Introduction to the Gavi CSO Platforms’ Project

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Gavi CSO Constituency for Immunisation and Stronger Health Systems

- ~ 4000 Constituency members globally
- Officially recognized in 2010
- Led by Steering Committee (20 members)
- Secretariat based at IFRC
- Represented on Gavi Board – 1 seat
- CSO platforms in 24 countries
GAVI support to CSOs-Global level

➤ **Steering Committee**

➤ *Vision, direction and funding of platforms*
- SC secures resources for CSO country platforms
- SC designates Oversight Advisory Group
- Interface with Gavi Secretariat
GAVI Support to CSOs-in Country support

Civil Society Platforms

Country led-model
- Grant Manager (CRS/REPAOC) + Facilitating Organization (CSO) + Platform
- Each platform applies its own membership procedures

Objective: Autonomous and sustainable CS Platforms that are a key partner to the Government to increase coverage rates

Main activities: demand creation, awareness raising, etc.

OAFRESS
- Regional francophone advocacy block – 18 countries
Platforms: Strategic Objectives

1. Improved functionality
   - Result 1 – Improved governance and operations
   - Result 2 – Improved M&E accountability

2. Improved financial sustainability
   - Result 1 – Increased access to Gavi HSS funding
   - Result 2 – Increased capacity to secure diversified funding

3. Improved capacity to contribute to national health sector planning and coordination
   - Result 1 - Platforms recognized by MoH as key partner
   - Result 2 - Improved capacity to promote equity
## Phased implementation of Gavi support in 24 countries

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Gavi-eligible countries with Gavi CSO platforms
CSO engagement in national immunization/HSS programs

Operational support

- Demand creation, awareness raising activities;
- MCH/WIW weeks and campaigns
- Implement Gavi HSS activities – to date
  - Six platforms (Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali and Zambia) are receiving Gavi HSS funding as a platform.
  - Platform members in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali and Togo are receiving Gavi HSS funding as individual CSOs
CSO engagement in national immunization/HSS programs

Policy and program management

- HSS proposal writing
- Development and evaluation of National Health plan and/or HSS grants
- Joint Appraisals
  - 12 platforms in 2017 prepared JA with MoH
- Participation in ICCs and HSCCs
  - all but South Sudan and Togo
Current Project phase

- Supposed to close-out in June 2018 (*platforms closing activities in March*)
- Costed extension until Dec. 2018 was given by Gavi for limited number of countries – *March 18*

Red Cross National Societies are Platform members in 12 of the 24 countries

*OAG is currently working on different models for collaboration with Gavi after 2018, based on an analysis of the project progress and results*
Challenges

- **Technical capacity**: different capacity levels within and across countries; + some members view the platform as a vehicle solely for resource mobilization and disbursement.

- **Communication**: Many platforms are doing great work but failing to produce high-quality, sharable communications.

- **Showing CSO worth**: Difficult to document how CSOs increase immunisation rates.

- **Health management information systems**: Gov’t systems do not specifically collect CSO data.

- **Sustainability**: How to ensure that platforms continue to work after project finishes.
Lions Measles and Rubella Involvement 2010-Present

- Lions Clubs International is world’s largest service organization.
  - Founded 1917
  - 1.4 million members
  - 47,000 + Clubs
  - 207 countries and geographical areas

Partner in the Measles and Rubella Initiative since 2010

- Local Lions developed wide-ranging, country-specific strategies to support measles and MR campaigns with advocacy and social mobilization.
- Lions enlist the support of local, regional and national leaders, in support of a measles and rubella control agenda.
- Partners with Gavi to mobilize funds for measles & rubella and to coordinate activities at the country level.
Country Level Activities 2010 - 2017

- Participation in 60+ activities since 2010
  - Measles and MR Campaigns
  - World Immunization Week

- $4,000,000+ in Lions Clubs International Foundation grants supporting in-country Lions activities.
Summary

- CSO platforms provide good opportunity to network with a broad civil society constituency

- Platforms have good capacity to mobilize communities to support immunization activities (routine and campaigns)

- Untapped resource to support measles

- Where possible, should link CSO platforms with partners like Lions, ARC, IFRC to support measles
Merci! Thank you! Danke! Obrigada! Shukran!

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