

Statement by GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance  
Agenda item 1: Reception and admission (Part III.B.1)  
3rd round of Consultations of the Global Compact on Refugees  
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Thank you, Madam Chair,

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Gavi welcomes the recognition of the importance of preparedness measures in advance of a crisis under para 44, which is essential to global health security mechanisms, including the monitoring and surveillance of disease outbreaks. Outbreaks are a symptom of weak public health systems, which can be strengthened through immunisation systems. We would like to suggest the inclusion of "supporting emergency preparedness that ensures the resilience of health system to absorb the influx of refugees without collapsing".

Gavi welcomes the recognition of the importance of water and sanitation, health and nutrition under paragraph 46 on immediate reception arrangements. We would like to further suggest to add "health needs" under the identification of specific needs during initial registration.

In paragraph 51 on addressing specific needs, including children at risk, we would like to suggest the addition of "assessing health status, including immunisation status and providing services" as additional resources and expertise that stakeholders would contribute to.

For your reference, a document has been made public and shared with the secretariat with greater details for your kind perusal.

We thank UNHCR for their leadership in ensuring an inclusive and consultative process and look forward to the remainder of this fundamental process.