



Strengthening Immunisation Programmes through Collaborative Learning and Action

The Linked Immunisation Action Network (Linked) represents an integral component of Gavi's strategic approach to engaging with middle-income countries (MICs) with the goal of **preventing backsliding in vaccine coverage** and **driving the sustainable introduction of key missing vaccines**. Linked designs and employs highly **participatory and action-oriented collaborative learning** approaches that bring together country practitioners, technical experts, and immunisation partners from former Gavi and select never Gavi MICs to identify common immunisation programme challenges and the **transformative practices that will lead to greater resilience, equity, and sustainability**. These approaches include in-person and virtual learning exchanges, study tours, country institutional twinning, direct country-to-country linkages, and collaborative problem-solving sessions.

Linked envisions a future where countries have strong, resilient, and sustainable immunisation programmes. Critical to resilience and sustainability is country capacity to identify and address risks to sustainable coverage and to sustainably introduce new vaccines. Linked facilitates connections between peer countries as a mode of support to tackle these challenges in the context of diminishing external financing and donor technical assistance.

Why Collaborative Learning?

- Countries may have access to global guidance and evidence but are **less likely to have access to practical "how-to" knowledge**.
- **Collaborative learning brings together country practitioners who face common challenges** to systematically share knowledge and produce new ideas that enable them to tackle complex issues and achieve their goals.
- This goes **beyond static information-sharing** between peers by providing a **structured learning process**.
- It creates a shared space to analyse root causes of implementation challenges.
- **Country practitioners set and own the agenda and technical priorities**, exchange experience on what has worked (or not) and why, and then **co-develop promising approaches** to tackle challenges.

Linked Collaborative Learning Process



Understand top immunisation programme challenges



Facilitate peer-to-peer experience sharing to elevate tested approaches and good practices



Support the implementation of good practices and lessons learned along with local partners



Strengthen skills and capacities within immunisation programmes



Capture and disseminate implementation experiences to ensure learning is shared and sustainable



Membership and Governance

- Linked is made up of former Gavi and select never Gavi countries eligible under the Gavi MICs Approach.
- Linked country engagement is driven by a group of complementary in-country stakeholders, such as decision makers and technical staff from National Expanded Programmes on Immunisation (EPI), National Immunisation Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs), Ministries of Health, Ministries of Finance, and other relevant government ministries and departments, as well as local partners providing support to the national immunisation programme.
- The Linked Steering Committee guides the strategic direction and vision of the network and determines the network's learning agenda – always ensuring that the focus of the network's activities align with member country priorities. The committee is largely comprised of representatives from member countries, with additional representation from key global partners and champions, including Gavi, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WHO, and UNICEF.

Former Gavi Countries

Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bhutan
Cuba
Georgia
Guyana
Honduras
Indonesia
Kiribati
Moldova
Mongolia
Nicaragua
Sri Lanka
Timor-Leste
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Vietnam

Never Gavi Countries

Algeria
Belize
Cabo Verde
Dominica
Egypt
El Salvador
Eswatini
Fiji
Grenada
Iran
Kosovo
Lebanon
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Micronesia
Morocco
Occupied Palestinian Territory
Philippines
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
Samoa
Tonga
Tunisia
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Venezuela

Network Management

Funded by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Linked is co-led by Curatio International Foundation (CIF), the Institute for Health Policy (IHP), Results for Development (R4D), and Confianza en las Vacunas Latinoamérica. Linked is an evolution of the Learning Network for Countries in Transition (LNCT), a collaborative learning network that operated from 2017–2021, supporting over 20 countries transitioning from Gavi support to full domestic financing of their national immunisation programmes.

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*"We went on a journey that allowed us to change with other countries. We shared the experiences of other countries. It reassured us that we are in the right process."
– Country Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) representative*