

Asia CSO Dialogue Series - September 19, 2024

On September 19, 2024, the Asia CSO Dialogue Series convened to address regional immunization challenges and strengthen collaboration among civil society organizations (CSOs). Dr. Nizam Uddin Ahmed, Chair of the Gavi CSO Constituency, emphasized, “This convening is a transformative opportunity for CSOs to collaborate, share strategies, and ensure no child is left behind.” This landmark event highlighted Gavi 6.0’s commitment to equitable vaccine delivery, with a sharp focus on reaching zero-dose children across Asia’s diverse populations.

Discussions showcased successes in countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Nepal, where digital tools, public-private partnerships, and community-driven initiatives have advanced immunization coverage. Barriers such as vaccine hesitancy, logistical challenges, and disparities in health infrastructure were addressed with actionable strategies, including social behavior change programming and enhanced community engagement. Social behavior change strategies were highlighted by Humberto Jaime of UNICEF Nepal, who stated, “Community-driven approaches build trust and are critical to addressing vaccine hesitancy.”

Key outcomes included the call for robust national and regional networks to amplify CSO efforts, foster cross-learning, and bridge critical gaps in immunization access. Participants committed to strengthening collaboration to overcome barriers and ensure equitable immunization coverage across Asia’s diverse populations. The dialogue underscored CSOs' indispensable role in driving equitable healthcare delivery, setting the stage for sustained collaboration in achieving Gavi’s ambitious immunization targets.