



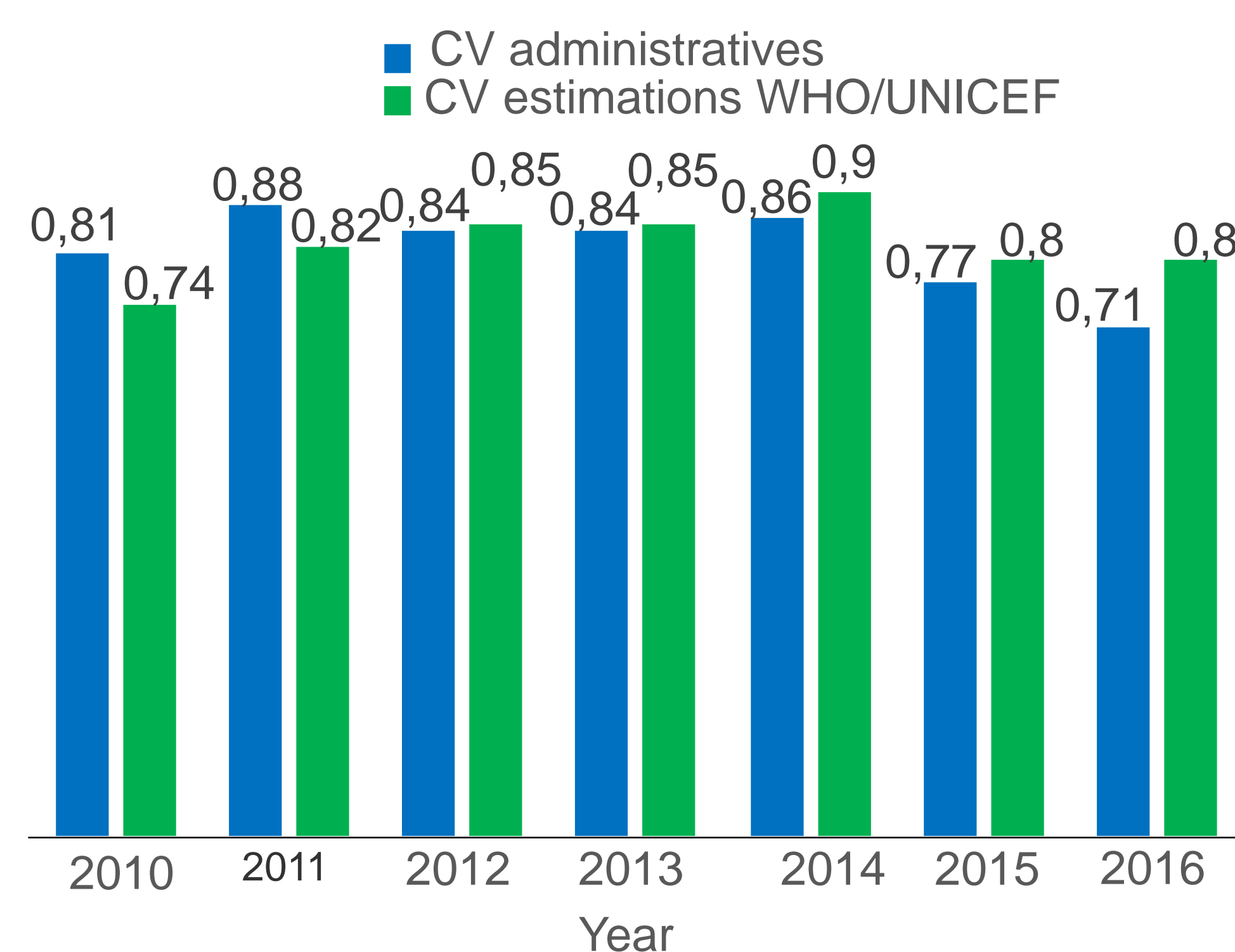
# CONGO

## Managing the Transition from Gavi Assistance

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### 1. Background Information

