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GAVI application process, challenges and lessons learned

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Introduction

- Gavi provides support to countries to strengthen their immunization programs through new vaccine introduction
- Eligible countries may request support for the HPV vaccine introduction
- Specifically for HPV vaccine, support is **\$2.40 per target girl** in the routine cohort or a lump sum of \$100,000, whichever is greater, **regardless of the transition phase**
- Countries may face specific challenges in the application process for HPV vaccine program support

Overview of Gavi application process

- Under Gavi 5.0, there are two paths to requesting new Gavi support:
 - **Pathway 1:** One Gavi Application for all types of Gavi support for a multi-year period (Full Portfolio Planning) - **Countries Conducting their FPP Process**
 - **Pathway 2:** Stand-alone requests are expected to complement existing support and to contribute to the goals and expected outcomes for the strategic period - **Countries Mid-Grant Cycle**

Overview of Gavi application process

Pathway 1

- Step 1: The Theory Of Change
- Step 2: Gavi support details and budget
- Step 3: Completion checklist and finalising application
- Step 4: Submitting application
- Step 5: IRC Review

Pathway 2

- Step1: Fill in the vaccine application online on the country portal
- Step 2: Secretariat will screen the application for validity and consistency and to ensure that mandatory requirements have been met.
- Step 3: IRC review

- The coordination of stakeholders and national coordination forum to plan for new support can take several months.
- Countries should begin planning and application process **4-6 months** prior to when they would like to submit their application
- It will usually **not be feasible for a country** to introduce a vaccine less than **15-18 months after the Gavi application submission deadline.**

HPV vaccination guidelines and requirements

- HPV Vaccine Implementation Plan



- HPV Work plan
- HPV Regional Profile
- Ministry of Education signature for school-based strategies

Challenges and lessons learned

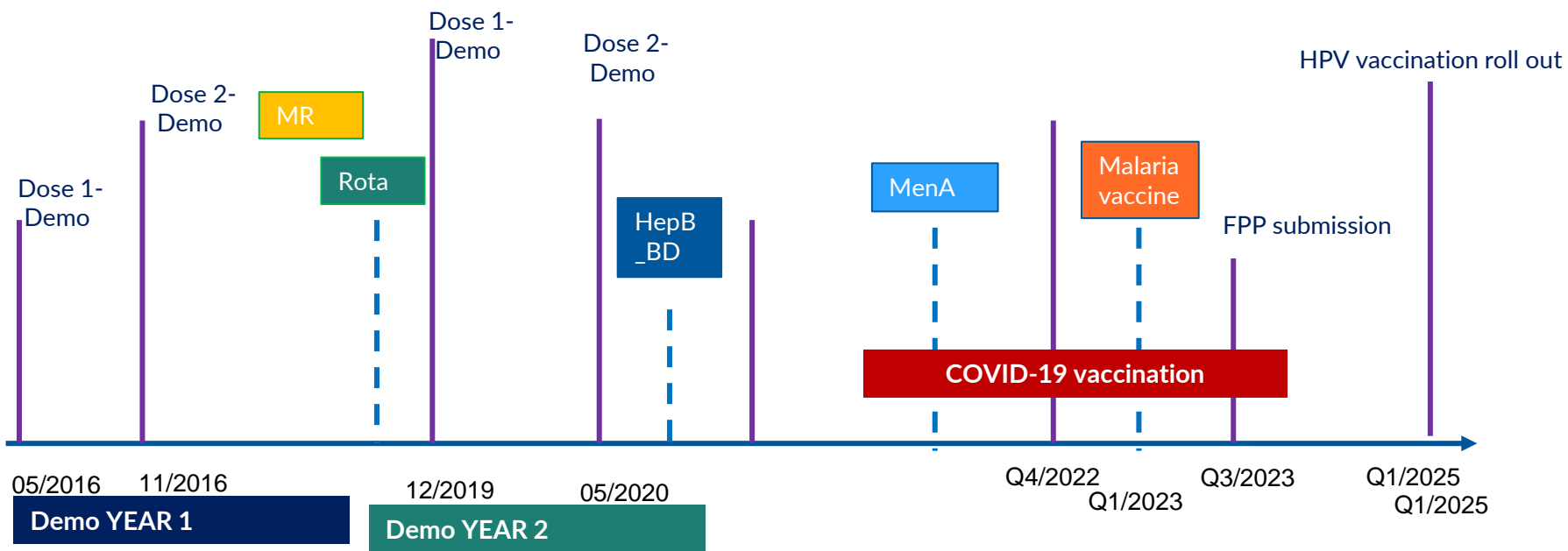
Challenges

- Stakeholders engagement is challenging (low representation of other sectors)
- Technical assistance to support countries is delayed and/or inadequate to the need or not available
- Poor functionality of the NITAG (which should support the program in decision making and provide guidance)
- Agenda conflict or occurring of an epidemic or other public health emergency (polio, measles, meningite, cholera, **COVID-19**)

Lessons learned

- To submit a support request to Gavi for is a lengthy process
- Technical assistance must be early, adapted to the need and of high quality
- There is a need for more stakeholder mobilization and engagement around HPV vaccination issue

Example of timeline: Benin



Conclusion

- HPV vaccination is an effective strategy against cervical cancer
- Gavi application process is long and requires good preparation and strong stakeholders mobilization and engagement



Thank you!
Merci!



**The HPV vaccine can
help keep me safe.**



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