

**ATTN:** Honorable Minister David Sergeenko  
Minister  
Ministry of Health, Labour, and Social Affairs

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Dear Honorable Minister Sergeenko,

I am writing to thank you for your leadership as an advocate for immunization and a valuable partner in the Sabin Vaccine Institute's Sustainable Immunization Financing (SIF) program. The grant from Gavi that funded Sabin's SIF Program in Georgia is coming to a close and as a result our work in Georgia under that program will end this summer. We do hope to continue working in the region, and would welcome the opportunity to collaborate again in the future should we secure new funding.

Sabin began assisting countries in their work to secure and sustain predictable financing for immunization in 2008, helping build advocacy, accountability and empowerment toward country ownership of immunization programs with the goal of ensuring equitable access to vaccines. As your partner, we celebrate with you the incredible progress you have made to establish and protect immunization financing, successfully advocate to increase or maintain the national immunization budget and, improve legislation for a better immunization system.

This work is just as important today as it was when we began. We have seen the power of collaboration and the advances that can be made when institutions work together. We applaud Georgia's progress in sustainably financing the national immunization program and continuing to develop legislative and regulatory solutions to address remaining challenges. And, while the support we have received to do this work comes to a close, we know that the momentum you have built will continue.

We at the Sabin Vaccine Institute are privileged to have been a part of Georgia's ongoing journey toward sustainable financing for immunization. We sincerely regret that we will no longer be able to continue to assist you in developing lasting solutions for immunization policy and financing through the SIF Program. However, we are confident that you and your peers will continue to build on the foundation we have established together.

Thank you again for all that you have done to advance your immunization program and your dedicated work to protect the health of the people of Georgia.

Best regards,



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