

## ***GAVI Alliance CSO Constituency***

### ***A partner in reaching every child with immunisation***

**The GAVI Alliance** is a global health partnership representing immunisation stakeholders with a common goal to save children's lives and protect people's health by increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

**Civil society organisations (CSOs)** play a crucial role in immunisation, and maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH). The role of CSOs is multi-faceted, and includes direct service provision, creating demand for immunisation and child health services, advocacy for increased access to immunisation, and playing a watchdog role to ensure that government and international actors are accountable to the people and communities they serve. Civil society is an important member of the GAVI Alliance and plays an active role in supporting the Alliance's mission.

The engagement of civil society with the GAVI Alliance is an evolutionary process which we seek to continue strengthening with your participation. The CSOs engaged in the GAVI Alliance are as diverse as the fabric of civil society itself, and presently include large international organisations, local non-governmental organisations, professional associations, and academic institutions. These CSOs are brought together by their common belief that immunisation, as a means of improving MNCH and reaching the Millennium Development Goals, should be accessible to all. Find out more about the work of GAVI Alliance CSOs at: [http://www.gavialliance.org/about/in\\_partnership/cso/index.php](http://www.gavialliance.org/about/in_partnership/cso/index.php).

**CSOs participate** in all aspects of the GAVI Alliance, including its governance structure through a seat on the GAVI Board, representation on the Programme and Policy Committee, the Governance Committee, and the Evaluation Advisory Committee, as well as ongoing task teams.

**The GAVI Alliance CSO constituency** consists of a broad network of CSOs that are motivated to support the Alliance's mission. The CSO constituency consists of two layers: broad civil society Forum and a core CSO Steering Committee. The Forum functions through periodic in-person meetings and a general email listserv at [gavi-cso-constituency@googlegroups.com](mailto:gavi-cso-constituency@googlegroups.com) where ideas, information and new developments are exchanged and debated. Any organisation is welcome and encouraged to join this group. The CSO Steering Committee is a newly founded group of 20 CSO representatives from 15 different countries that actively participate in ongoing GAVI Alliance work (through various Alliance committees, task teams, and working groups). The Steering Committee synthesises broader CSO feedback into specific inputs for ongoing GAVI Alliance policy and programme work. Both the CSO Steering Committee and Civil Society Forum will seek to generate CSO inputs that lead to more effective GAVI decisions, policies, funding allocations and strategic developments.

The Steering Committee and broader constituency are supported by a Communications Focal Point, similar to that of other global health initiative CSO groups. The GAVI CSO Communications Focal Point is hosted at the headquarters office of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The following CSOs are currently represented on the Steering Committee: Aga Khan Health Service (Pakistan), Alternative Sante (Cameroon), AMREF (Kenya), BRAC (Bangladesh), Catholic Relief Services (USA), Centre Health Policy & Innovation (South Africa), Communication for Development Center (Nigeria), Emory School Public Health (USA), Future Generations International (Ghana), Health and Rights Education Program (Malawi), HealthNet TPO (Afghanistan), IFRC (Switzerland), International Pediatric Association (Canada), Indian Academy of Pediatrics (India), Medecins sans Frontiers (Switzerland), Norwegian Church Aid (Norway), ONE (USA), Oxfam (Ghana), Task Force Global Health (USA), World Vision (Germany).

**Support immunisation and maternal, newborn and child health by getting involved in our CSO Constituency!**

For more information on how to join the GAVI CSO constituency, please contact [kate.elder@ifrc.org](mailto:kate.elder@ifrc.org)

CSOs currently represented on the GAVI Alliance CSO Steering Committee

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Term</b>
Ahmed, Faruque (Board member)	BRAC	Bangladesh	2011
Akola, Rosemary Anderson	Oxfam Ghana	Ghana	2011
Awunyo-Akaba, Joan (Committee)	Future Generations International	Ghana	2012
Berman, Daniel	Medecins sans Frontiers	Switzerland	2012
Elder, Kate	IFRC	Switzerland	2012
Foster, Stanley (Committee)	Emory School Public Health	USA	2012
Gomes, Marco	Centre Health Policy & Innovation	South Africa	2011
Helland, Anne-Marie	Norwegian Church Aid	Norway	2011
Hinman, Alan (Board alternate, Committee)	Task Force Global Health	USA	2011
Joel, Oluwamayowa	Communication for Development Center	Nigeria	2011
Kjaer, Mette	AMREF	Kenya	2011
Loe Loumou, Clarisse	Alternative Sante	Cameroon	2012
Matemba, Maziko	Health N Rights Education Program	Malawi	2012
McEwan, Elena	Catholic Relief Services	USA	2011
Meier, Marwin	World Vision	Germany	2011
Mistry, Rozina	Aga Khan Health Service	Pakistan	2012
Schaller, Jane	International Pediatric Association	Canada	2012
Siddiqi, Abdul Majeed	HealthNet TPO	Afghanistan	2012
Summers, Todd	ONE	USA	2011
Thacker, Naveen	Indian Academy of Pediatrics	India	2011