

A Collaborative Push for Sustainable Immunization Financing in Africa

On **July 31, 2024**, key stakeholders convened for the *Regional Dialogue on Immunisation Financing* to tackle one of Africa's most pressing challenges: **sustainable funding for immunisation programs**. Co-hosted by the Gavi CSO Constituency, PATH, and WACI Health, the dialogue brought together experts and advocates to share successes, confront gaps, and propose solutions.

Stark realities emerged: in **Nigeria**, only **2% of the health budget** is allocated to immunisation, while in the **DRC**, political instability limits funding to less than **1%**. Yet, Ethiopia's strategic blend of domestic and international investment shows progress is achievable, and Uganda's **15% funding increase** highlights the power of consistent advocacy.

The call to action was clear: **governments must prioritize immunisation**, with CSOs driving accountability and innovation. Recommendations included increasing national budget allocations, building **resilient health systems**, and leveraging **public-private partnerships** to bridge gaps.

Keightley Reynolds (Gavi) emphasized, "Sustainable financing requires collective action." The dialogue underscored that with commitment and collaboration, every African child can receive life-saving vaccines.