



**Gavi CSO  
Constituency**  
Helping Reach Every Child

# Gavi Civil Society Community Call Report

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## Introduction

The 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 Gavi Civil Society Community Call brought together key stakeholders to discuss Gavi's replenishment goals, advocacy strategies, and the upcoming Gavi Board meeting in Bali, Indonesia. The session reinforced the crucial role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in advocating for continued global vaccine equity and securing funding for Gavi's mission.

## Opening Remarks

Liza Barrie opened the call by recognizing the dedication of CSOs during a challenging period. She highlighted the urgency of Gavi's replenishment efforts and the need for tailored advocacy to meet the organization's goals.

"We are at a critical juncture," Liza remarked. "The replenishment cycle will determine how we expand access to vaccines and ensure the most vulnerable communities benefit from our collective efforts."

She acknowledged the complex political and economic landscape, where donor budgets are under pressure, and the importance of maintaining momentum in advocating for vaccine equity globally. Liza encouraged CSOs to continue their essential work, as their advocacy directly impacts the success of Gavi's mission.

## Key Presentations

### 1. Gavi's Replenishment Goals and Priorities

**Presenter:** Chloe Cooney, Director, U.S. Strategy, Gavi

Chloe provided a comprehensive overview of **Gavi 6.0**, the next phase of Gavi's strategic plan. Gavi 6.0's core aim is to vaccinate **500 million additional children**. Chloe emphasized the ambition

behind this target, noting that Gavi plans to reach the next 500 million children in **half the time** it took to vaccinate the first billion, reflecting Gavi's increasing efficiency.

#### Key Points from Chloe's Presentation

- **Reaching 500 million Additional Children:**

Gavi's primary goal in **Gavi 6.0** is to vaccinate 500 million more children. Chloe emphasized that the organization's ability to reach this milestone more quickly reflects an increased pace and efficiency in vaccine delivery, building on previous achievements.

- **Innovative Vaccines:**

A key feature of **Gavi 6.0** is the introduction of new vaccines. These include vaccines for **malaria** and **dengue**, as well as tools to fight **MPox**. Chloe highlighted these innovations as critical in addressing emerging global health threats. "We're not just looking at existing diseases; we are preparing for new ones," she stated, stressing the importance of proactive vaccine development.

- **Building Regional Vaccine Manufacturing Capacity:**

Chloe pointed to the **AVMA (African Vaccine Manufacturing Alliance)**, a new initiative focused on building vaccine manufacturing capacity within Africa. This is crucial to ensure that countries are less reliant on external vaccine supplies and more self-sufficient in addressing their immunization needs. "Regional manufacturing increases resilience and ensures that vaccines are produced closer to where they are needed," Chloe explained.

- **Strategic Challenges:**

Chloe discussed the challenges Gavi faces, particularly **rising vaccine costs** and **political**

**instability** in donor countries, which are affecting funding levels. “These challenges highlight the need for targeted and **tailored advocacy**, especially as we continue to secure funding in a volatile global environment,” she said.

#### The Role of Civil Society in Gavi 6.0

Chloe emphasized that CSOs will play a vital role in ensuring Gavi’s success. She urged civil society groups to:

1. **Demonstrate Gavi’s impact:** CSOs should continue showcasing Gavi’s **cost-effectiveness** and **return on investment** (ROI) in saving lives, particularly through Gavi’s co-financing model.
2. **Advocate for continued investment:** Gavi needs sustained funding, particularly for regional initiatives like AVMA, which will help build long-term vaccine manufacturing capacity in Africa.
3. **Mobilize at all levels:** Chloe stressed that CSOs must work at local, national, and regional levels to ensure governments continue prioritizing immunization and remain committed to funding Gavi.

#### 2. Gavi Donor Accountability Tracker

**Presenter:** Dr. Tessa Oraro Lawrence, VillageReach.

Tessa introduced the **Gavi Donor Accountability Tracker**, a tool designed to track progress toward Gavi’s **\$9 billion replenishment target**. The tracker provides a real-time view of donor commitments, helping CSOs monitor progress and target their advocacy efforts more effectively.

“This tool allows us to track donor commitments and ensures we stay on course toward our replenishment target,” Tessa explained. She acknowledged that while the tracker will evolve based on donor negotiations, it will remain a key tool in supporting civil society advocacy efforts.

