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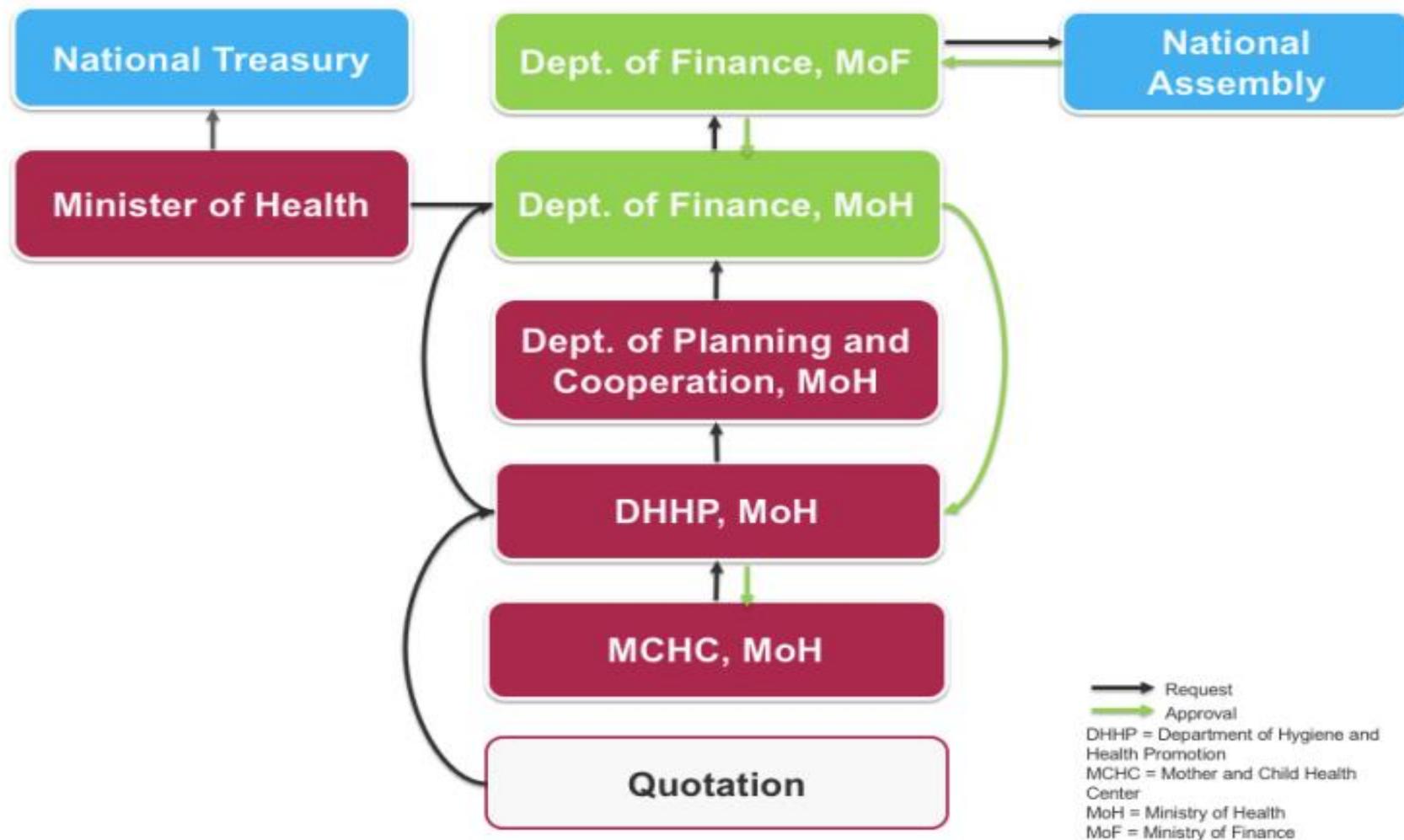
Sourcing quality assured vaccines

Experience of Lao PDR

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Vaccine Decision-Making process around vaccines Organogram



Vaccines procured exclusively through UNICEF by Government of Lao PDR, 2018

Vaccine	Presentation	Manufacturer / Price per dose (USD)	Procurement Mechanism
BCG	20 dose	Japan BL/0.17\$	UNICEF
HepB	1 dose	LG Chem/0.42\$	UNICEF
bOPV	10 dose	GSK/0.18\$	UNICEF
IPV	5 dose	Bilthoven/1.95\$	UNICEF
Penta	1 dose	SI India/1.1\$	UNICEF
PCV	4 dose	Pfizer/2.95\$	UNICEF
MR	5 dose	SI India/0.646\$	UNICEF
JE	5 dose	Chengdu IB/0.5\$	UNICEF
Td	10 dose	PTE/0.099\$	UNICEF

Main challenges and possible solutions

Challenges

1. Delay in procurement funding disbursement.
2. Uncertainty of government support on newly introduced vaccines procurement.
3. Vaccine price GAVI transition is uncertain (PCV,HPV, RV)

Mitigation Mechanisms

1. Strengthen collaboration with other departments of MoH and MoF.
2. Work with private sector (private companies,..)to mobilize funds for vaccine procurement.
3. Collaborate with ASEAN countries to plan for regional pool procurement

Explaining factors

1. The financial approving process has many steps.
2. Introduced new vaccines that the country is not economically ready to fund (typhoid, RV)
3. High vaccine prices in the market.

Possible Solutions

1. Focus on traditional vaccines procurement. Prioritize.
2. Mobilize funding source from private sector.
3. Pool procurement with other countries.

Best practices and activities

1. Lao PDR passed an Immunization Law in 2018
2. The National Immunization Program is clearly reflected in the 9th Health Sector Development Plan(HSDP)
3. Advocacy for Government of Lao PDR to increase funding for immunization by
 - Using transition plan to highlight expected funding gaps; and
 - Build a case for positive impact and effectiveness of immunization
4. Consultations for immunization-related funding with:
 - Other ministries (e.g. MoF, MoPI and MoE); and
 - Mass organizations (e.g. Lao Women Union, Lao Front for National Development).
5. Investigate if funding is available post-Gavi transition for immunization from other donors e.g. Multilateral and Bilateral partners
6. Development of policy for private sector engagement in all aspects of Immunization programme.
7. Use Viva or any other electronic tool (M-supply) to manage vaccine supplies, forecasting and procurement through UNICEF or other vaccine suppliers

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