

Bio of L. Homero Hernandez



L. Homero Hernandez, Senior Country Manager for India, Gavi Alliance

Homero Hernandez has over 20 years of experience in public health in his various roles starting with the Global Drug Facility of the Stop TB Partnership in 2005. In 2010 he took up a position in the Immunization and Vaccine Development (IVD) unit of the WHO's South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO), based in New Delhi, India. In his role, he provided technical support to India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Bhutan as part of the regional team focused on priority countries of the WHO Southeast Asia Region.

In 2014, Homero started a new position in the Gavi Alliance as Senior Country Officer responsible for managing Gavi support to eligible countries in the Americas (Bolivia, Cuba, Guyana, Honduras, Haiti, Nicaragua). Homero's role was critical in Haiti as part of development partners' efforts to improve its health system's performance with a focus on cholera and improving performance and sustainability of the immunization programme.

In 2020, Homero became the new Senior Country Manager responsible for India, focusing on evolving priorities related to India's manufacturing role and critical partner for Covax Facility as well as developing a new strategic partnership between Gavi and India for the period 2022-2026. This support involved managing a funding envelope of \$250 million dollars to implement innovative strategies supporting to reduce zero-dose children and introduce HPV and TCV vaccines.

Homero has a bachelor's degree in international business from the European University and a master's in health systems management from the University of Liverpool.