



Theme: Building Back Together: Strengthening Partnerships for CSO-led Accountability and Equity in Immunisation

Date: Wednesday 26th July 2023

Time: 15:00-16:30 EAT | 14:00-15:30 CAT | 13:00-14:30 WAT |

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The 2nd Dialogue Series on Strengthening Partnerships to Reach Zero Dose will focus on strengthening CSO-led accountability and partnerships to help countries build back better. This is due to the fact that despite remarkable progress, there are still children who remain unreached, facing the threat of vaccine-preventable diseases. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated this challenge, hindering immunisation efforts and leaving millions of children vulnerable. As we move forward, it is essential to intensify our efforts, build partnerships, and strengthen our collective resolve to reach Zero Dose.

Today, we have a unique opportunity to come together, drawing on the expertise and experiences of civil society organisations, donors, UN agencies, regional health practitioners, academia, and research institutions. By forging strong partnerships, sharing best practices, and fostering mutual accountability, we can accelerate progress and ensure that no child is left behind.

During this Dialogue Series, we will delve into crucial topics. Updates on the Mid-Term Review (MTR) and recent decisions made by the Gavi Board will provide us with the latest information, setting the stage for informed discussions. There will also be updates on the new WEUNIC data as well as a brief feature on the World Children's report. We will also go through the 2023 Work Plan and find avenues for collaboration.

Our focus extends beyond dialogue and information sharing. With regards to recent policy engagements, Gavi will make a presentation on the Malaria Vaccine rollout, while emphasising the role of Civil Society in advancing these agendas. There will also be a presentation from PATH, examining country CSO experiences with Full Portfolio Planning, learning from each their successes and challenges, and offering valuable insights into community-based approaches and high-level advocacy for zero dose.

Moreover, we will delve into the critical role of civil society in Gavi RFP Coordination at country level, recognizing the complementary contributions of CSOs in achieving our immunisation

goals with the goal of reaching the zero dose children and missed communities including those in fragile areas.

The Gavi CSO Constituency would also like to invite you to our Immunisation Today Podcast under the same theme, bringing a wider group of CSOs to continue the conversation through panel discussions on Twitter Spaces. The Podcast will happen on Friday 28th July at 3pm EAT.

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Civil Society Dialogue Series!

Objectives:

- Facilitate knowledge sharing and collaboration among civil society organisations, donors, UN agencies, regional health practitioners, academia, research institutions, and EPI teams at the country level to advance IA2030 objectives .
- Share updates on progress made with regard to implementation of Gavi 5.0/5.1 strategy
- Share learning on the critical role CSOs are playing to ensure equity and accountability to reach zero dose and missed communities at country level

Expected Results:

- Strengthened platform for information sharing within the Gavi CSO constituency, enabling effective knowledge exchange, learning, and replication of successful approaches.
- Enhanced partnerships and collaboration among civil society organisations, Gavi, and normative agencies, fostering mutual accountability and collective action in immunisation initiatives.

Methodology

This shall be a virtual bi-lingual (English and French) engagement bringing together civil society partners, specifically the Gavi CSO Constituency and normative agencies in the region to share information, develop a joint advocacy agenda and collectively work towards improved immunisation advocacy outcomes at country and regional level.

Primary Audience:

- Civil society
- Donors: Gavi, World Bank, USAID, UKAID,
- UN agencies: UNICEF, WHO
- Regional health practitioners/ Professional associations
- Academia
- Research institutions
- EPI teams at country level

Proposed Agenda

Main Topic	Focus	Time
Opening Session	<p>Gavi CSO SC Chair - Dr. Endie Waziri</p> <p>Gavi representative - Hamzah Zekrya</p>	10 minutes
Opportunities for Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation of WUENIC data: Strengthening advocacy partnerships to improve immunisation performance - UNICEF Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10 minutes reserved for plenary ● Civil Society engagement in the Full Portfolio Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on challenges, successes, and lessons learnt, and identification of opportunities for collaboration and replication - Deogratias Agaba, Regional Advocacy and Communications Manager, PATH ● Malaria Vaccine rollout - Exploring opportunities for collaboration and joint action by CSOs - Gavi Representative 	60 minutes
Updates	<p>Feedback sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gavi Vaccine Impact Conference - Esther Nasikye, Gavi CSO SC ● Gavi Board - Gavi CSO SC Board Representative 	10 minutes
Closure	<p>Wrap-up and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immunisation Today Podcast introduction and call for speakers ● Upcoming key moments 	10 Minutes