### Together We Can Take on Typhoid

## Burden of typhoid in Malawi



# Malawi is a typhoid-endemic country, with more than 16,000 cases estimated per year.

- While typhoid is rarely fatal, the recovery is long and difficult. The disease takes time, money, and productivity from those infected and their families and is associated with numerous, long-term complications.
  - >> A typhoid cost-of-illness study to quantify these impacts is currently underway.
- It is estimated that, in 2016, there were at least:
  - >> 16,144 typhoid cases (90 cases per 100,000);
  - >> 227 typhoid deaths; and
  - >> 16,733 disability-adjusted life-years lost to typhoid.

#### 50-69 years 1% 15-49 years 3% Under 15 years 64% S-14 years 46%

# Most typhoid cases in Malawi occur in children under 15 years old.

- An estimated 64% of typhoid cases and 67% of typhoid deaths occur in children under 15 years of age.<sup>1</sup>
- However, the burden in this age group may be even higher—in 2017, 97% of cases in Blantyre were in children under 15.



Drug resistance has likely caused typhoid incidence in Malawi to increase rapidly over the past years.<sup>23</sup>

- Data from Blantyre show that multidrug-resistant (MDR) typhoid strains became prominent in 2011.
- Starting in 2013, the incidence of typhoid has significantly increased.
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## **Typhoid conjugate vaccines and Malawi**

Typbar–TCV<sup>®</sup> is a newly licensed and World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended tool for typhoid prevention, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance support for introduction is available now.



Typbar-TCV, the first WHO-prequalified typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV), is highly effective and safe for children as young as 6 months of age, and:

- Only requires one dose;
- May be more effective and longer-lasting than older typhoid vaccines; and
- Can be co-administered with measles vaccine.



Preliminary findings from an economic analysis predict that, even in the absence of a Gavi subsidy, a catch-up campaign followed by routine immunization with TCV would be potentially cost-effective in Malawi.<sup>5</sup>

### Let's take on typhoid in Malawi:

- Typhoid is endemic in Malawi, with more than 16,000 cases per year nationwide.
- Malawi's burden of typhoid is most heavily borne by children under 15 years of age.
- Data show a rise in cases following an increase in drug resistance.
- A new TCV is safe, effective, and WHO-recommended for routine immunization as part of a cost-effective, integrated approach to typhoid prevention and control alongside safe water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions.
- Gavi support for TCV introduction is available now.
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