

## Dr Harsh Vardhan to represent India as member of GAVI Board

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Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Health and Family Welfare has been nominated by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) as a member of the GAVI Board.

Vardhan will be representing the South-East Area Regional Office (SEARO)/ Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) constituency on the GAVI Board. He will be representing India from January 1, 2021 until December 31, 2023. The seat is currently held by MyintHtwe of Myanmar.

The Board normally meets twice a year in June and November/ December and holds an annual retreat, normally in March or April. All these meetings are normally attended in person.

The GAVI Board is responsible for the strategic direction and policy-making. It oversees the operations of the Vaccine Alliance and monitors programme implementation. With membership drawn from a range of partner organisations, as well as experts from the private sector, the Board provides a forum for balanced strategic decision making, innovation and partner collaboration.

GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance as part of its mission to save lives, reduce poverty and protect the world against the threat of epidemics, has helped vaccinate more than 822 million children in the world's poorest countries, preventing more than 14 million future deaths. Dr NgoziOkonjo-Iweala presently serves as Chair of the GAVI Alliance Board.