Statement by GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance
6th formal consultation for the Global Compact on Refugees
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Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance welcomes the Final Draft Global Compact on Refugee, released on the 26th of June.

We feel this draft reflects many concerns raised by stakeholders during the discussions.

Our engagement in the GCR is because of our experiences at country level, seeing first hand the particular risk of vaccines preventable diseases in refugee populations and the powerful impact that proactive use of vaccines can have in preventing outbreaks and unnecessary loss of life. We responded by drafting a Fragility, Emergencies and Refugees policy. Some of the examples of its implementation include:

- Supporting the inclusion of refugees in the national targets for routine immunisation programs in Uganda.

- Supporting the International Coordinating Group (ICG) on Vaccine Provision for the delivery of 900,000 doses of Oral Cholera Vaccines in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

We are grateful to see many of our concerns regarding immunisation coverage for refugees will now be addressed by measures in this draft.

This Compact can ensure member states are equipped to respond to fundamental needs of the most vulnerable groups, especially children, by building more affordable health systems, and strengthening outbreak preparedness and response strategies.

In this final draft we welcome the following amendments and respectfully ask for their retention in the Consensus:

- Paragraph 73, the insertion of **immunisation services** as disease prevention.
- Paragraph 57, the insertion of screening of **Health assessment** upon arrival.
- Paragraph 74, the re-insertion of **female health workers** in the now called **Women and Girls** section.

We thank UNCHR for their leadership, Member States, Civil Society and other stakeholders for an inclusive and rich process and look forward the adoption and implementation of this important Compact