



## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

**Join the Gavi CSO Steering Committee!**

**Vacancies open on the Gavi Civil Society Organization (CSO) Constituency Steering Committee**

**Deadline for nominations: 14th July, 2024 11:59 EA-Time**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

[Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#), is a public-private partnership launched in the year 2000. It comprises partners including UNICEF, WHO, the Gates Foundation, the World Bank, developing country governments, donor country governments, the vaccine industry, Civil Society groups, research and technical health institutions. The Civil Society Steering Committee for [Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance](#), represents the voices, experiences, and interests of civil society constituency across Gavi governance mechanisms, including the Board and Programme and Policy Committee. The 18-member Steering Committee is not legally registered and operates independently of Gavi. However, Gavi does provide funding to support the Committee's work to facilitate broad civil society engagement. The Steering Committee's leadership is provided by the Chair and Vice Chair of Gavi CSO SC. Some of the SC members have completed their term and therefore there are due for replacement. The SC is committed to maintain both gender and geographical diversity in its membership as well as skills necessary to achieve its strategic objective.

Civil society is one of the largest and most diverse constituencies for Gavi and includes non-governmental organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, academic and technical institutions, professional bodies and civic organizations, and other not-for-profit groups. For more information, visit [Home - Gavi CSO Constituency \(gavi-csos.org\)](http://gavi-csos.org). In line with the [Principles of Meaningful Involvement of Communities and Civil Society in Global Health Governance](#), which we have endorsed, our Steering Committee designs and leads our own open selection process for our members, reflecting the diversity, knowledge, and experience of the institutions that we represent. The CSO Steering Committee selects members based on the priority they give to vaccination and child health issues, availability, technical expertise, and representation of the broad and diverse civil society spectrum. Specific attention is paid to country of origin and to achieving a balance between advocacy and service-delivery organizations. The Steering Committee is committed to maintaining both gender and geographical diversity in our membership. **Individuals serving on the Steering Committee are appointed for a single, non-renewable, three-year term. We emphasize that membership is organizational, not individual.**

## **2. WHY JOIN THE GAVI CSO STEERING COMMITTEE?**

When you join the Gavi CSO Steering Committee, you will:

- a) Get the opportunity to represent the broader Constituency of CSOs and jointly advocate that every person be reached with vaccination and basic health services, wherever they are and regardless of their origin, gender, age and social status, defending the principle of leaving no one behind;
- b) Get the opportunity to attend and contribute to our global, regional and in country activities and events related to immunisation and health systems strengthening;
- c) Represent the experiences and interests of civil society organisations and advocate on their behalf across Gavi governance mechanisms, with Gavi Alliance partners, and through grassroots mobilization, coalition building, public education, media engagement, and policy development;
- d) Actively support Gavi Board and PPC representatives by participating in paper reviews and meetings, providing timely and constructive feedback;
- e) Contribute to building a global and local community of civil society organizations working through advocacy, service delivery, demand generation, and fundraising to support Gavi's priorities in expanding equitable access to life-saving vaccines and to strengthen health systems;
- f) Feed into CSO Constituency-wide communications activities and coordinate activities on immunization, HSS and beyond, e.g. IA2030, UNGA, UHC Day, Gavi high level events and regional and country CSO platforms;
- g) Receive regular news and updates on the constituency website, Facebook page and Twitter feed to facilitate sharing of innovative ideas and good practices, lessons learnt and other information;
- h) Be in a position to send your own organization's news, press releases, events, and notes from the field for posting on the Gavi CSO website and social media interfaces.

## **3. SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**

We are particularly seeking organizations with experience and expertise in these areas;

- a) Experience in national and sub-national implementation of immunisation and/or health programmes serving underserved communities and in the field of public health.
- a) Ability to collect and communicate country and sub-national experiences regarding CSOs engaging in Gavi processes including CSOs as implementers, technical assistance providers
- b) Expertise in advocacy, community mobilization, communication and resource mobilization for health.
- c) Expertise in Health Systems Strengthening, immunization program policy development, monitoring and evaluation, and immunization financing
- d) Experience of new vaccines, including malaria, HPV.
- e) Experience in advocating matters of climate change and health.
  
- b) Knowledge of pharmaceutical industry, vaccine development.
- c) Experience of working with country immunization system, CSOs constituency and working with Government for advancing the Gavi mission.

#### 4. QUALIFICATIONS & PROFILE SOUGHT

- i. Qualified Public Health and Development professional, such as Master's degree in public health/MD, Social Development, Vaccinology or any other relevant degree.
- ii. Health System expertise including immunization.
- iii. Behavioral Science and Communications experts.
- iv. Advocates for PHC/UHC.

#### 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Representatives serving on the Gavi CSO Steering Committee are asked to:

- i. Represent their Organization and share its views and their own views with the Steering Committee.
- ii. Actively engage in Immunisation Coordination Committee, and other national and subnational coordination committees as applicable in country context.
- iii. Actively attend and participate in at least ten monthly CSO Steering Committee monthly calls and two bi-annual face-to-face meetings.
- iv. Provide key inputs in the focused areas of work included in the CSO Steering Committee's Strategic Framework.
- v. Actively engage in at least two Gavi CSO SC working group, as needed.
- vi. Keep their organizations informed about Gavi, the Constituency and the Steering Committee.
- vii. Work with other CSOs and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to share Gavi- and Immunization-related information; participate in key Gavi-related country-level discussions; consult with other CSOs and NGOs in your country on key issues related to immunisation, represent their views during SC meetings and keep them informed of outcomes and next steps.
- viii. Collect and share country-level information with the Steering Committee and Gavi, strengthen the dialogue between global and local organisations for effective collaboration.
- ix. Attend paper review sessions and submit a minimum of two written reviews per year to ensure robust support for the Gavi Board's decision-making process.

#### 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Nominees must have experience in issues that are a priority for the current immunization agenda globally and national immunization strategy. A person nominated for appointment to serve in the Gavi CSO SC must have authority to represent their organization. Where the organization is part of a larger body of associated organisations, the Gavi CSO SC representative must have permission to speak on behalf of the larger CSO Constituency/entity. The representative must also have their organization's support and approval to commit a minimum of 10% of their time to the work of the SC and that of the wider Constituency. **SC members are expected to be actively and meaningfully engaged throughout their tenure.**

All nominees must have a strong command of English, both spoken and written. Additional language skills, such as French, Spanish, Arabic or Portuguese are considered as real assets.

**The call for nominations is open until 14th July, 2024. Please submit your nomination in full to [recruitment@gavi-csos.org](mailto:recruitment@gavi-csos.org). We will acknowledge receipt of nomination on or shortly after the deadline.**

**Applications must be:**

- a) In English
- b) In Word format (pdf files will not be accepted)
- c) In one document (multiple attachments will not be accepted)

**And should include:**

- Brief CV of individual who will represent the organization as applicant
- Personal statement that reflects why you are interested in joining the CSO Steering Committee, the skills and experience you would bring and the organizational resources you would be able to leverage.
- Brief statement from the leadership of your organization confirming their support for you to devote a minimum 10% of your time.
- Organization is legally registered, non-profit, non-political and development organization to represent as applicant.

Applications received after July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59hrs (EA-Time) will not be considered.