

Accountability for the World's Children

Tracking Donor Commitments to the GAVI Alliance

June 2011 was a breakthrough moment in the fight against child deaths. The world committed an additional USD 4.3 billion to the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership working to increase access to immunizations in developing countries. Our donor immunization record tracks how donors are faring in delivering on their commitments, which enable GAVI's work to avert 4 million future deaths by 2015.



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B+ EVALUATING OUR PROGRESS

October 2013 marks the halfway point in GAVI's current strategy, providing an important opportunity to celebrate and evaluate our progress. Since 2011, GAVI has been on pace to reach almost a quarter billion additional children in 50 countries with new vaccines by the end of 2015. These new vaccines are an essential tool in our arsenal to prevent child deaths and reach the Millennium Development Goal of reducing child mortality by two-thirds by 2015. Take the example of pneumonia and diarrhea, which kill 2 million children every year: new rotavirus and pneumococcal vaccines being rolled out with GAVI support will protect the world's poorest children from these deadly illnesses.

GAVI's Mid-Term Review is also an opportunity to evaluate how donors are faring in fulfilling their pledges to GAVI. Why is this evaluation important? Predictable, long-term funding is essential for GAVI to sustain its current programs, fund new vaccines, and ultimately reach more children with life-saving immunizations. Multi-year pledges from donors also allow GAVI to provide the predictable funding that is essential for countries to launch immunization programs.

iii MOVING FORWARD TO PREVENT CHILD DEATHS

In October, when GAVI partners — including donors — meet in Stockholm, Sweden at GAVI's Mid-Term Review, donors should commit to build on GAVI's successes, fulfill their current pledges, and signal their intentions to provide long-term, sustainable support. There is also room for several donors — particularly **Australia, the European Union, Japan, and the United States** — to extend their current pledges to 2015.

Our collective progress has been remarkable to date, but the daily work of providing life-saving vaccines to the world's poorest children requires predictable, reliable funding. Above all, donors are collectively accountable to the children they have committed to save. Our donor immunization record examines whether the donors that provide nearly 80% of GAVI's current funding are delivering on their pledges, and have pledged to support GAVI until 2015.¹

¹Traditional aid donors have pledged USD 5,835.9 million in contributions to GAVI for 2011–2015, out of a total USD 7,199.6 million total for the period. Data based on information from GAVI Secretariat as of 30 June 2013.

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SHARING THE COST

Since 2007, all countries applying to GAVI for new vaccine support have been required to co-finance a portion of the cost of requested vaccines. This cost-sharing arrangement encourages countries to invest in sustainable immunization programs in preparation for graduating from GAVI support. In all, co-financing provides an encouraging accountability picture. In 2011 and 2012, countries contributed USD 96 million, and in 2012, 55 out of 64 countries made their co-financing payments on time.

DONOR IMMUNIZATION RECORD

NAME: *GAVI Alliance*

DATE OF BIRTH: *January 2000*

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COUNTRY	PLEDGE DELIVERED? ²	FULLY PLEDGED TO 2015 ³	REMARKS ⁴
Australia	<i>in progress</i>	X	 Australia hasn't made a 2014–2015 commitment to GAVI, although it committed AUD 200 million from 2011–2013, and has a 20-year AUD 250 million commitment to IFFIm. ⁵
Canada	✓	✓	Canada has surpassed its commitments to GAVI, topping up its five-year CAD 65 million commitment to GAVI by contributing an extra CAD 20 million for measles activities.
Denmark	✓	X	 Denmark's current commitment to GAVI ends in 2013, despite the fact that it initially pledged to support GAVI until 2015. Denmark has decided to phase out support to GAVI after 2013.
European Union	✓	X	 The EU committed funding to GAVI on an ad hoc annual basis from 2011 and 2012 — not through a multi-year commitment. The EU is now considering its external budget, which will determine funding levels for future support to GAVI.
France	<i>in progress</i>	✓	 France is partially on track to deliver its EUR 100 million direct pledge to GAVI, through ongoing commitments to the Muskoka Initiative, in addition to its IFFIm contribution. However, it is worrying that France has not programmed EUR 22 million of its direct pledge for 2014 and 2015.
Germany	<i>in progress</i>	✓	Germany has grown as a GAVI donor — from EUR 4 million in 2010 to EUR 30 million. It announced its first multi-year commitment in early 2013, extending Germany's annual commitments to 2015, subject to parliamentary approval.
Ireland	✓	X	 Ireland is on track to fulfill its EUR 11.5 million commitment for 2010–2014, but could consider an additional commitment for 2015.
Italy	✓	✓	Italy is on track to deliver its 20-year IFFIm commitment, and the rest of its Advanced Market Commitment (AMC). ⁶
Japan	<i>in progress</i>	X	 Japan became a first-time GAVI donor in 2011, committing annually in 2012 and 2013. Japan is set to deliver its 2013 commitment, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pledged continued support after 2013.
Luxembourg	✓	✓	Luxembourg is set to deliver its five-year, EUR 4.1 million commitment to GAVI.
Netherlands	✓	✓	 The Netherlands is on track to deliver its substantial, long-term grant agreement of EUR 120 million from 2011–2015, but its foreign aid budget is set to be reduced by one-third over the next few years.
Norway	✓	✓	Norway is on track to deliver its five-year USD 635 million pledge to GAVI, in addition to USD 50 million to the AMC and USD 220 million until 2020 to IFFIm.
Republic of Korea	✓	X	 The Republic of Korea became a first-time GAVI donor in 2010, announcing a three-year commitment through to 2012. There's potential for the Republic of Korea to invest in GAVI from 2013 and beyond.
Spain	✓	X	Spain delivered its one-year direct pledge of EUR 2 million in 2011, and continues to meet its IFFIm commitments scheduled to continue until 2025.
Sweden	<i>in progress</i>	✓	Sweden has an annual agreement with GAVI, steadily increasing its contributions from a SEK 250 million pledge in 2011 to a SEK 450 million pledge in 2014.
United Kingdom	✓	✓	The UK is GAVI's largest donor, giving to multiple funding instruments within GAVI, and is on track to deliver on its additional GBP 814 million pledge which extends beyond 2015.
United States	<i>in progress</i>	X	 The US is on track to deliver on its three-year USD 450 million pledge made in 2011, but delays in the annual appropriations process means full funding has yet to be disbursed. The US has not yet pledged for 2015, but a strong endorsement of GAVI in the President's 2015 budget would support the US goal of ending preventable child deaths by 2035.

² Determined based on whether funding was received, or is committed through legally-binding agreements. ³ Defined as publicly pledged resources to 2015. For donors who give to both IFFIm/AMC and directly, a check mark was given only if donors have extended direct pledges to 2015 even if IFFIm commitments go past 2015. For donors who only give through IFFIm/AMC, a check was given if commitments extend past 2015. ⁴ All data based on information provided by the GAVI Secretariat as of 30 June 2013. ⁵ The International Finance Facility for Immunisation (IFFIm) was set up in 2006 to rapidly accelerate the availability and predictability of funds for GAVI's immunization programs. ⁶ The pneumococcal Advanced Market Commitment (AMC) incentivizes vaccine makers to produce suitable and affordable vaccines for the world's poorest countries.