

# How to achieve global equity between vaccines demand & supply

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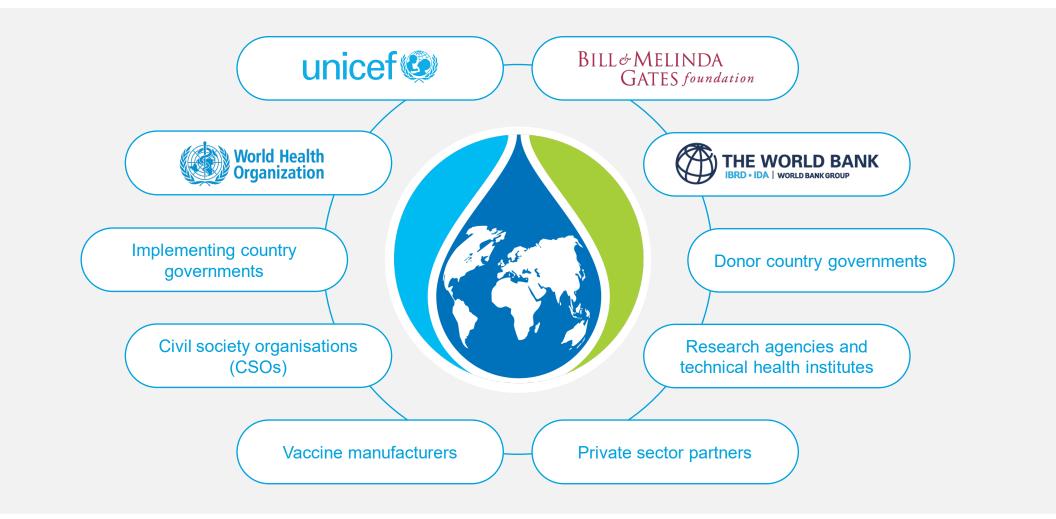




# Achieving global equity in vaccines -

How does Gavi work?

# **Vaccine Alliance partners**





# Gavi's mission: equity is the answer

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Gavi support for routine immunisation since 2000: **78 lower-income countries** Eligible for Gavi support in 2021–2025: **57 lower-income countries** (54 countries in 2023) COVAX support for COVID-19 immunisation since 2021: **146 countries** (87 lower-income countries)



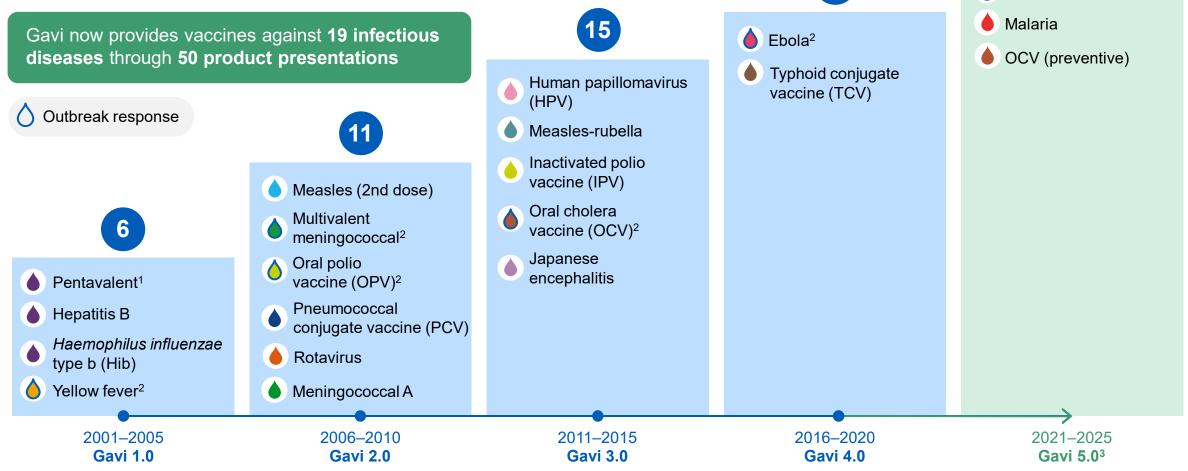
# The Gavi model





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# Gavi's vaccine portfolio has significantly grown over time



1 Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP) boosters, hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) 2 Emergency stockpiles

3 Paused vaccines from VIS 2018: DTP boosters, rabies, hepatitis B birth dose, RSV; delayed: multivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MMCV)

