

Uganda's Dependence On Development Partner Support: A Five Year Resource Tracking Study (2012-2016)

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INTRODUCTION

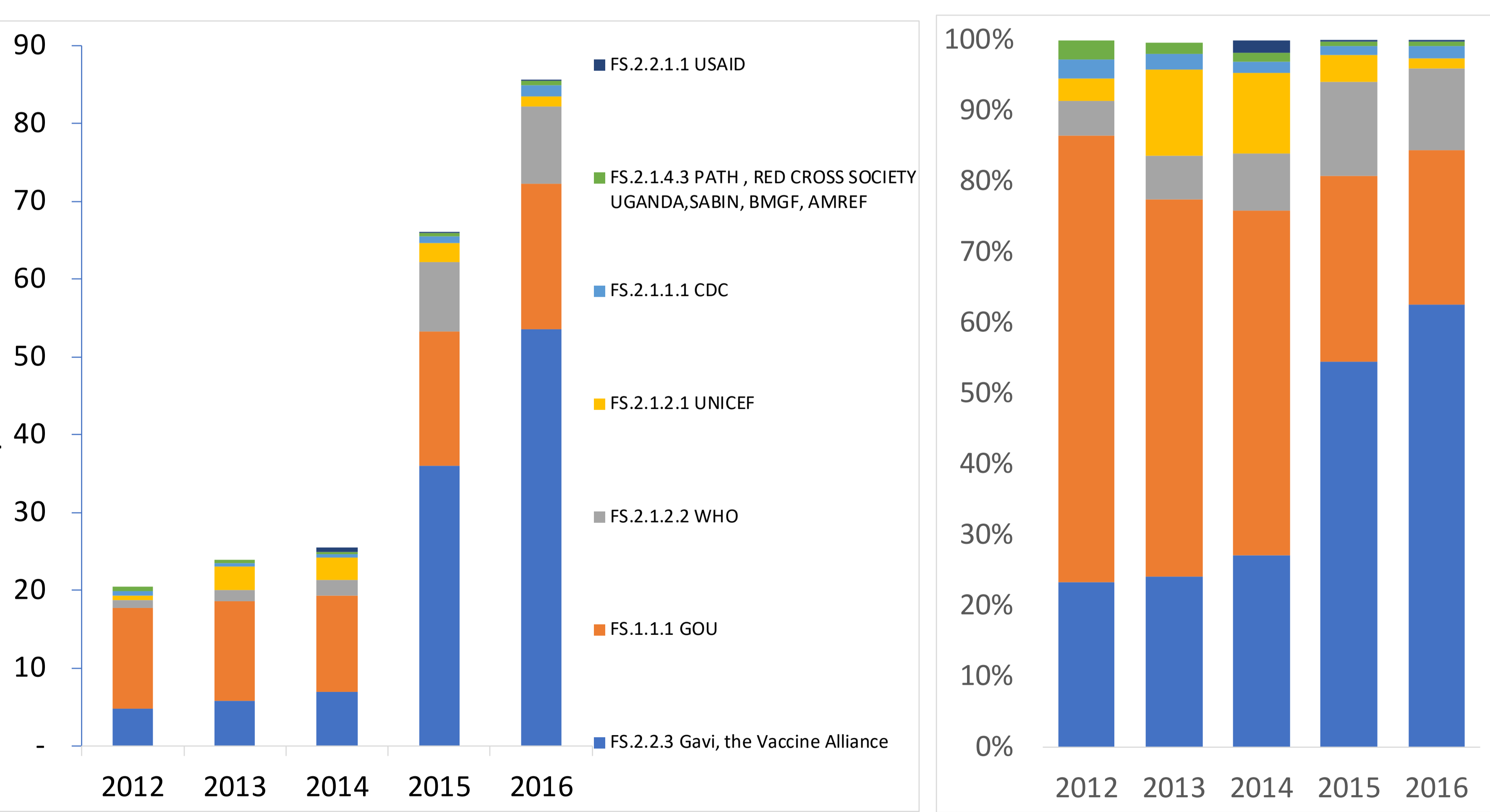
- Given that several new vaccines have been introduced or are planned for introduction in Uganda, it is important to understand the trends in immunization financing.
- We aimed to describe the financial envelope for immunization activities in Uganda from 2012- 2016.

METHODS

- System of Health Accounts 2011 was used to quantify and map out the resource envelope for immunization.
- We collected financial and non-financial resources of immunization from national and sub-national levels through Key Informant Interviews and Document review.

RESULTS

Financing Sources for Immunization in Uganda and their % contribution.

