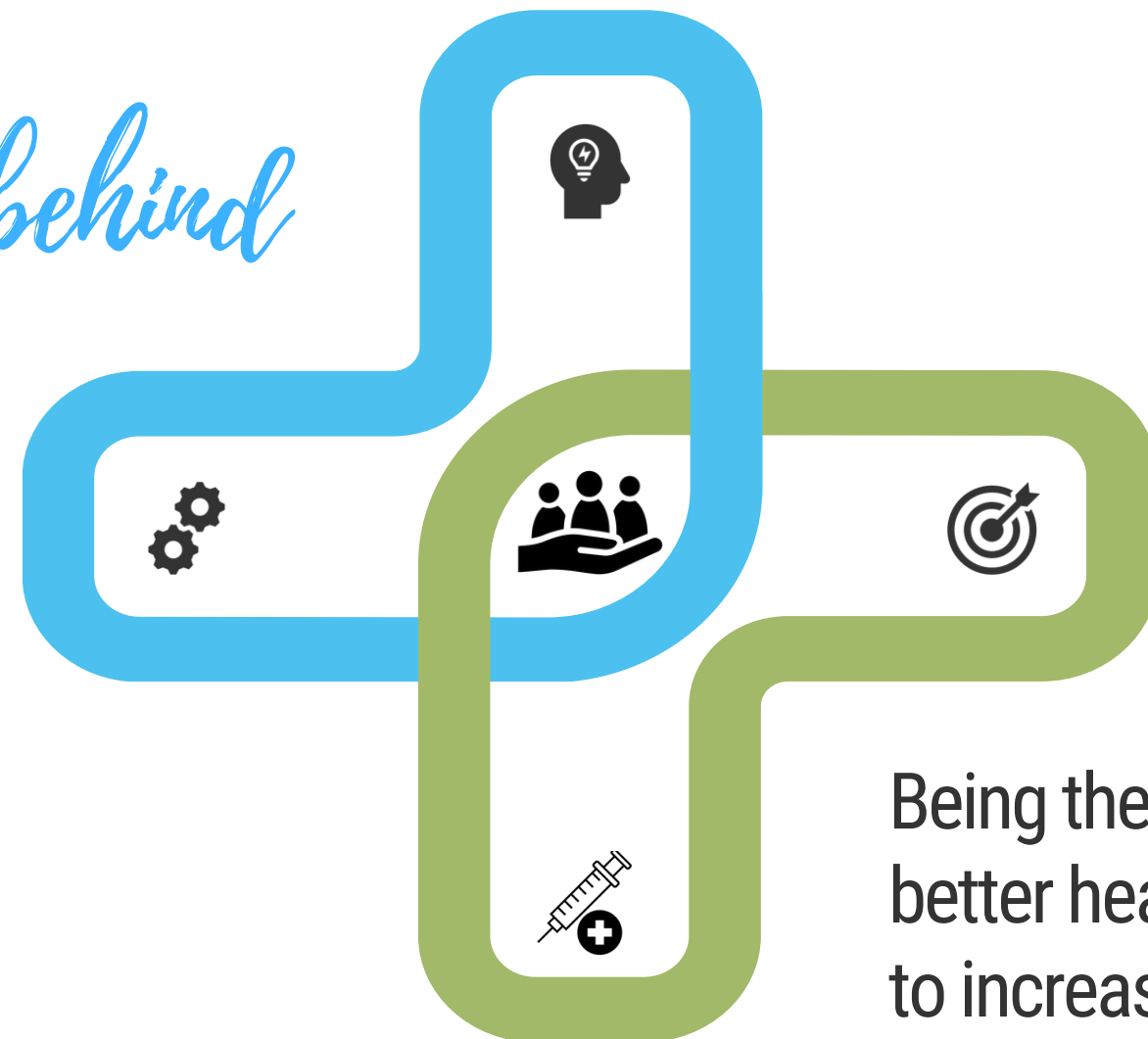
The goal from the beginning has been to engage CSOs around the globe as important stakeholders to share voices of communities at the policy level.



## Vision

Ensuring every person is reached with vaccination and basic health services, wherever they are and regardless of their origin, gender and social status.

*leaving no one behind*



## Mission

Being the voice of the Civil Society in advocating for better health outcomes, and leveraging their efforts to increase and improve immunisation coverage.

