The GAVI Alliance: Innovative partnership combines generous contributions by rich countries and private sector to provide life-saving vaccines to the world’s poorest children.

**Problem:** Children in poor countries do not have access to the same life-saving vaccines as children in rich countries.

- Each year, 1.7 million children die from a vaccine-preventable disease and the vast majority of these deaths are in poor countries.
- Children in low-income countries are nearly 18 times more likely to die before the age of five than children in high-income countries.
- Nearly 23.2 million children worldwide had no access to the vaccines that parents in rich countries take for granted as part of ensuring their children’s health.
- Typically, 10-15 years elapse between the introduction of a new vaccine in rich countries and its use in low-income countries.

**Innovation:** A global private-public partnership of developing and donor governments, multilateral and civil society organizations, the vaccine industry, and private donors collaborated to make vaccines affordable and accessible to poor countries.

- The GAVI Alliance introduced new funding mechanisms to speed up the introduction of vaccines in poor countries.
  - The International Finance Facility for Immunisation uses long-term pledges from donor governments to sell ‘vaccine bonds’ in the capital markets, making large volumes of funds immediately available for GAVI programs.
  - The Advanced Market Commitment uses funds from donor governments and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to provide pharmaceutical companies with incentives for research and development on new products for the developing world.

**Innovation With Impact:** The GAVI Alliance has dramatically boosted the availability and affordability of vaccines in developing countries.
The GAVI Alliance business model fosters a competitive vaccine market by pooling demand from developing countries and providing predictable financing to meet demand, attracting new manufacturers from emerging economies and increasing competition to drive down prices.

Impact: In its first decade, the GAVI Alliance has prevented more than five million future deaths. In June 2011, donors committed US$4.3 billion to ensure that more than 250 million children living in poor countries can receive the same life-saving vaccines as children living in rich countries.

- Funding secured in 2011 is enabling the GAVI Alliance through 2015 to rapidly scale up the number of countries and children receiving life-saving vaccines including pneumococcal and rotavirus vaccines, thus preventing millions of deaths and ensuring the health and productivity of millions of children.

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