

# What are HSFP and HSS?

## HSFP: Health Systems Funding Platform

HSFP was established in 2009 as a way to streamline health system strengthening support and improve coordination among major donors: *the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), World Bank, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria*. Facilitated by the World Health Organization, HSFP does not pool funds. Instead, it integrates these three donors' schedules and systems regarding reporting, financing, management, monitoring and technical support. This coordination decreases costs and increases efficiency. HSFP also supports donor alignment with national health plans and strategies. Through HSFP, countries are encouraged to establish:

- One comprehensive health plan, that integrates both domestic funding and international aid;
- One joint assessment of the national health strategy;
- One budget;
- One tracking system for funds.

HSFP became GAVI's sole funding window in 2011. *Although all funds are channeled through HSFP, countries do not apply for funding through HSFP*. Instead, applications are made for either a New Vaccine Support grant or a Health System Strengthening grant.

## HSS: Health Systems Strengthening

GAVI offers HSS grants to countries whose general immunization rates are 70% or below. Grants are for three to five years. In 2013, applications are due April 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. Each country may request funding up to a certain amount – i.e. a funding “ceiling” – that is country-specific and based on country population and GNI per capita. *These are the 2013 ceilings for GAVI CSO Project countries expected to apply in 2013:*

Country	Maximum 5-year grant	Maximum 5-year grant ceiling (see PBF below)
DR Congo	84 million USD	100 million USD
Ghana	18.04 million USD	21.48 million USD
Kenya	32.84 million USD	39.10 million USD
Nigeria	84 million USD	100 million USD
Pakistan	84 million USD	100 million USD

## Performance-Based Financing (PBF)

GAVI rewards countries for demonstrating improvements in vaccine coverage. For all grants approved in 2012 and after, countries receive 100% of their budget ceiling in year one – but in years two through five, they only receive 80% of their budget ceiling. To reach 100% of the ceiling (or more), countries must perform as follows:

*Countries with DTP3 coverage at or above 90% at baseline will be rewarded for sustaining high coverage with:*

- 20% of ceiling for maintaining DTP3 coverage at or above 90%, and
- 20% of ceiling for ensuring that 90% of districts have at or above 80% DTP3 coverage.

*Countries with DTP3 coverage below 90% at baseline will be rewarded for improving coverage with:*

- \$30 per additional child immunized with DTP3, if DTP3 coverage increases; and
- \$30 per additional child immunized with first dose of measles vaccine, if measles coverage increases.

## **Civil Society Involvement**

*All applications for GAVI HSS funding must demonstrate that:*

- 1) Civil society participated in the development of the proposal
- 2) Civil society will lead a significant number of the proposed activities
- 3) Civil society will receive funding through the GAVI HSS grant
- 4) Civil society approved the final submission

## **What GAVI HSS funding means for GAVI CSO Project partners**

GAVI is committed to increasing civil society involvement in health system strengthening for immunization – *GAVI has changed its grant application process and criteria to make sure civil society organizations have many opportunities to access GAVI funding and contribute to HSS and immunization.* To take advantage of this opportunity, civil society organizations should:

- Form strong, active and inclusive national platforms
- Evaluate what civil society IS doing and CAN do to contribute to HSS/immunization
- Decide the activities and budget the platform members want in the proposal
- Advocate for civil society inclusion in the development of the GAVI HSS proposal
- Designate a team to represent the platform and participate in the proposal process
- Sign off on the GAVI HSS proposal IF the platform members approve it

## **For more information**

To learn how to apply for GAVI HSS: <http://www.gavialliance.org/support/apply/hsfp/>

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