

# From donor to domestic: Transitions for Family Planning

ATTAINING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING FOR  
FAMILY PLANNING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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# Amidst the numerous challenges countries in transition face, **clear opportunities** to improve health system functions and performance are present

## Obstacles

- Limited fiscal space
- Competing priorities
- Constrained capacity
- Overlapping or redundant functions
- Donor-driven agenda



## Opportunities

- Leverage existing priorities
- Increase alignment b/w Health and Finance
- Identify potential efficiency gains – be innovative
- Build on transitions discourse

# What does it mean to have a **sustainable, successful transition**?

Is there a universally accepted definition of sustainability or transition?

**No, but few major agencies have adopted their own.**

**Global Fund** defines sustainability as...

1 Programs that ***maintain service coverage at a level to provide continuing control of a health problem*** even after removal of external funds.

**Gavi** defines transition as...

2 Countries sustaining their immunization programs with ***high and equitable coverage of target populations, while having robust systems and decision making process in place*** to support the introduction of new medicines.

**USAID** defined successful FP graduation as...

3 A country meeting the following criteria: 1) ***sustained or improved mCPR***, 2) sustained on-the-ground technical, administrative and programmatic ***capacity to continue service delivery*** and 3) ***continued financing (or increases)*** of FP service delivery and commodities relative to levels prior to graduation.

# At the high-level, a few guiding principles should be kept in mind to ensure a successful and sustainable transition



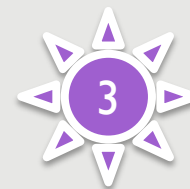
## Promoting transparency and predictability via..

- Systematic transition criteria
- Publicly available transition schedules
- Coordinated donor decisions



## Transitions require...

- Time
- High-level political commitment
- Country ownership
- Built-in monitoring and evaluation