### 3. Overview of the Gavi Board Meeting

**Presenter:** Mutana Wanjira, Communications and Advocacy Lead, Gavi CSO Constituency

Mutana outlined the agenda for the **Gavi Board meeting** (December 4–5, 2024, in Bali), focusing on its strategic significance. The meeting is set to discuss key decisions that will shape the direction of Gavi's funding and programs, including:

- **Health System Strategy:** Focusing on program sustainability and investment priorities.
- **Funding Policy Review:** Examining updated allocation formulas and ensuring equity in funding distribution.
- **Measurement Framework:** Shaping the evaluation criteria for Gavi 6.0.
- **Replenishment Roadmap:** Finalizing strategies for engaging donors and ensuring Gavi meets its financial targets.

Mutana highlighted past successes, such as securing **10% ring-fenced funding** for CSOs in Gavi programs, and stressed the importance of continued CSO involvement in the process.

### Q&A and Audience Contributions

The Q&A session featured contributions from participants, addressing both strategic and practical issues:

**Peter Owiti (Gavi CSO Constituency Steering Committee Member, Kenya)** raised concerns about how the G7's leadership transition might affect Gavi's visibility in international discussions. He noted that recent G7 communiqués had not prioritized vaccines.

- **Question:** “How do we ensure vaccines remain a priority during Canada's G7 leadership?”
- **Response from Chloe Cooney:** “Political transitions like these create both opportunities and challenges. We are actively engaging with G7 members to ensure immunization remains a priority. We also encourage CSOs to advocate for vaccine equity in their respective countries.”

**Lucille (Global Health Advocates, France)** asked about the most effective advocacy messages for engaging donors, especially in countries like France, where legacy arguments may not hold as much weight.

- **Question:** “What arguments are most effective in securing donor support, especially in France?”
- **Response from Chloe Cooney:** “Cost-effectiveness, co-financing, and global health security are core messages. However, these must be tailored to each donor's political and economic context. In France, leveraging the country's leadership role in global health may still resonate.”

**Dominique (Results Canada)** inquired about the potential of Davos as a platform for securing early pledges from donors, given Canada's role in the G7.

- **Question:** “Could Davos serve as a platform for early pledges, especially with Canada’s political context?”
- **Response from Chloe Cooney:** “Davos is a significant milestone, especially as we celebrate Gavi’s 25th anniversary. We will support Canada’s strategy if Davos is seen as a platform for pledges.”

**Sabina** asked about upcoming AVMA events and their potential to serve as advocacy platforms before the replenishment conference.

- **Question:** “Could the AVMA continental event in Q1 2025 be a critical moment for advocacy?”
- **Response from Mutana Wanjira:** “Yes, the AVMA continental event is scheduled for Q1 2025, and we will provide more details soon. It represents a key opportunity for advocacy.”

**Vandana Shah (Global Health Advocacy Incubator, USA)** raised concerns about potential shifts in U.S. global health priorities and their impact on Gavi’s funding.

- **Question:** “How can we effectively engage with U.S. policymakers to ensure Gavi remains a priority?”
- **Response from Chloe Cooney:** “Congressional support for Gavi remains strong across both parties, and we are confident in this foundation. However, consistent advocacy is key to ensuring that Gavi continues to be prioritized.”

## Action Points

The meeting concluded with clear actions assigned to specific individuals and teams:

**1. Advocacy Tools Distribution:**

Wambui and Chloe will share the "Mother of All Spreadsheets" to all participants. This comprehensive document tracks key milestones, donor commitments, important dates, and upcoming events related to Gavi's replenishment efforts. It serves as a central reference tool to align CSO activities and ensure everyone is on the same page regarding advocacy priorities and timelines. Alongside this, the updated communications toolkit will be shared to support consistent messaging and to ensure CSOs have aligned messaging and a clear understanding of advocacy milestones.

**2. Connecting with National Focal Points:**

Mutana and Liza will facilitate connections between CSOs and Gavi's national focal points to support tailored advocacy efforts in specific countries.

**3. Post-Board Meeting Call:**

Liza will organize a follow-up community call to discuss the Bali Board meeting outcomes and recalibrate advocacy strategies based on new developments.

**4. Refining the Accountability Tracker:**

Tessa will update the tracker to reflect feedback, ensuring it aligns with ongoing donor discussions while remaining an effective advocacy tool.

**5. Monitoring Advocacy Opportunities:**

CSOs will identify upcoming events and diplomatic engagements that could provide advocacy opportunities. Wambui will coordinate these efforts, leveraging input from participants.



## Closing Remarks

Liza Barrie closed the session by thanking participants for their continued engagement. “Your contributions are the foundation of our success,” she said. “Together, we will ensure that Gavi’s mission remains a global priority, bringing vaccines to the most vulnerable communities.”

The meeting ended with a collective commitment to sustained advocacy and collaborative efforts to meet Gavi’s replenishment goals.