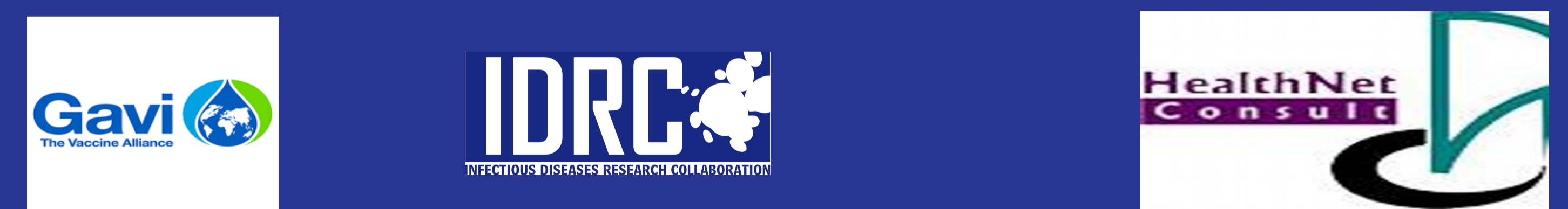


- Total resource envelope for immunization as increased from US\$20 million in 2012 to US\$ 86 million in 2016.
- The main contributors to the resource envelope are Government of Uganda and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

Since 2012, the resource envelope for immunization In Uganda **increased by 76% to US\$65 million in 2016.**

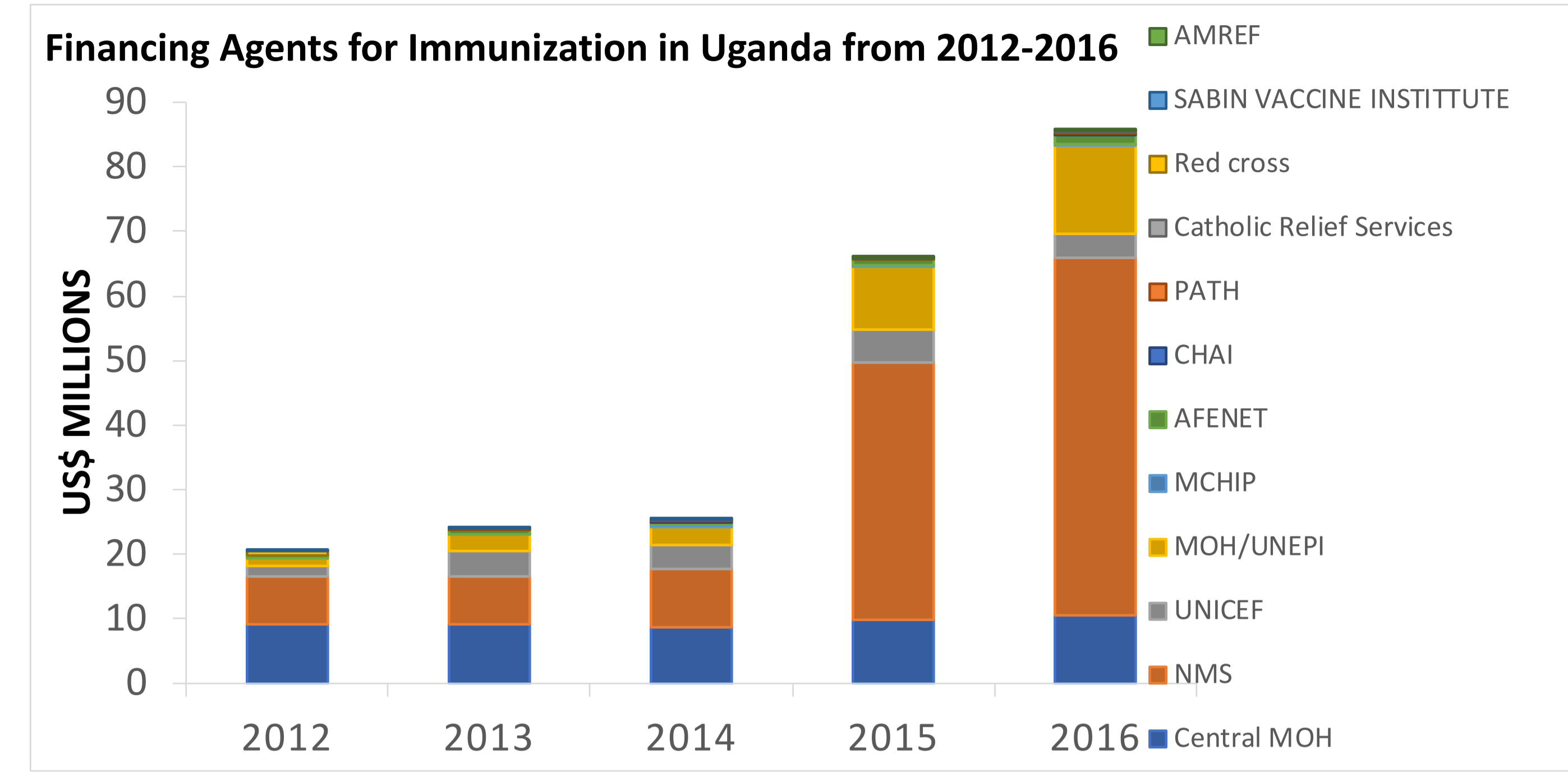
Despite this increment, Government of Uganda's contribution has declined (by 41%) in comparison with other partners.

