Global Vaccine Action Plan

Secretariat Annual Report 2016 Priority Country report on progress towards GVAP-RVAP goals

PAKISTAN

A. Progress towards achievement of GVAP goals

1. Summary

This summary table describes the current situation in Pakistan regarding achieving the GVAP goals. Data used to assess progress towards achievement of GVAP goals are included in the annex (Country immunization profile).

Area	Indicator	Pakistan
10. Government expenditure on routine immunization per live birth USD	Baseline 2010-2011 and average for 2013-2015 (% change)	8.5 to 5.8 (-32%)

a. Government Financing of Immunization

Except for Penta and PCV10, all other vaccines and required injection equipment are procured by the federal government with its own resources. Penta and PCV10 are procured through co-financing agreements with Gavi, but Pakistan has been in default repeatedly since 2012 due to non-fulfilment of obligations in timely procurement of these vaccines. These defaults can be attributed to delayed or unsuccessful tenders and issues with release of funds under PC-1, which follow the financial cycle of June – July as compared to the Gavi requirement of making co financing by the end of calendar year. During the last quarter of 2015, based on government's request, Gavi approved certain flexibilities in its programmatic interaction, under the country tailored approach policy (CTA), which includes an alignment of the co-financing cycle with the country's fiscal year (adjusting Pakistan's co-financing for 2015 until June 2016). Despite this - the country did not meet all of its co-financing obligations for 2015. Pakistan is in the process of introducing IPV in the RI schedule with GAVI support and Hepatitis B birth dose with its own resources. Significantly, devolution of health services without clear division of roles and responsibilities for federal and provincial governments has negatively affected performance of Gavi grants. However in the past year, PC-1s have been approved for the provinces and implementation is underway, a milestone of post-devolution financing.

ANNEXES

