Jane Hunt MP



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Dear local residents,

Thank you to those who have contacted me about preventing child deaths.

Whilst I was unable to attend the UNICEF UK Parliamentary drop-in event, I did attend a meeting with ONE which was organised in collaboration with Save the Children UK, UNICEF UK, Global Citizen and RESULTS UK. ONE is a global movement campaigning to end extreme poverty and preventable disease by 2030 and, during the meeting, their representatives provided me with more information about the importance of Gavi. I also met with a very impressive young woman from Loughborough University who is working on this project as a volunteer.

I am pleased to say that Gavi's mission to save children's lives by increasing equitable use of vaccines is directly aligned to the UK's ambition, under Sustainable Development Goal 3, to end preventable deaths of new-born babies and children. The UK is the largest donor to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, committing £1.44 billion between 2016 and 2020. This support will vaccinate 76 million additional children by 2020, saving 1.4 million lives from vaccine-preventable diseases in 68 of the world's poorest countries. The Government's support to Gavi includes a wider package of health care support designed to strengthen and integrate services. The UK will also host the pledging conference for Gavi in June 2020.

You can read more information about how the UK will step up efforts to end preventable deaths of mothers, new-born babies and children in the developing world by 2030 here: https://tinyurl.com/vhdgh80

I hope that this information is reassuring. If you have any further concerns about this, or any other issues, please do get back in touch.

Yours sincerely, ...

Jane Hunt MP