

CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT: GAVI ALLIANCE, PMNCH, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

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Civil Society: A Broad Constituency

- Non Governmental Organizations
 - International
 - Regional
 - Country based
 - “North / South”
- Various citizen’s organizations (Women’s organizations, etc)
- Faith based organizations (Church associations, etc)
- Issue based organizations (Health, AIDS, Human rights, etc)
- Trade Unions
- Professional and academic organizations
- Etc.

GAVI Alliance and Civil Society

- Originally one CSO seat on GAVI Board (2000)
 - CVP / PATH (2000-2), IFRC-Kenya/Sierra Leone RC (2002-4), International Pediatric Association (2004-2008)
 - Series of regional CSO meetings (2001-2002)
- CSO sessions at GAVI Partners' Meeting and GAVI approval for formation of GAVI CSO Task Team (December 2005)
- Background study of CSO contributions to country level immunization programs (early 2006)
- Series of country visits with GAVI (2006-2008) and meeting of broad group of CSO country representatives in Geneva (November 2006)
- GAVI support approved (November 2006)
 - Pilot CSO programs: 10 pilot countries
 - Strengthening coordination and representation: 72 GAVI-eligible countries
 - Call for CSO submissions, review of CSO program applications (2007-8)
- Election of new CSO GAVI Board representative and Alternate by CSO TT (2008)

GAVI Alliance and Civil Society

- **Civil society task team** – Strategic planning and communication. Driving force behind the new support to civil society with an important role in monitoring and evaluation.
- **One CSO Board member and one Alternate** (as of June 2008)
- **CSO Representation: GAVI working group, HSS task team, etc**
- **Advocate for CSO representation in national coordination mechanisms and nomination processes at national level**
- **Wider civil society constituency** –The GAVI CSO constituency anticipates a continuing substantive role in GAVI with continued work on CSO country level programs and further development of a representative global CSO health/ immunization constituency .

Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health (2006)

- Board of 23 members
- 4 seats for each: Multilaterals, Donors, Developing countries
- 4 seats for health related NGO's
- 3 seats and 3 alternates for health care professional societies: IPA, FIGO, ICM
- 3 seats and 3 alternates for health related academic institutions
- Meeting of HCP representatives in 2006 including Pediatrics (IPA), OB-GYN (FIGO), Midwifery (ICM), Nursing (ICN), Pharmacy (FIP)
- 2007-8: 80 HCPs from 10 African countries participated in workshops to organize HCP collaborations at country level and promote collaborations with government, UN Agencies and donors at country level. Similar workshops in Asia and Latin America 2008

One Example of a CSO Constituency: Health Care Professional Societies and Health Related Academicians

- Trained in health / science / public health/ health care. Medical doctors, public health specialists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, etc
- Organized at country, regional, and global levels
- Potential roles as leaders, advocates, teachers and trainers, researchers, standard setters, policy advisors, clinicians
- Potential collaborations with Public Health community, Government Ministries, NGO's, citizens groups, stakeholders in health, and multilaterals and donor agencies at country, regional, global levels.
- Many other CSO constituencies also have potential valuable contributions to health at country, regional and global levels

There is great potential for progress in many health areas if the concerned Civil Society Stakeholders can learn to work together and can gain a voice and meaningful seats at the table along with Government, UN and other Multilateral agencies, and Donor agencies.

THANK YOU!