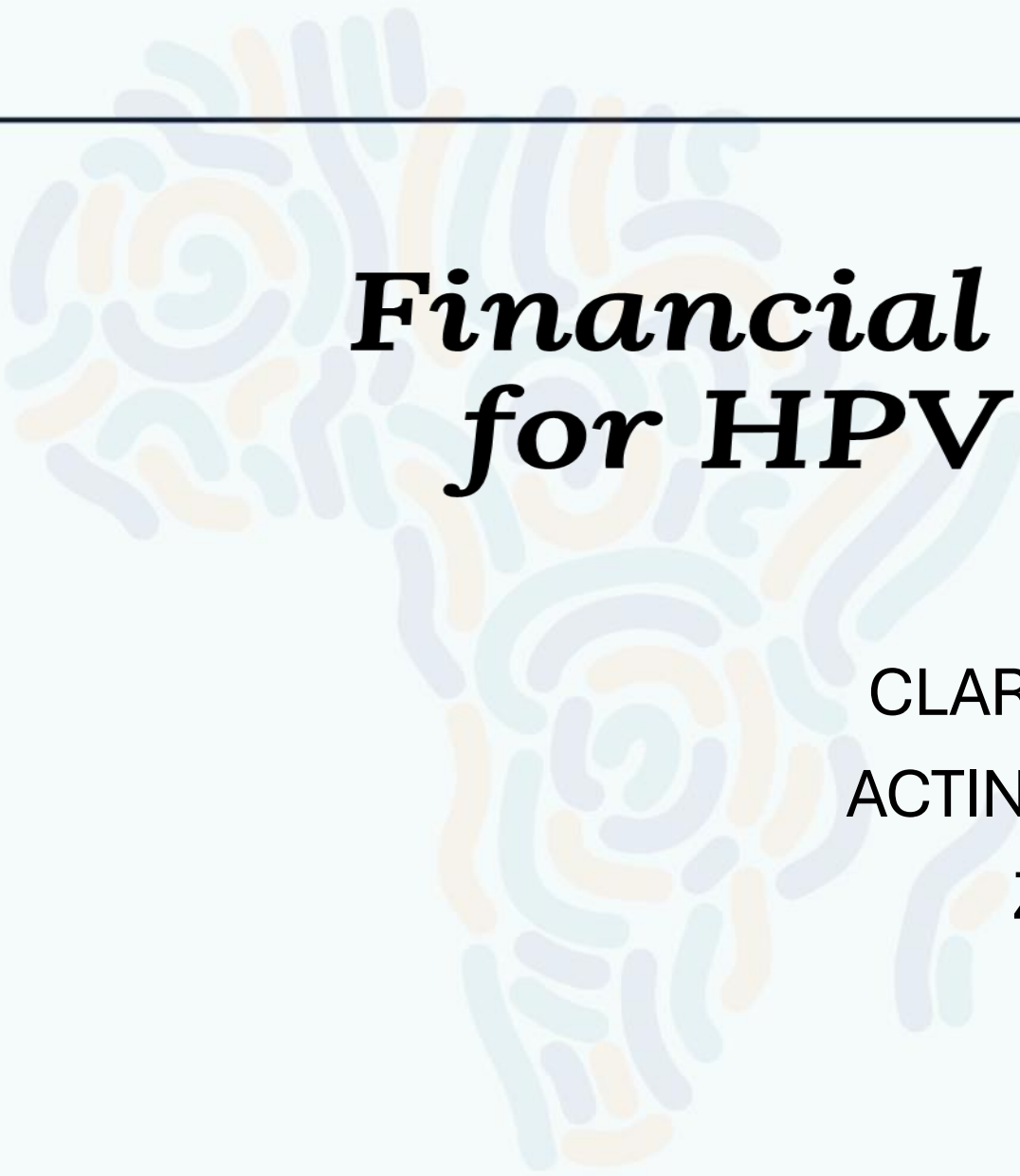




Financial sustainability for HPV vaccination

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Introduction

- Zimbabwe introduced the HPV vaccine nationally in 2018, targeting girls in Grade 5 as part of the routine immunisation program.
- While initial funding for vaccine introduction was largely supported by Gavi, sustaining HPV vaccination requires a robust national financing and resource mobilisation strategy.
- With competing health priorities and fiscal constraints, securing diverse and sustainable funding sources is critical to ensure uninterrupted HPV vaccination and equitable coverage

