

**Question for written answer E-000456/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Immunisation and child mortality

Despite progress in reducing child mortality by 50 % since 1990, around 6.6 million children under the age of five still die every year from largely preventable diseases. The fourth Millennium Development Goal (MDG 4), which aims to reduce child mortality by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015, is lagging behind all other MDGs. At the current rate of progress, MDG 4 will not be achieved until 2026! Failure to scale up efforts now would result in 17 000 children continuing to die every day from largely preventable diseases.

Immunisation is one of the most effective tools at our disposal to reduce child mortality. In this context, the GAVI Alliance, a public-private partnership that works to accelerate the uptake and use of vaccines, is currently raising funds to continue its precious work and to ensure that new vaccines are readily available in the world's poorest countries.

How does the Commission plan to further contribute to supporting immunisation and reducing child mortality during its mandate?