

Grouping 2.4

17.3 Poliomyelitis, including Poliomyelitis eradication and Polio transition planning and polio post-certification

Statement:

The GPEI prioritises vertical biomedical interventions and neglects the impacts of social determinants of health on health measures. War played a dramatic role in endemic countries: particular attention must be paid to marginalized communities.

GPEI funding is abruptly decreasing and GAVI's role in the transition is unclear. The call for relying on domestic resources for long term strategies is short sighted.

We call on WHO and MS to prioritise improved access to safe water and sanitation, address IP barriers to local vaccine production, integrate local public health polio interventions within comprehensive PHC, ensure decent work for health workers involved in the programs, including formal employment, include rehabilitation in polio programmes, and to take a stand for speedy and just resolution of conflicts.