Interim Update Note on Supply of Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV)

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UNICEF IPV tender overview (RFP-DAN-2013-501729)

A tender was issued on 4 October 2013, to cover anticipated 2014-2017 IPV demand (with a possible extension to 2018). The tender aims to achieve the following procurement objectives:

1. To secure sufficient supply to meet an accelerated introduction of IPV for OPV-using countries procuring through UNICEF, for the period of 2014-2017;
2. To achieve affordable prices from 2014 for all presentations; and
3. To support the development of a healthy IPV market.

The procurement forecast was based on the Strategic Demand Forecast (SDF) developed jointly by GAVI, UNICEF, WHO, and other members of the Immunisation Systems Management Group (IMG) at a global level as no information was available from countries at this point in time. In addition, demand from countries that included IPV in their annual forecast submission to UNICEF Supply Division was also incorporated.

- **Product presentations:** Currently, three product presentations are prequalified by WHO; a single and a two dose vial and a 10 dose vial. Supply of IPV in a single dose is currently available in limited quantities and a 10 dose vial is anticipated to be available from mid-2014. Overall, single dose vials are expected to be available only in limited quantities throughout the tender period. A five dose vial presentation is also expected to become WHO prequalified during the tender period, with some supply likely to be available from 2nd half of 2014.

- **Country input required:** Countries are strongly encouraged to advise UNICEF, WHO and GAVI as early as possible on their preferred vial size, including a second and third alternative acceptable product presentation as flexibility may be required to make use of available supply in the early phases of the global scale up. In addition, countries should as soon as possible inform partners of the anticipated month and year of planned introduction in order to plan for sufficient supply. Countries are also encouraged to provide updated information on national licensure requirements to UNICEF’s local country office, if any, including any expedited procedures or waivers required, in order to allow manufacturers and partners to take early actions to avoid a delay in vaccine introductions.

- **Timelines for access to supply:** Dependent on preferred product presentation and supplier lead times, countries should plan for a 6 to 9 months lead time from when their introduction plan is finalised, or as applicable, recommended for approval through the GAVI application process. For GAVI supported countries, introduction should be planned for no later than the end of 2015. For countries procuring through UNICEF, the actual timing of supply availability will be confirmed upon receipt of a request for procurement country by country, based on preferred product presentations, country size, national licensure requirements, as well as overall supply and

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1 More information on product presentations prequalified by WHO, including cold chain requirements per dose, please see http://www.who.int/immunization_standards/vaccine_quality/PQ_vaccine_list_en/en/
2 For example, waivers, or acceptability of WHO’s Procedure for Expedited Review of Imported Prequalified Vaccines for Use in National Immunization Programmes http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/2007/WHO_IVB_07.08_eng.pdf
demand. UNICEF has proactively secured access to vaccine doses to be delivered from June 2014 to support the compressed timelines.

**Next steps and timelines**

The tender closed on 15 November 2013. UNICEF is in the process of reviewing offers from manufacturers and expects to be able to make awards in Q1. As soon as awards have been made, prices of different product presentations that have been awarded will be made publicly available.

Countries are requested to regularly update UNICEF, WHO and GAVI on their IPV introduction plans, including introduction timing and product presentation preferences. UNICEF, WHO and GAVI expect demand forecasts to continue to be adjusted over the next several weeks as information from countries is received. UNICEF and partners will update the demand forecast prior to making award recommendations in order to ensure that awarded quantities are as accurate as possible.

For additional information on IPV introduction planning please refer to the following links on the WHO website:
