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Dear Board Chairs,

Subject: Establishment of joint committee working group across Global Fund, Gavi and Global Financing Facility (GFF) Boards and discussion on joint work at upcoming meetings/retreats.

As representatives and stakeholders in the Global Fund, Gavi and GFF Boards, we have welcomed the engagement by all three organizations and commitment to advancing the Lusaka Agenda principles.

At its heart, the Lusaka Agenda aims to deliver greater long-term impact for countries and communities, the achievement of which requires strong engagement of governments and civil society.

We welcome the Global Fund and Gavi's commitment to strengthening collaboration in four priority areas in 2024/25: malaria, health systems strengthening, country engagement, and back-office functions. We are encouraged by GFF's and the World Health Organization's (WHO) recent engagement in this process.

We agree these areas provide a good starting point for strategic and practical collaboration to advance the Lusaka Agenda. Under the country engagement workstream, we would also like to see the Global Fund and Gavi, together with GFF and WHO, accelerate alignment in a set of pathfinder countries in consultation with key stakeholders, as well as joint national sustainability planning in a selection of high impact countries with the World Bank and others. This would support a long-term vision for achieving and sustaining collective impact.

As board members, we would like to request a clear articulation of the mid-term outcomes and overall impact that the four areas of work will deliver, with defined timeframes and deliverables over the course of the year ahead.

We welcome action by the Global Fund, Gavi and GFF to drive forward collaboration through the establishment of a time-limited joint committee working group. Such a group can help to ensure a common vision for the collaboration and support the Secretariats in identifying opportunities and challenges. Its composition will need to be both effective and representative; the inclusion and engagement of civil society in the joint committee working group will be particularly important for shaping the way

forward and ensuring optimal impact of this work. Strategic leadership and accountability would remain with the Committees and Boards of the institutions. The Lusaka Agenda is focused on how GHIs work and collaborate with each other and with countries. It is not about changing their mandates or scopes.

We request that a light and agile joint committee working group be established by Board leadership through expedited means by end of June 2024. This will enable progress on the joint work in 2024/25 and in the lead up to upcoming replenishment cases. We also request that the discussion around the establishment of a joint committee working group, including Terms of Reference and composition, is further advanced at upcoming meetings.

We welcome the discussions on the four workstreams at the Global Fund Strategy Committee, and request similar agenda items at the Gavi board retreat and Programme and Policy Committee meeting, Global Fund retreat, and GFF Investors Group Meeting. We welcome the upcoming joint Global Fund and Gavi board discussion on malaria and would appreciate more detail at that meeting on planned collaboration, including objectives, key milestones and deliverables.

In the wake of COVID-19, and in the lead up to upcoming replenishments, it is clear that renewed ambition and tangible progress is required to strengthen collaboration and alignment in support of equitable and resilient health systems, which should be clearly illustrated in the respective Investment Opportunity/Cases. As board members of the Global Fund, Gavi and GFF, we have an opportunity, and a responsibility, to incentivize the collaboration that will strengthen our collective impact in this regard.

Sincerely,

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