Measles outbreak response fund

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• Feb 2013 – UN Foundation concluded the MOU with GAVI on behalf of the MRI

Purpose
To enable countries experiencing measles outbreaks to rapidly respond to these while they are still relatively small and localized to prevent them from developing into large and widespread outbreaks.
Management

• The MR Initiative founding partners* are responsible for decision on allocation of the outbreak response funds

• The WHO headquarters, Expanded Programme of Immunization functions as the secretariat for management and reporting of the use of outbreak response funds

* MRI founding partners are ARC, CDC, UNF, UNICEF and WHO
Requests that are not funded

• Requests made after the response
• Requests to complete activities left incomplete in the past
• Requests with incomplete paperwork
  – No analysis of the outbreak
  – Budget incomplete
  – Letter from Government missing
How has it worked so far

• Funded response in 4 countries in 2013
  – Pakistan, Nigeria, DRC and Vietnam
  – More than USD 7 million provided

• Funded response in 5 countries so far in 2014
  – Chad, Kenya, DRC, Uganda and Solomon Islands
  – More than USD 7 million provided

• Funded outbreak responses and wide age group SIAs
Implementation

• 1 of the 5 core strategies of the new Strategic Plan is outbreak preparedness and response
• June 2012 – GAVI Board approved USD 55m to be managed by MRI
• In Feb 2013, UN Foundation on behalf of the MRI concluded the MOU with GAVI
• Fund is for 2013 to 2017, activities began after February 2013
Implementation

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Changes from 2013

• SOP has been simplified
  – Intention to apply
  – Application
  – Report

• Hosted at the M&RI and WHO websites

• Dedicated e-mail (mri-orf@who.int) address
Aspects that need strengthening

• Advance information – intention to apply
• Completeness of the application
  – Budget
  – Letter signed by Government
• Report
  – Often delayed
  – Short on details
Response in DRC

Age targeted 6m – 9y
Cost USD 6.1 million
Response in Vietnam

436 villages in 4 districts and Lao Cai city
Cost USD 39,000
Constraints

• This fund cannot be used in non-GAVI countries
• There is need for a separate fund as outbreaks can occur anywhere, we could not fund
  – Republic of Georgia
  – Syria
  – The Philippines
• Many countries graduating out of GAVI support
• Need to respond quickly to outbreaks
Thank You