

**Zero Dose Learning Week**  
**September 11th, 2024**  
**Gavi Offices, Geneva Switzerland**  
**Jacaranda room /GHC-L1-7A and 7B**

**Dissemination of findings and recommendations from emerging evidence**  
**(open event)**

Chair: Gustavo Corrêa, Senior Programme Officer, Measurement Evaluation and Learning (Gavi)

<b>Time (CET)</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast (30 min)	All
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions (30 min) Directors opening remarks and official launch	Hope Johnson (Gavi) Alex de Jonquieres (Gavi) Gustavo Corrêa (Gavi)
9:00 – 9:15	The Immunization Agenda 2030 strategy to reach zero-dose children in low- and middle-income countries: a living scoping review (15 min)	Mira Johri (U Montréal/ERG) Audrey Beaulieu (U Montréal/Gavi)
9:15 – 9:45	Synthesis of findings and recommendations from ZD Learning Week call for abstracts (30 min)	Sunitha Chandrasekhar (Sabin)
9:45 – 10:30	Discussion (45 min)	All
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break (15 min)	All
10:45 – 11:00	What Does It Cost to Reach a Zero-Dose Child? (15 min)	Logan Brenzel (Gates consultant)
11:00 – 11:15	How will we fill the evidence gap on the cost of reaching zero-dose children? Methods & challenges (15min)	Laura Boonstoppel (ThinkWell)
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion (15 min)	All
11:30 – 11:50	Zero-Dose Learning Hub: key learnings and recommendations (30 min)	Heidi Reynolds (Gavi) Erin Broekhuysen (JSI) Nancy Volmer (JSI)
11:50 – 12:00	Successes and Opportunities from the Nigeria Zero Dose Learning Hub Project	Yahaya Mohammed (AFENET)
12:00 – 12:30	Discussion (30min)	All
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch (1h)	All
13:30 – 13:45	Sustainable solutions to root causes of Zero-Dose and Under-Immunized children (15 mins)	Grace Chee (M-RITE / JSI)
13:45 – 14:00	Discussion (15 min)	All
14:00 – 14:30	Gates Foundation Zero Dose Learning Agenda (30 min)	Tove Ryman (Gates) Mike Brison (Gates)
14:30 – 14:45	Abstract author: Missed communities or missed opportunities (15 min)	Deep Thacker (IHAT)
14:45 – 15:30	Discussion (45 min)	All
15:30 – 15:45	Break (15 min)	All
15:45 – 16:00	Key learnings and recommendations from cross-border settings from ZIP - Zero-Dose Immunisation Programme (15 min)	Amy Ratcliffe (Gavi)
16:00 – 16:15	Discussion (15 min)	All
16:15 – 16:30	Routine Immunization Strengthening Programme (RISP): Learning Consortium (15 min)	Katie Stahley (Gates)
16:30 – 16:45	Discussion (15 min)	All
16:45 – 17:00	Recent findings from the evaluation of Gavi's contribution to reaching zero-dose and missed communities (15 min)	Jessica Baxendale (IPSOS) Louisiana Lush (IPSOS)
17:00 – 17:15	Discussion (15 min)	All
17:15 – 17:30	Closing remarks (15 min)	Gustavo Corrêa (Gavi)
17:30 – 19:00	Cocktail (90 min)	All

**Registration link for attendees:**

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**Panelists Bios:**

**Dr. Mira Johri** is a Professor in the School of Public Health, University of Montreal. Her research explores the social and structural determinants of global child health, with a focus on equitable access to childhood vaccines globally and in India. Mira has served as a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), The Global Fund, and Gavi, where she has held various roles for more than a decade. She is currently part of the Equity Reference Group (ERG) for Immunisation. An award-winning researcher, Mira's work has appeared in high-impact journals such as the Lancet, the Lancet Global Health, BMC Medicine, and the WHO Bulletin. Deeply committed to equity, empowerment, and learning from the field, Mira previously co-led an HIV prevention project in Guatemala and has been co-leading field research on immunization and child health in rural Uttar Pradesh, India since 2012.

**Audrey Beaulieu** is a consultant with the Evaluation and Learning Unit at Gavi. She is also a student in the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) professional program at the University of Montreal and works as a research assistant for Dr. Mira Johri. She recently earned her master's in public health with distinction on the Dean's Honour List. Audrey previously served as a Nursing Activity Manager with Médecins Sans Frontières in the Central African Republic and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where she contributed to vaccination campaigns, outreach clinics, and cold chain strengthening. Before joining Gavi, Audrey coordinated the immunisation program for First Nations communities in Northern Quebec, Canada. She has also volunteered with NGOs in India, Rwanda, and Uganda. Audrey is deeply committed to uncovering the root causes of vaccine inequity and other health disparities, and she strongly believes in community-driven solutions.