Uganda's immunization program heavily relies on partner support which raises issues of financial sustainability in light of new vaccine introductions.

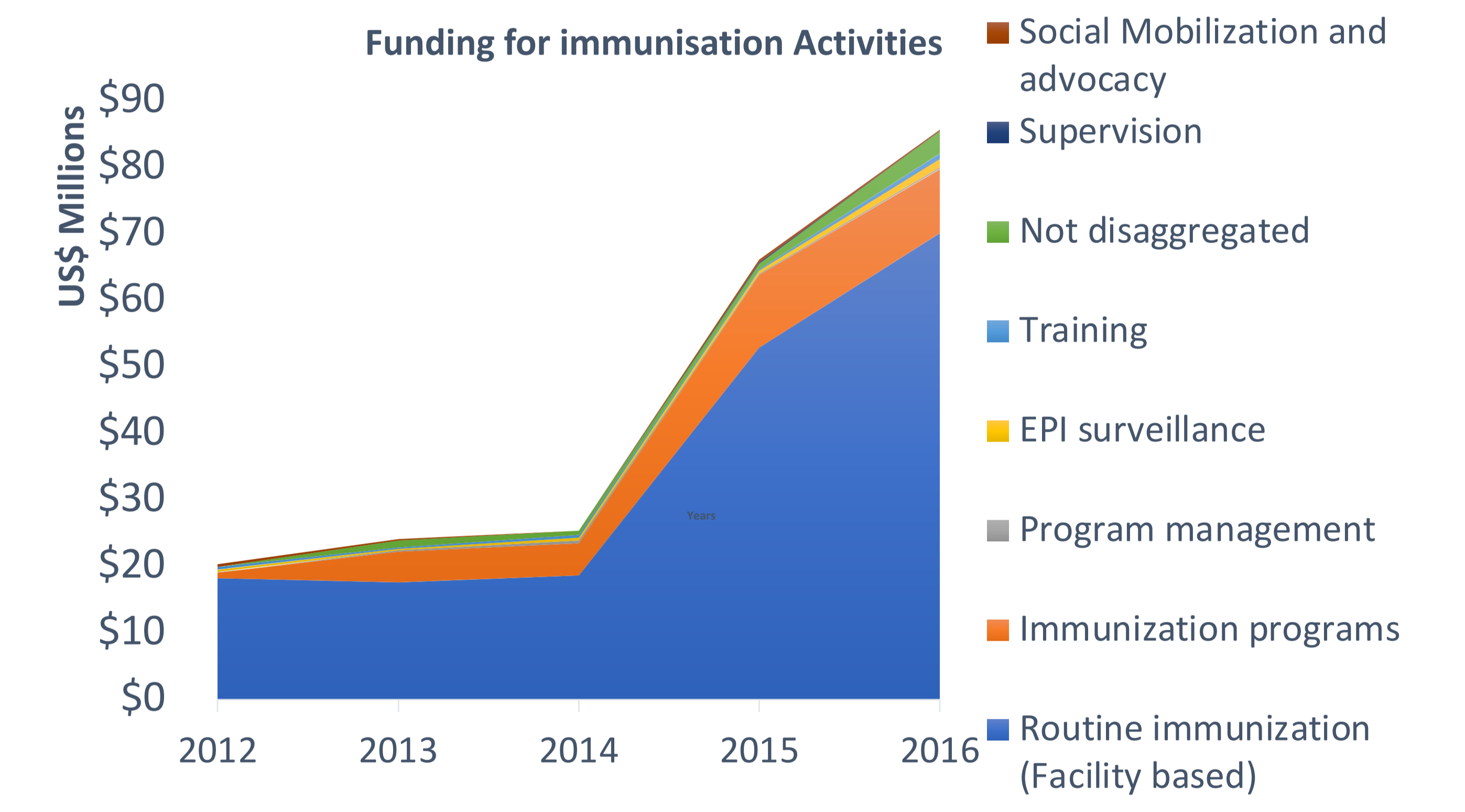


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- Majority of the funds were managed by public stakeholders specifically the National Medical Stores.



- 80% of the funds were spent on facility based routine immunization specifically human resources and outreaches.



- Government health facilities provided an average of 70% of the immunization services over the five year period.

DISCUSSION

- The increase in resources for immunization has been attributed to lifting of the ban on Gavi funding as well as new vaccine introduction.
- Heavy reliance on partner support to fund the immunization program has implications for financial sustainability especially in light of new vaccine introduction alongside other challenges like misalignment and displacement effects that are a result of dependency on external funding to support a critical national program.