Current funding status for HPV vaccination in Zimbabwe

- The country is supported by Gavi, with country cofinancing the procurement of HPV vaccine.
- Co-financing: The Government of Zimbabwe co-financed the vaccine procurement and delivery.
- Operational support from partners (i.e. Gavi, UNICEF, WHO, Africa CDC, CHAI, EGPAF).
- Country received approval of HPV Top-Up budget from Gavi

Steps taken towards sustainability

Sustainable Financing & Partnerships

- ⑩ Dedicated HPV budget line incorporated into national immunisation plans for predictable domestic funding.
- ⑩ Gavi top-up funds leveraged strategically to cover gaps while advocating for increased government and partner support.
- ⑩ Exploration of public–private partnerships (PPPs) and diverse funders to complement government resources

Cost-Efficiency & Policy Alignment

- ⑩ Fully institutionalised the adoption of the WHO single-dose schedule to reduce logistical burden, cold chain needs, and programme costs.
- ⑩ Revitalised equity-focused outreach and demand creation in low-coverage areas.
- ⑩ Policy updates aligned with global guidance to accelerate delivery and maintain coverage momentum.
- The HPV costs are included in the broader national immunisation programme budgets.

Coordination between MoHCC and MoF and partners

- There is a strong coordination between the two ministries and this has resulted in the consistent payment of country cofinanced portion
- The government prioritises immunisation programmes
- Partners are engaged in planning , coordination and monitoring of HPV vaccination
- WHO, UNICEF, Africa CDC (ZACH and Red Cross), EGPAF and Crown Agents provide operational support for HPV vaccination in selected districts to address funding gaps in service delivery and demand generation activities.

Barriers

- Competing priorities: Finance demands for other health needs, such as outbreaks (e.g., cholera, measles, polio) and other diseases (HIV, malaria)
- Operational challenges: Staff attrition, and inadequate outreach logistics hinder efficient delivery.

Innovative financing strategies

a. Integration into Routine Health Services

- Embed HPV vaccination into routine immunization, school health programs and integrated facility-based outreach to reduce incremental costs.
- Align HPV vaccination with existing child/adolescent health days to leverage shared logistics.
- HIV care and treatment utilized as the entry point to increase HPV vaccination
- Integration with reproductive health services to optimise human resources (ARSH)

b. Procurement and Efficient Supply Chain

- Fully establish the use of the Electronic Logistics Management Information System (eLMIS) to minimise wastage and improve forecasting to avoid stockouts.