**Dr. Sunitha Chandrasekhar** manages the Zero-Dose Learning and Story Generation Project for the Sabin Vaccine Institute-led consortium with VACFA, eBASE and PHC Global. She has led public health projects and community-engaged research for 25 years with multiple global health organisations, such as WHO, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust, the Rockefeller Foundation, Jhpiego, USAID, among many others. She served as a Professor at Rhodes University, South Africa for 14 years and continues to contribute as a Visiting Professor. She has recently done in-depth work on Responsive Antimicrobial Resistance, COVID post-vaccination safety surveillance and health system strengthening. She was the first female academic at the

Faculty of Pharmacy, Rhodes University to be rated as a scientist by the South African National Research Foundation. She also won several awards and scholarships in the course of her career.

**Logan Brenzel** is a health economist with extensive health financing and development experience worldwide, working with ministries of health and finance on sustainable health financing. Her early career with the World Bank and USAID focused on health financing reforms, global health partnerships and results-based financing. At the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Logan spearheaded an immunization economics community of practice and lead a portfolio of investments on costs, value for money, and financing of immunization. She provided technical support to Gavi's eligibility, transition, co-financing, and health systems strengthening policies. As a consultant with the Gates Foundation today, she is advising country teams on costing zero-dose strategies. She has written and published extensively. Logan has a PhD in Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and an MS in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health. She was an undergraduate at Stanford University.

**Laura Boonstoppel** is a Program Director at ThinkWell, where she leads its immunization economics portfolio, which covers the development of methods for, and implementation of, country studies to estimate the cost of delivering immunization and other primary health services, including the cost of reaching zero-dose children. In this capacity, she also manages the global immunizationeconomics.org community of practice. Previous roles have covered a variety of health financing and economics work at CHAI, Gavi, PATH, among others. Laura holds a MSc in Economics from the University of Geneva, and a BSc in Economics and Business Economics from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

**Heidi Reynolds PhD MPH**, is a Senior Specialist for Evaluation and Learning at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Heidi leads Gavi's Zero-Dose Learning Hubs initiative, designed to provide deeper measurement and evidence of effective and cost-effective programmatic approaches to identify and reach zero-dose children and missed communities. She has over 20 years of experience in measurement, monitoring, evaluation, learning approaches, and health information systems strengthening in variety of health areas and in over 12 countries.

**Erin Broekhuysen MS** is a Knowledge Management Director at JSI. She is also the Project Director of Gavi Zero-Dose Learning Hub Project. At JSI since 2002, Erin Broekhuysen provides leadership, technical quality, and management of the Gavi Zero-Dose Learning Hub Project, a global initiative to improve immunization equity and reduce the number of zero-dose and under-immunized children. She facilitates knowledge translation strategies to improve data use and uptake to ensure high-impact evidence is used to inform immunization policies, guidance, and programs. Erin has led project implementation in over 50 countries, creates environments for learning and collaboration, and designs digital frameworks and tools to strengthen capacity and fill knowledge gaps.

**Nancy Vollmer PhD MPH** is a Senior Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor at JSI. She is also the Monitoring Evaluation and Learning (MEL) lead of Gavi Zero-Dose Learning Hub Project. Nancy provides technical leadership and MEL strategy for the Zero-dose Learning Hub

project. She facilitates the development of evidence-based resources that support the zero-dose agenda and provides technical support and guidance to the learning hub partners in Nigeria, Mali, Uganda and Bangladesh. With over 25 years working in maternal, newborn and child health, Nancy specializes in social and behavioral research focused on understanding barriers to primary healthcare among marginalized and vulnerable populations. She has extensive experience working with subnational partners and local stakeholders to use evidence and learning for program improvement.

**Dr. Mohammed Yahaya** is with the African Field Epidemiology Network (Nigeria) as the Project Coordinator of the Gavi led Zero Dose Learning Hub (ZDLH). He is a Professor of Clinical and Public Health Microbiology with Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto and also a Consultant Clinical Microbiologist in the Teaching Hospital of the University. He was part of the team that established the existence of Dengue fever and West Nile Virus in Sokoto in 2016. He has also supported National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) and the Nigeria Centers for Disease Control (NCDC) in different roles, most notably as the team lead during the COVID-19 outbreak/response in 2020. Dr. Yahaya's research interests include routine immunization, vaccine preventable diseases, infectious diseases, epidemiology and clinical microbiology. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and has presented his research at international conferences. He is also actively involved in teaching and training medical students and postgraduate trainees. He was formerly the head of department at his institution for five years (2016-2020). Dr. Yahaya is a respected member of the Nigerian medical community and is making significant contributions to the fight against vaccine preventable diseases and infectious diseases in Nigeria.

