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GAVI Strategy for the Investment in New Vaccines: Country Consultation Process

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The GAVI-eligible countries of the Region of the Americas presented the following points to the GAVI Alliance:

1. Countries request that GAVI consider adjusting the main eligibility criterion for financial support. At the global level, the Americas have the highest levels of inequality in the distribution of per capita income; GNI per capita does not reflect the reality of the countries of this Region. In this regard, they recommend exploring the inclusion of other criteria to determine eligibility and possible expansion of GAVI support to more countries.

2. Countries invite GAVI to make individual visits to all the eligible countries of the Region, to promote further understanding of their specific realities —ranging from topography to technological capacity, real impact of the GNI per capita, and other conditions— with the expectation that this would support decision-making related to eligibility and reward mechanisms, among other policies.

3. Countries request that GAVI consider developing alternate mechanisms to reward both countries that seek to improve their coverage levels and those that already maintain high levels of coverage.

4. Countries confirm their commitment to achieving not only high coverage at the national level, but also coverage levels above 85% in all their districts, as a priority. This is the basis for the successful introduction of all new vaccines into the national vaccination schedules.

5. Countries confirm their interest in the introduction of new vaccines through the support of the PAHO Revolving Fund.

6. Countries request that it be through PAHO that GAVI continue its consultations for the process of developing its strategy for investment in new vaccines.

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