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Gavi CSO Constituency
for Immunisation and Stronger Health Systems

Helping to reach Every Child with Immunisation and Health Services

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

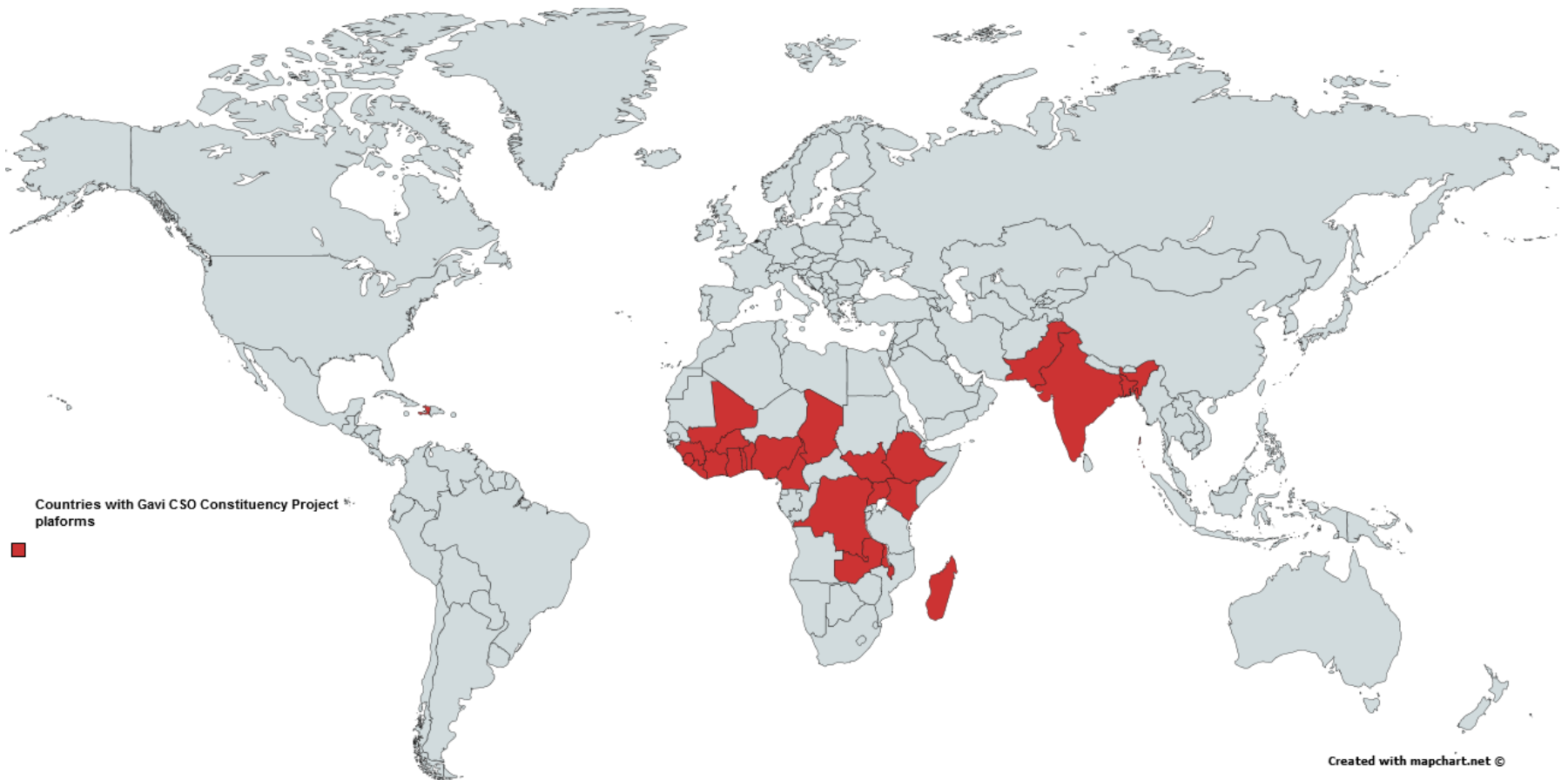


Phased implementation of Gavi support in 24 countries

	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV
Phase 1 (2011)		DRC; Kenya;		Burkina Faso; Ghana; Ethiopia;
Phase 2 (2013)	Liberia; Guinea;	Haiti; Nigeria; Chad; Uganda;	Pakistan; India;	Malawi;
Phase 3 (2014)	Sierra Leone; Togo;	Cote d'Ivoire; Mali; Zambia; Benin;	Madagascar; Cameroun;	
Phase 4 (2016)	CAR;	Niger;		



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

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