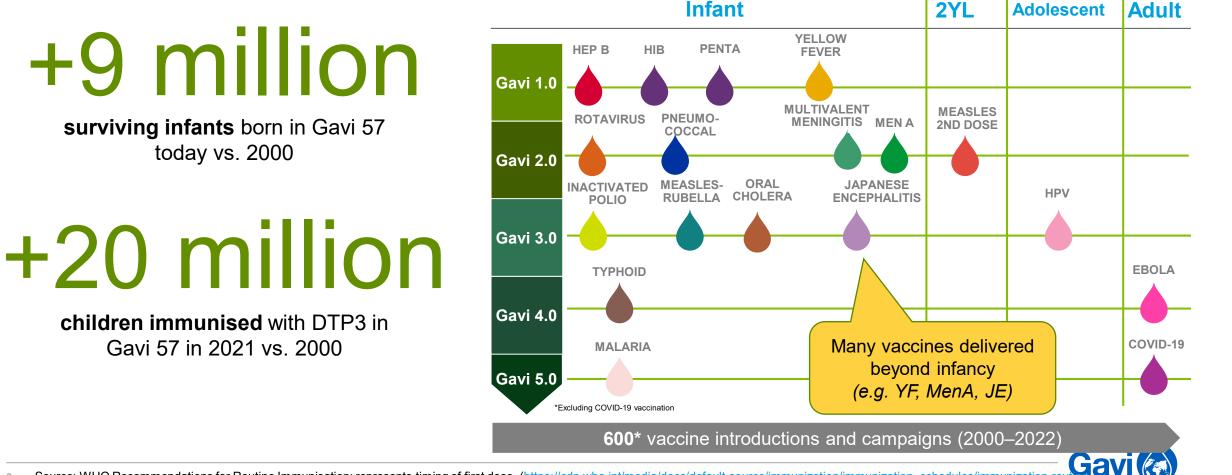


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COVID-19

# Since Gavi's launch, health systems have had to adapt to reach more children with more vaccines

Gavi now supports vaccines against 19 pathogens at multiple age points with >50 product presentations

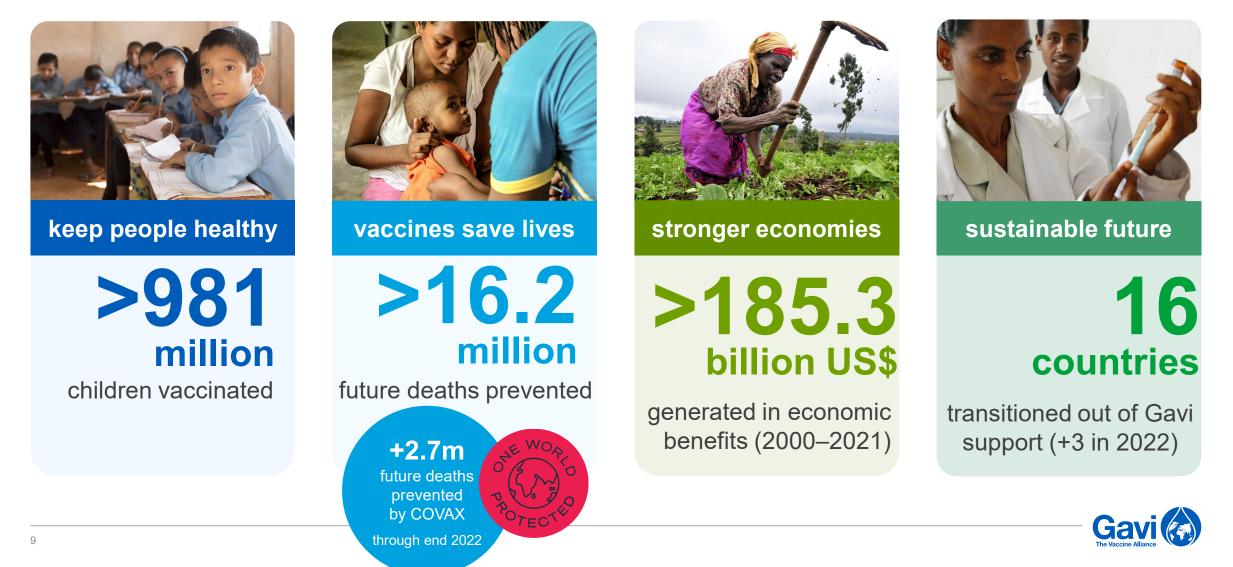


8 Source: WHO Recommendations for Routine Immunisation; represents timing of first dose (<u>https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/immunization/immunization/immunization/immunization-routine-table1.pdf?sfvrsn=c7de0e97\_9&download=true)</u>

