GAVI
THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR
VACCINES & IMMUNIZATION

TheVaccineFund
Every child. Everywhere.

The need

Vaccines are among the greatest public health tools ever invented, with three million lives saved every year through current efforts. However, more than **30 million children** still miss out on vaccination each year. As a result, 2 to 3 million will die annually from easily preventable diseases.

The response

GAVI, the alliance, was launched in 2000 to fight declining immunization rates and growing disparities in access to vaccines among the world's poorest countries. It is a unique **public-private partnership** between developing country health ministers, donor countries, vaccine manufacturers, NGOs, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank.

The GAVI partners created **The Vaccine Fund** to provide long-term financing to the world's poorest countries to strengthen health systems and introduce new and under-used vaccines.

The difference

- Existing health care delivery channels are used for greater efficiency
- Open and competitive application process assures high standards and rapid expansion
- Assured funding improves vaccine supply and reduces prices through competition
- Performance-based funding puts countries in charge and focuses on results
- Emphasis on accountability improves data collection and reporting
- Clearly defined 'exit strategy' avoids long-term dependency

The challenges

- To raise an additional $400 million annually from government and private sources for GAVI to fulfill its commitments to the poorest countries over the coming years.
- To prepare a strong foundation for delivery of vaccines of tomorrow, including those against AIDS, malaria and TB.

The results to date

$429 million disbursed to **nearly 70 countries**

9 million more children reached with **basic vaccines**[1]

41 million more children reached with **new vaccines**[2]

and

over **500,000 lives** will be saved

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[1] Including diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, BCG, measles and polio
[2] Including hepatitis B, Hib and yellow fever