**Dr. Tove Ryman** is a Senior Program Officer on the Immunization Team at the Gates Foundation (BMGF). She currently leads the Zero Dose Learning agenda. During her 9 years at the Gates Foundation, she has managed investments focused on immunization equity, data, learning, and health system strengthening. Prior to the Gates Foundation, she worked at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Global Immunization Division, where she focused on routine immunization operations research studies. She has more than 35 peer-reviewed publications. Throughout her career, she has collaborated extensively with partners at UN agencies, NGOs, and government Ministries of Health. She has a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Washington and an MPH in Global Health from Emory University.

**Mike Brison MA** is a Programme Officer of the Immunisation Team at the Gates Foundation. He is a global health professional with more than 10 years of hands-on experience designing and implementing large-scale programs in Africa and Asia. He has worked across multiple global health organizations including Gavi, CHAI, among others. He has a Masters of Arts in History and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Affairs, both from Carleton University.

**Dr. Deep Thacker** leads the Routine Immunization portfolio of the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health program in the Uttar Pradesh Technical Support Unit, Lucknow, India. For the past four years, he has provided techno-strategic support to the Government of Uttar Pradesh in implementing immunization interventions. Previously, while working with JSI, he led rotavirus vaccine introduction teams in two of India's largest states. Deep is passionate about using

technology to drive change in public health and has helped develop digital platforms for infectious disease surveillance for the Indian Academy of Pediatrics and, more recently, for VPD surveillance in Uttar Pradesh. Deep has an MPH in Global Health from Harvard University and completed his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India.

**Grace Chee** is with JSI Research and Training Institute, and serves as the Project Director for USAID's MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project. She has more than 25 years of experience in health financing, immunization financing, health system strengthening and maternal and child health programs. Prior to her current role, she led the coordination team for Gavi's Learning Network for Countries in Transition (LNCT,) supporting countries transitioning from Gavi support to self-sustainable immunization programs. She also led the health systems strengthening and equity team for USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Survival Program (MCSP) and served on MCSP's executive management team. She provided technical leadership to the program to incorporate health system strengthening approaches to improve equity, access and sustainability of maternal and child health programs around the world. She has led four evaluations commissioned by the GAVI Alliance, including a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of GAVI's Phase 1 performance, and an evaluation of its investment in central and western China. She has led teams to conduct health system assessments, private sector assessments, program evaluations, program design initiatives and technical assistance to support program implementation.

**Amy Ratcliffe PhD MS** is a Senior Technical Advisor for the Zero-dose Immunisation Programme (ZIP) for the last two years. She has more than 30 years of experience in global health programmes for different organisations such as CDC, the Gates Foundation and Population Services International among many others. She has strong expertise on M&E and evidence-based programming. She has a Master of Science (MS) on Population and International Health and a Doctor of Science on Reproductive Health and Population Science, both from Harvard University.

**Katie Stahley MPA** is a Senior Programme Officer at the Gates Foundation. She leads the portfolio of investments for the RISP programme and has led strategy development program design for health system strengthening projects, including the HSS Evaluation Collaborative, and primary health care programs to improve health equity. She has a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington.

**Dr Louisiana Lush** is the Team Leader for the 'Evaluation of Gavi's contribution to reaching zero-dose and missed communities', a 3-year evaluation conducted by Ipsos and commissioned by Gavi's Central Evaluation Team. She has over 30 years' experience at international level, delivering donor programmes, strategic consultancy advice and academic research. Recent experience includes leading teams evaluating Gavi, Global Fund, Gates Foundation, World Bank and WHO work portfolios with a particular focus on maximising aid effectiveness in global health. She has led major programmes of work at DFID and completed a PhD in international health policy. She has an extensive knowledge of international development governance, architecture and finance, as well as organisation strategy, accountability and reform. She specialises in leading international teams

focused on health policy, services and systems, health economics and finance, and global health partnerships and architecture.

**Dr Jessica Baxendale** is the Project Director of the 'Evaluation of Gavi's contribution to reaching zero-dose and missed communities'. Recently, she led fieldwork in Cambodia and is spearheading technical policy briefs, methodological developments in contribution analysis, and research across seven country case studies into barriers and facilitators to implementing Gavi grants. Jess also co-leads Global Health evaluation within the Sustainable Development Research Centre (SDRC) at Ipsos, she brings nearly 20 years of experience and a robust academic background. Jess has worked as both a supplier and commissioner of quantitative and qualitative research and evaluation across various sectors, focusing on public health and vulnerable groups. Jess is passionate about Global Health and International Development and co-founded an education centre and pre-school in Tanzania in 2004.