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# Healthy communities, healthy economies

#### Gavi-supported countries, 2000-2023





# Deep dive: COVAX and lessons learnt





#### **Problem statement**

Inequitable vaccine access has been a recurrent problem in previous pandemics costing many lives, particularly in lower income countries

# COVAX and the global health problem it set out to solve



Advance Market Commitment (AMC) set up by COVAX to enable donor-funded purchase of vaccine doses for 92 lowerincome countries and territories



#### Solution and ambition

COVAX was created with the specific aim of enabling equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines



An unprecedented global solution to tackle the pandemic by breaking out of old paradigms



Equity-based approach serves lower to upper-middle income countries with the view that in a pandemic no one is safe until everyone is safe

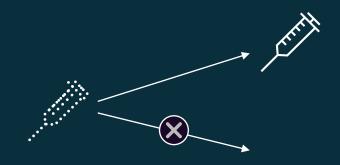


### **Components of COVAX**

- 1. A fund health and donor budgets
- 2. A portfolio push funding, global access agreements, technology transfer
- 3. At risk purchase commitments advanced commitments for early doses at competitive prices
- 4. Allocation Framework equitable allocation mechanism
- 5. Policy tools pre-qualification, indemnity and liability agreement, no-fault compensation
- 6. Country readiness and delivery technical, cold chain and delivery support, readiness assessments

# When COVAX launched, no single vaccine was guaranteed to succeed or have enough capacity ...

- Many vaccines in development none guaranteed to succeed
- No single manufacturer has the capacity to supply the global volume required



Single deals might fail

A diversified portfolio was needed to manage risk and create capacity to scale

## ... COVAX therefore invested in a portfolio of vaccines to mitigate these risks

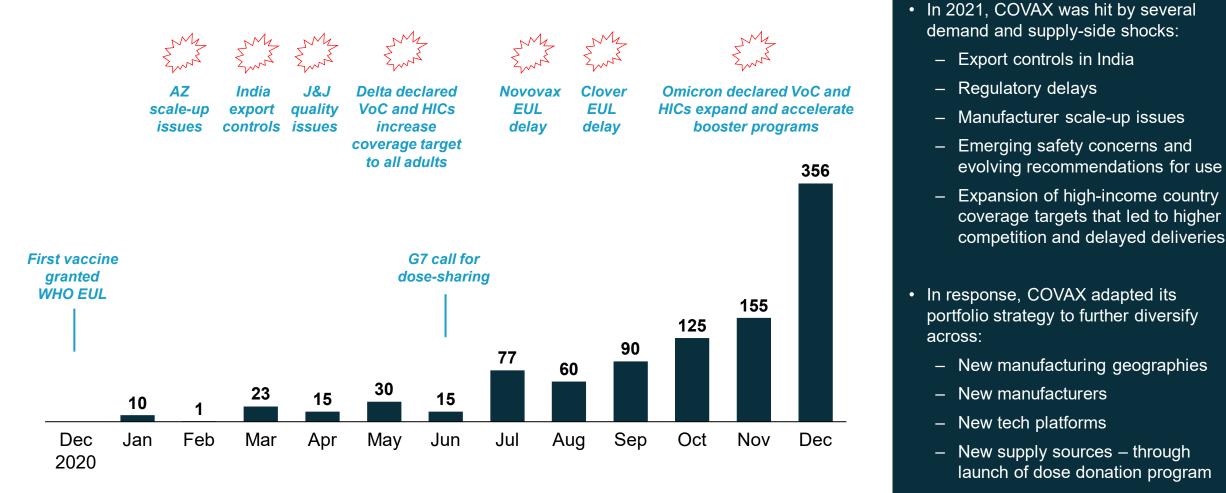
- A **portfolio of vaccines** increased the chances of having access to at least one successful vaccine
- Signing deals for >20% coverage meant COVAX could account for risks of unsuccessful development



COVAX aimed to build a portfolio of ~10 vaccines

# In 2021, global supply shocks led to delays in COVAX supply; portfolio actions were taken to mitigate their impacts to the extent possible

