



# **Advancing the Lusaka Agenda**

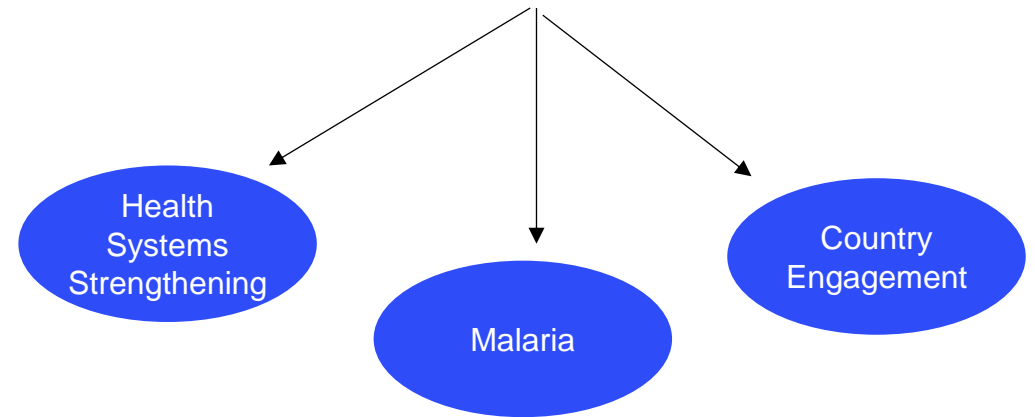
The Joint Committee Working Group (JCWG):  
Updates on progress and way forward

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# Where we started

- In late 2023, Gavi, the Global Fund and the Global Financing Facility embarked on an **initiative to further enhance existing collaboration, in line with Lusaka Agenda principles.**
- To take the collaboration forward, a **‘Joint Committee Working Group’ was established** with members of the governance structures of the three GHIs, to oversee and steer the work. The composition includes representation from implementing countries, donor countries, and civil society.
- There are **3 co-chairs** with one from each GHI governing body: 2 representing countries, and 1 from civil society.
- This work is **closely connected with global and regional initiatives including those led by Africa CDC** on the Africa continent, **WHO Afro** and the **champion countries.**

## The JCWG covers three interlinked workstreams:



# There are currently 5 confirmed Wave 1 collaboration countries

## Wave 1



Chad



Ethiopia



Guinea



Malawi



Mozambique

- With support from the 3 GHI country teams, these countries have identified the areas where greater collaboration would be of most benefit.
- Joint missions have taken place to all 5 countries, providing valuable insights.

 \*WHO Afro Champion Countries



# Progress

- **At a regional level**, collaborating with Africa CDC in support of their efforts to develop an accountability framework and scorecard led by their Lusaka Agenda secretariat.
- **Collaboration is particularly advanced in some areas of health systems strengthening**, with joined up approaches in many countries (supply chain management, PFM and data/health management information systems). E.g.:
  - On **Data**, Gavi and the Global Fund have advanced global level collaboration and co-ordination in strengthening data systems such as DHIS2 aligning and avoiding duplication in all countries. All 3 GHIs have collaborated on data use for adaptive planning and budgeting.
  - Co-invested to strengthen **supply chain** leaders and managers in 12 countries, jointly strengthened warehousing in 27 countries and funded initiatives to improve waste management in 15 countries.
  - The 3 GHIs and WB are collaborating closely on **PFM (public financial management)** and are working to align and streamline diagnostic assessments and support in this area. Jointly supported capacity building of Supreme Audit Institutions in 31 countries.
- **Malaria**. Published joint guidance to countries on how to obtain funding for the different malaria interventions and related systems strengthening. Enhancing integrated service delivery via vaccine touchpoints (for example to deliver bed nets and perennial malaria chemoprevention), and exploring more coordinated funding applications and reviews, to enable countries to develop holistic plans for malaria control.

# Learnings & next steps

- Potential changes to our **ways of working and our operating models** are given full consideration. Our governing bodies are actively engaging in discussions that consider all options to further enhance our collaboration and streamline engagement in countries.
  - The JCWG process has helped the Secretariats to focus on **pursuing change that can make a difference** and support countries whilst highlighting the inevitable trade-offs; as well as the need for prioritization in an increasing resource constrained environment.
  - **A strong country voice and commitment has been crucial** and will continue to be even more so as adapt to the new global health landscape and financing.
- **Integrating approaches is not always straight forward.** GHIs have different mandates, operating models and governance structures.
  - We recognize and appreciate the regional efforts undertaken by **AFRO and Africa CDC** and support these processes.
  - We have placed special emphasis on exploring how our operations can **support domestic resource mobilization**, recognizing that long-term sustainability requires stronger alignment between external support and national budget processes.

# Thank you