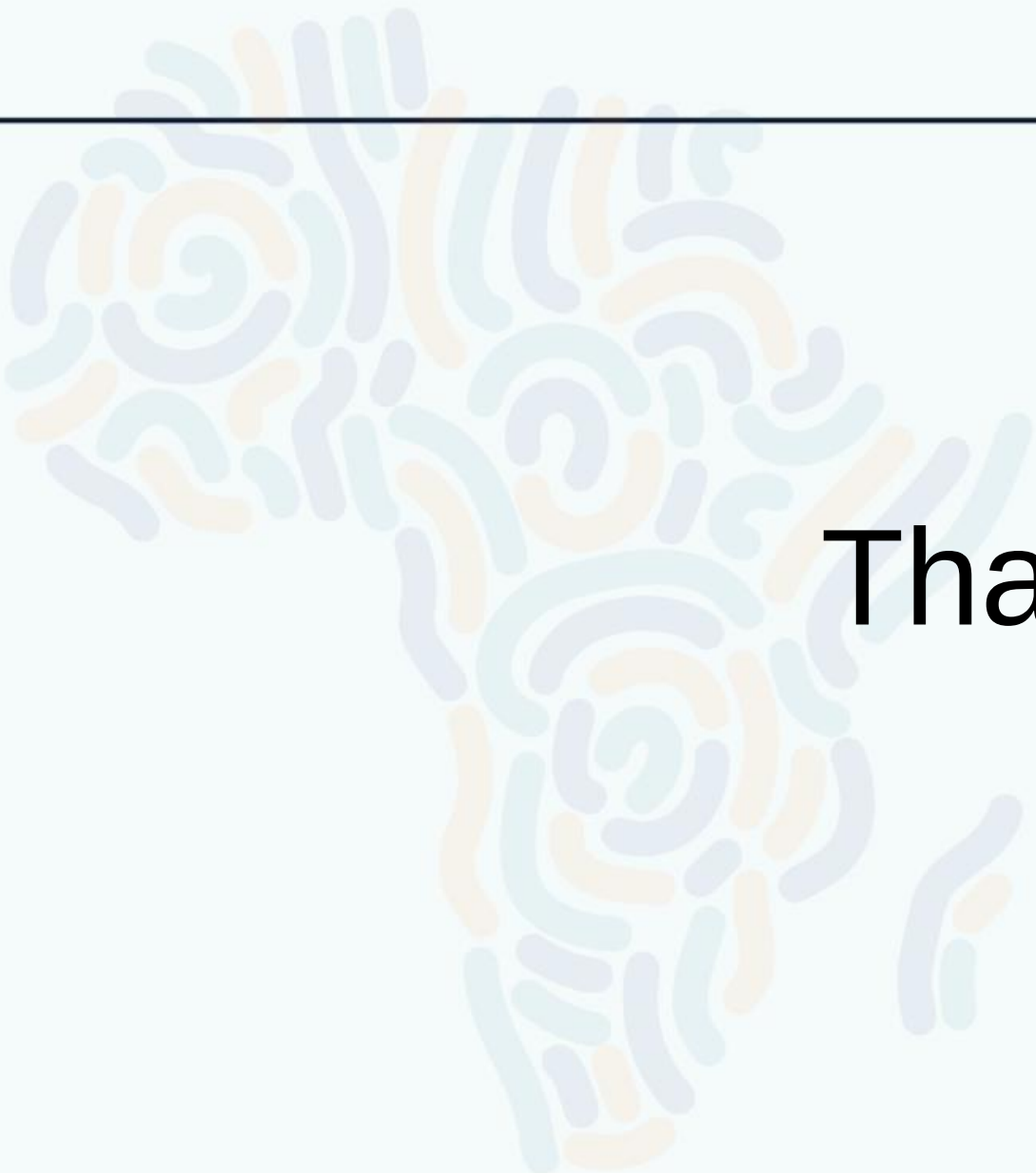
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c. **Advocacy and Policy Integration**

- Embed HPV vaccination in national cancer control strategies and Primary Health Care (PHC) frameworks.
- HPV vaccination recognized as a cost-saving cancer prevention strategy, reinforcing its case for long-term investment.

Recommendations to other countries

- Strong collaboration among MoH, MoF, MoE and immunization partners from HPV demonstration projects into rollout
- Establish a multi-sectoral HPV Vaccine Financing Taskforce under MoH and MoF
- Secure a dedicated national budget line for HPV vaccines and operational delivery.
- Develop a resource mobilisation roadmap, identifying short-term donor opportunities and long-term domestic financing strategies.
- Scale up advocacy with Parliament and Treasury to prioritise HPV vaccination in annual budget cycles.
- Strengthen community ownership and accountability, ensuring sustainability beyond external support

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