COVAX shipments, Monthly, M doses, 2021<sup>1</sup>



# **COVAX** allocations took place in three distinct phases

	Phase I (Feb 2021 – Feb 2022)	Phase II (Mar 2022 – Jul 2022)	Phase III (Aug 2022 – Dec 2023)
Pandemic Conditions	Early stages, highly political, initially scarce and sporadic supply	<b>Oversupply</b> , more mature vaccination programmes led to <b>longer planning horizon</b>	Tapering demand, better understanding of country needs, pandemic eventually lifted
Equity Concept	<b>Equity in outcome</b> – all countries to receive doses up to 20% of their population (proxy for high risk; later revised to 70%)	<b>Equity in coverage</b> – aim to reduce coverage gap by prioritising lagging countries	Equity in access - provide each country equal opportunity to access available supply
Demand	Fledgling demand planning from countries, initially proxied by <b>absorption capacity</b>	Monthly demand per product submitted through a unified Demand Planning Exercise	Expressed through <b>dose requests</b> indicating desired volumes, products, delivery timelines
Supply	Initially only Advance Purchase Agreements ( <b>APAs</b> ) with manufacturers; later donations scaled up massively	Oversupply – ample APA doses and large-scale donations	Good balance between APA doses and donations, however an increasingly <b>narrowing portfolio</b>
Allocation Mechanism	<b>Proportional allocation mechanism</b> allocating each supply tranche equally to all participants (as a proportion of their population	Sequential allocation mechanism filling country demand in increasing order of coverage	Bespoke `rolling allocations' mechanism tailoring allocations to matching dose request with available supply
Challenges	Proportional allocation limited by absorption capacity led to <b>unequal coverage</b> ; <b>product preferences</b> started to play a prominent role	Variability in demand, ample in-country stocks, and short shelf-life of donated doses led to large-scale refusals	Limited medium-term visibility on demand made planning difficult; frequently updated SAGE guidance meant regular programmatic changes
Select Key Lessons Learnt	<ul> <li>Data-driven mechanism should be based on goals that are measurable</li> <li>When demand is variable, speed and flexibility of allocation is more salient</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Need to remain agile and responsive to frequent changes in demand and supply</li> <li>Donations are an important source of supply but shelf-life can be compromised</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responding to specific country requests leads to higher acceptance rates and less wastage</li> <li>Maintaining a wide portfolio of products is key to successfully meeting country demand</li> </ul>

## Shifted from supply to demand and delivery in country challenges

### **Absorption capacity**

Divergence in absorption with many MICs accelerating but LICs especially in fragile and conflict settings struggling to absorb doses (19 countries below 5% coverage and 27 below 10%)

## Low demand and

#### <u>uptake</u>

Vaccine hesitancy is being observed in some specific settings. This is due to a range of reasons, including decreased disease risk perception due to Omicron/ seroprevalence.

### <u>Wastage</u>

Wastage in country due to short shelf-life of many incoming doses (including from bilateral donations), challenges in country ability to absorb, potential shifts in demand

## **Countries leveraged past Gavi support in COVID-19 response**



**Cold Chain Equipment** 



Digital Health Information Systems

- In 2015-20, 33K CCE units installed across 48 countries
- Uganda pre-positioned ~6 months of routine vaccine supply before lockdown, using Gavi-funded CCE capacity
- 41 countries quickly deployed the WHO-DHIS2 toolkit for COVID-19 surveillance



Leadership, Management, Coordination capacity

 24 countries used LMC surge support for C-19 drawing on existing network of experienced & trusted partners



New Vaccine Introduction and Campaign experience

 Experienced EPI teams & enabling environment for rapid new vaccine introduction (e.g., regulatory, NITAG, service delivery)



## **COVID-19 coverage has made gains in protecting the most vulnerable**

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#### COVID-19 coverage

- **56%** coverage with complete primary series among AMC participants
  - 17% coverage with booster dose
- Only 6 countries remain under 10% coverage

#### Health care workers

- **84%** vaccinated with the complete primary series
  - 57% reached with a booster dose

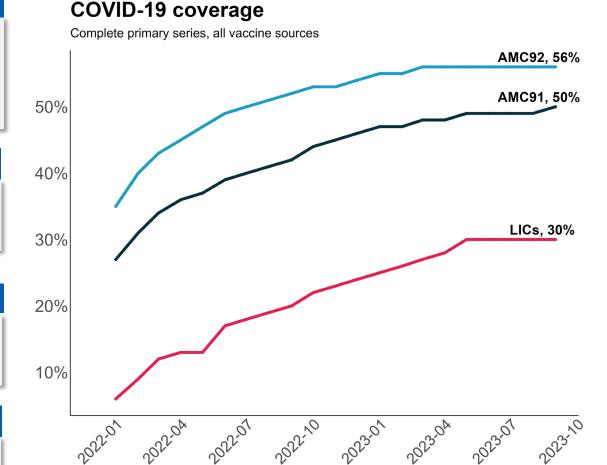


#### Older adults

- 72% vaccinated with the complete primary series
  - 24% reached with a booster dose

