

Resolution n°27-2025-e

Costed Extension for the Project "Country- and Community-led Scaleup of Accessible, Integrated and Family-centered Elimination of Vertical Transmission (EVT) Plus Services for a Healthy Start: SAFEStart+"

Recalling Unitaid Board Resolution R10-2025-e of 12 April 2025, in which the Board authorized the Executive Director to commit up to US\$ 21,000,000 for the project entitled "'Country- and Community-led Scale-up of Accessible, Integrated and Family-centered EVT Plus Services for a Healthy Start: SAFEStart+ (the "Project"), to be implemented by PATH for a 4-year period;

Noting the opportunity to leverage the Project to integrate mpox screening, diagnosis, infection, prevention and control (IPC) measures, treatment linkage, and surveillance into existing PATH platforms in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This builds on Unitaid's current investments in the Elimination of Vertical Transmission (EVT) portfolio by supporting and improving access to care for the most vulnerable populations in one of the countries most affected by the current mpox outbreak.

Acknowledging the recommendations of the Secretariat and the Proposal Review Committee, the Executive Board authorizes the Executive Director, subject to the availability of funds, to commit additional funding of up to US\$ 1,000,000 for the Project for mpox related activities to be implemented. This additional funding shall not be fungible with the funds available for the other outputs and activities within the Project.

The additional funding is conditional upon signature of a formal amendment to the grant agreement for the Project.

Lead Organization: Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH)

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