DTP3 coverage in Congo from 2010 to 2016



Where the country is in terms of the timing of transition of Gavi support:  
Co-financing required : 2004-2018

#### New vaccine introductions with Gavi support:

- YF in 2004
- HepB in 2007 (tetravalent)
- Hib in 2009, pentavalent
- PCV in 2012
- Rota in 2014
- IPV in 2016

#### Planned introductions:

- MR in 2018, Gavi providing 50% for vaccines
- Tetanus and diphtheria (Td) in 2018 : Fully funded by domestic resources
- HPV in 2019 : Domestic resources
- Hepatitis B birth dose in 2020 : domestic resources

#### Sources of financing for vaccine expenditures, 2015-2017

- Government budget
- GAVI
- China

### 2. Financing

	2015	2016	2017
Vaccine purchases by the government	US\$1,813,789	US\$,047,203	<b>US\$488,000</b>
Vaccine purchases by Gavi	US1,484,149	US\$289,018	
Vaccine purchases by China			<b>US\$525,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US\$,297,938</b>	<b>US\$1,336,221</b>	<b>US\$1,013,000</b>

#### Main challenges

- Low allocation
- Slow disbursement of funds

#### Solution

- Creation of a line item included in the MoH budget in 2016

### 3. Procurement

All EPI vaccines are supplied by UNICEF SD

#### Main Challenge

- Sustainable funding of vaccine purchases

#### Implemented solution

- Validation of the 2018-2022 cMYP at an ICC meeting on 9 November 2017
- Advocacy by the Minister of Health for immunization financing on 10 November 2017 in presence of Ministers of planning, social affairs and partners including Gavi.

### 4. NITAG

No NITAG established

### 5. Coverage and Equity

#### Coverage and equity challenges

- 83% of health districts have not achieved penta3 vaccination coverage of 80% or more
- Low-performing health districts are found in both urban and rural areas
- Accessibility problems are related to insecurity in the Pool Department and geographical obstacles in the Likouala Department

#### Correctives measures

- Strengthening collaboration with NGOs in the Pool Department, for displaced populations in the neighboring Bouenza Department
- Strengthening logistics for mobile and out reach strategies in the Likouala Department
- Strengthen managerial capacities at all levels
- Ensure availability of quality vaccines at all levels.

### 6. Transition Grant

Transition grant amount is \$486,810 US dollars :

Funding Sources	2015	2016	Total (USD)
<b>Gavi</b>	221,201	191,609	<b>412,810</b>
<b>WHO</b>	69,000	0	<b>69,000</b>
<b>Sabin</b>	5,000	0	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Total (USD)</b>	<b>295,201</b>	<b>191,609</b>	<b>486,810</b>

Items	Disbursed amount (USD)	Amount received ** (USD)	Amount spent** (USD)	Balance (USD)	Utilisation rate
<b>Transition plan</b>	<b>377,671</b>	<b>352,964</b>	<b>331,995</b>	<b>20,969</b>	<b>94%</b>

### 7. Transition plan

Areas	Transition plan activities
Immunization financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a budget line item for the purchasing of vaccines.</li> <li>• Advocacy towards parliamentarians to secure vaccine financing</li> </ul>
Strengthening of HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity building</li> </ul>
National Regulatory Authority NRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen NRA</li> <li>• Market authorization</li> <li>• Develop pharmacovigilance</li> </ul>
Supply, storage and distribution of vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen Drugs, Pharmacy and laboratories entity within MoH for quality control of vaccines</li> <li>• Pursue cold chain expansion</li> </ul>

#### Successes

- Establishment of budget line item for vaccine purchases
- Strengthening capacities of local field actors
- Elaboration of standards and norms for the EPI and guidelines including for supervision
- Cold Chain maintenance
- cMYP development for 2018-2022

### 8. Key Lessons

To successfully transition from Gavi support, country should ensure timely disbursement of funds for vaccines and immunization

Ownership is moving forward with the strengthening of coordination among within Ministry of health and the restructuring of the ICC

### 9. Further Thoughts

Timely disbursement of funds for vaccines and operations



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