#### COVID-19 impact

As of end 2022, estimated **2.7 million** deaths averted due to COVAX-supported doses among AMC participants

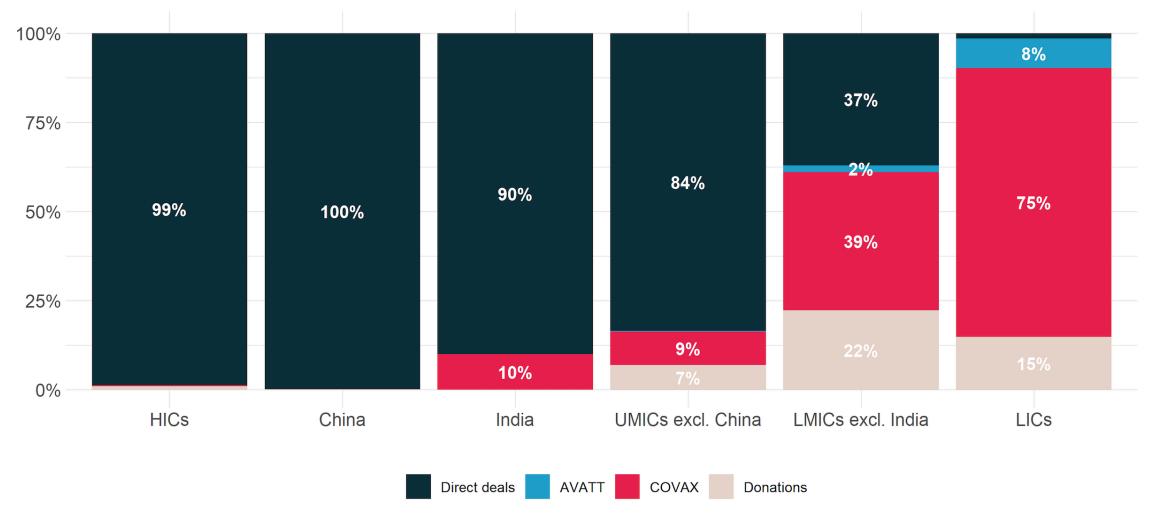




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Source: WHO COVID-19 vaccine information hub as of 23 Sept 2023; Imperial College estimates of the impact of COVID-19 vaccination in COVAX AMC countries, 27 Feb 2024

# **COVAX ensured sufficient access to COVID-19** vaccines for LMICs



# Learnings from COVID-19 to help global health community prevent future pandemics

#### What was *missing* at the beginning of the pandemic?



#### **Global level**

#### Non-exhaustive

- At-risk contingent financing for vaccine R&D and AMC/APAs, and delivery support
- Surge human resource capacity in global institutions to be rapidly deployed
- An agile coordination structure to organise an end-to-end response around vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics
- The Alliance was missing a connection to R&D

### **Country level**

- Strong VPD surveillance/ monitoring infrastructure
- Availability of surge resources including health work force and cold chain equipment
- Additional mechanisms to scale-up delivery rapidly, including tools to allow electronic supply chains to track and trace vaccines
- Non-governmental coordination to reach humanitarian settings



An advantage for the Alliance was the ability to leverage our pre-existing network of teams already working together, easing the transition into new roles

# Taking COVAX key learnings\* forward

#### **COVAX learnings for future Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response**

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Start planning and preparations for future pandemics now



 Include broader group of partners [regional partners, CSO, country implementors] in future design & implementation for PPPR



- Secure earlier and greater access to at-risk
   / contingency financing for both
   procurement and vaccine delivery
- Diversify vaccine manufacturing
- Further enhance efforts towards building resilient health systems

#### \*Select learnings – not exhaustive

#### **COVAX learnings incorporated into Gavi 5.1** and considered for 6.0 development



- Improving access to vaccines in complex humanitarian settings
- Building stronger partnerships with humanitarian agencies



 New process adaptations (e.g. EVOLVE, expediting disbursements to countries, building on the COVAX Collaboration Portal)



• Adoption of "must-wins" to unite leadership on top priorities



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# What is market shaping?

Gavi's market shaping efforts aim to improve the health of markets, making life-saving vaccines and other immunisation products more accessible and affordable for lower-income countries

#### When markets work well, everyone benefits:

**Countries** benefit from access to appropriate, quality vaccines at affordable prices

**Communities** benefit from improved health

**Manufacturers** benefit from predictable demand from previously untapped market

#### **Donors**

benefit from their contributions having the greatest possible impact