*Serving the underserved*

# What we do

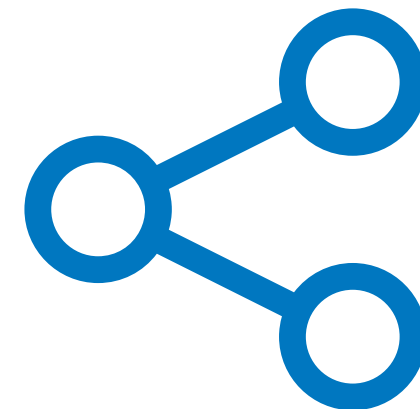
We support **GAVI's mission** "to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries". We do this in four main ways:



**As service providers**



**As local, national, regional and global advocates**



**As key links between communities and GAVI-eligible countries**



**As "Watchdogs"**



**Membership in the GAVI CSO Constituency is open to all CSOs, NGOs, professional associations and academic Institutions. Currently, our members include:**

- **Local CSOs**
- **International NGOs**
- **Professional associations and health persones**
- **Research and academic institutions**



**On the global level, we are a cloud constituency, functioning via teleconferences, listservs, our website and newsletter.**

**At the country-level, there is face-to-face interaction of country-level GAVI CSO platforms (thanks in part to Type A and Type B funding and activities in the CSO-led portion of the GAVI business plan).**



**The Constituency is led by an 18-member Steering Committee. Here are some facts:**

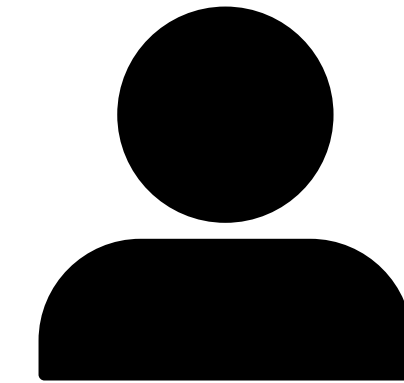
- **Individuals serve a three-year term.**
- **The SC elects a Chair and Vice-Chair.**
- **The SC also elects the Civil Society representative and alternate representative to the GAVI Board.**
- **The SC and the wider Constituency is supported by the CSO Constituency Focal Point who is a primary link between the Constituency and the GAVI Secretariat.**

**The SC meets twice a year, immediately preceding GAVI Board meetings.** The focus of these meetings is to formulate civil society positions for the upcoming Board, discuss Constituency governance and follow up on key activities and strategic priorities.

**The Constituency and Steering Committee are permanently represented in Geneva** by the Chair and Vice-Chair, local SC members and the CFP/Special Advisor to the Board representative. An SC member may speak on behalf of the SC or Constituency only when agreed by the SC.



# Composition of the CSO Steering Committee



*18 members*



*14 countries*  
Africa, Asia,  
Europe & North America



Originally, the Constituency was created as a **GAVI Governance mechanism** to support the Civil Society representative to the **GAVI Board**.

With time, leadership and political support, it has grown into much more:

- **An advocacy partner** – both programmatic and resource mobilisation – in donor and partner countries.
- **A keystone of country ownership** and good governance in health systems and beyond.
- **A community change-maker**– increasing vaccine acceptability and uptake and working to strengthen health systems.
- **A key conduit for voices and view points from communities** in GAVI-eligible countries.





We operate on several levels:

- **By leveraging our seat on the GAVI Board to influence high-level decisions.** We are also represented on key Board committees, including Governance, Evaluation and the PPC. We are not represented on the Executive Committee of the GAVI Board– a body with decision-making power.
- **By working closely with key departments and teams in the GAVI Secretariat,** including country programmes, governance and legal, policy and performance, the executive office, and external relations (advocacy and public policy, communications).
- **By supporting our members faced by particular challenges** and bringing their concerns to the highest levels, if necessary.
- **By forming and strengthening direct relationships with governments, WHO, UNICEF** and other key GAVI implementing partners at the global- and country-level, as well as with related civil society constituencies (GFATM.)

# Our Charter, a few key points

The Charter governs:

- The organisation of the Constituency and Steering Committee.
- The roles and responsibilities of Constituency members, SC members, Elected Officers and the CFP.
- The nomination process for SC members, Board Committee members and Officers, as well as a performance review clause.
- Norms, processes and procedures for the SC that govern internal working processes, SC responsibilities to the wider Constituency, and relations with the Secretariat.
- How the Constituency is represented in public.



# Immunisation Advocacy Goals adopted by the CSO Constituency

## Five shared advocacy goals:

1. Every child, woman and man receives life-saving vaccines and there is equitable progress towards achieving the universal right to immunisation.
2. Access to immunisation is expanded via genuine country ownership and good global governance in which the priorities of populations in high-burden areas drive the agenda and progress is measured annually as part of Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP) implementation.
3. Full funding for universal access to immunisation is raised sustainably.
4. Appropriate vaccines and delivery mechanisms are available at prices that are affordable, acceptable, appropriate and sustainable for countries in the long term.
5. Vaccination is delivered through country health systems, catalyses improvements in Primary Health Care services and strengthens health systems, including community health systems.



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