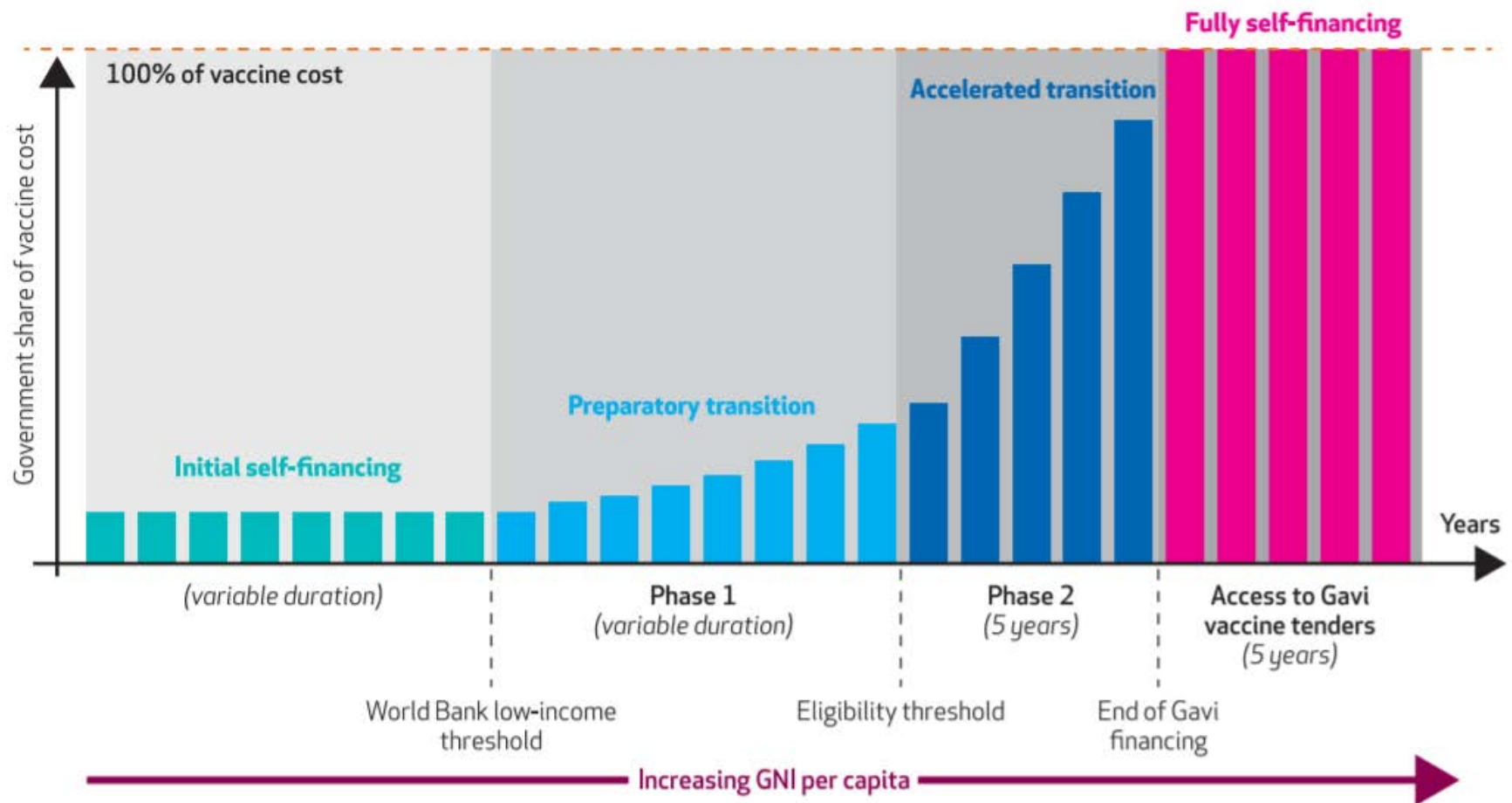


## Countries should also be thinking of...

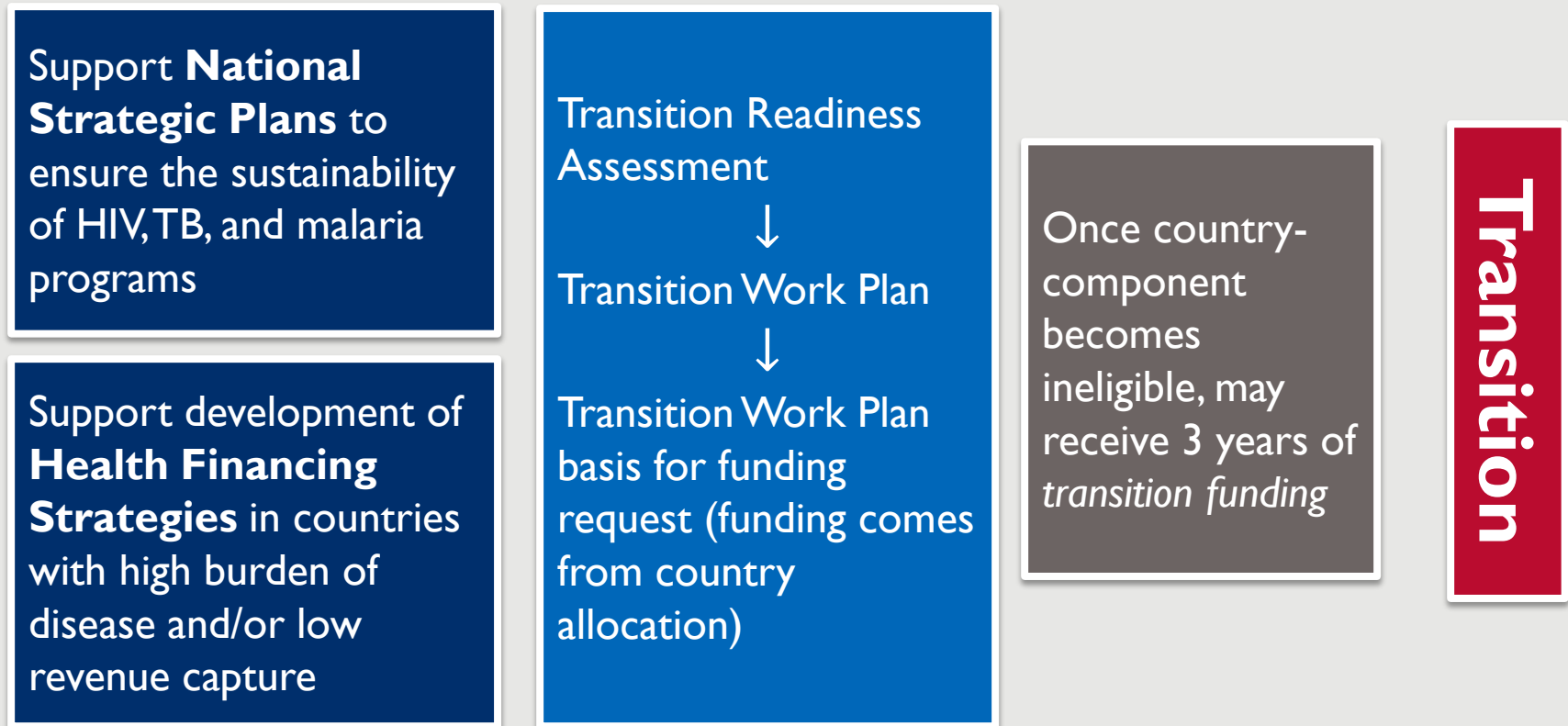
- Funding mechanisms for civil society and the private sector
- High-level political engagement
- Improving in-country capacity
- Increasing capacity of civil society and private sector

# For example, Gavi's model has a **systematic and time-bound phased approach** to transitions

**Model Of A Country's Transition From Gavi Support For Vaccines To Fully Self-Financing**



Global Fund's transition framework focuses on multiple elements, including **embracing a holistic approach** as well as **strengthening and leveraging non-public sector providers**



Working towards sustaining programs and eventual transition



While there are multiple approaches to sustainable transitions, here are a few **best practices** to consider

**A framework for sustainable health financing that is embedded in the government PFM system**

**An understanding of general government revenue as the core of financial sustainability**

**A holistic view that leverages efficiencies and considers the broader context of health policy and UHC goals**

**A country-led process that can be ongoing after the activity ends...**

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