

COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership

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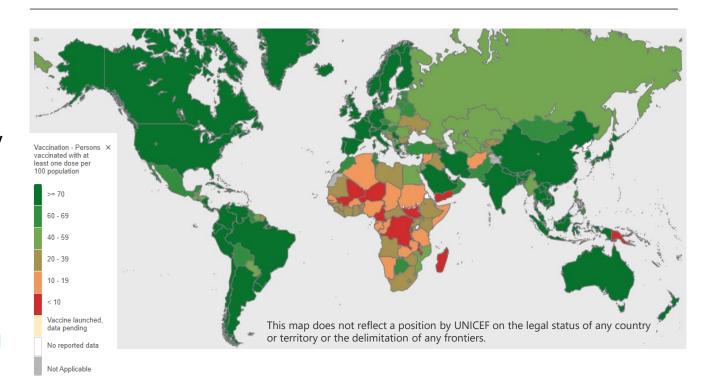
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Item 4 (b): Update on the progress achieved through the COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership

Global coverage of COVID-19 vaccination is rising, but inequities persist

- As of early May 2022, 12 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been shipped worldwide.
- However, there continue to be strong equity gaps – 60% of the global population is fully vaccinated but only 13% in low-income countries and 8% in countries dealing with humanitarian emergencies.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery
 Partnership (CoVDP) was created in
 January 2022 to support in-country
 delivery in 92 AMC countries, focusing
 on the 34 countries with the lowest
 coverage rates.

Persons vaccinated with at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, per 100 population

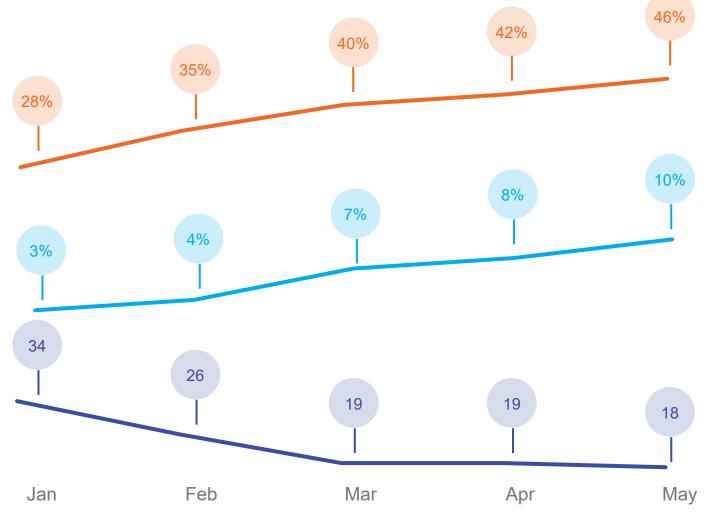


Progress in 2022

Share of population with completed primary series in 92 Advanced Market Commitment entities

Share of population with completed COVID-19 primary series in in 34 countries for concerted support

Number of countries with less than 10% coverage



1.6x coverage increase across all AMC92 entities

3.3x coverage increase across all 34 countries with lowest coverage rates

Number of countries with less than 10% coverage down to 18

AMC92 entities covering largely low- and lower middle-income economies eligible to access COVID-19 vaccines through the Gavi COVAX AMC mechanism; data as of the beginning of each month; coverage data for 34 countries covering the entities with coverage less than or equal to 10% according to 15 January data; Source: COVID-19 Vaccine Implementation Analysis and Insights Report and CoVDP analysis.

Key results to date





Political advocacy

5 countries

where CoVDP helped to resolve political bottlenecks*

Support to high-level advocacy events

e.g., ministerial meetings

Delivery funding

\$38 million

already disbursed to support countries' immediate needs as of early May 2022

\$63 million

in funding requests under discussion and in the process of being disbursed

17 funding requests

approved and disbursed to date

as low as 5 days

lead time between receipt of funding request and disbursement

Technical assistance and public goods

- Revision of operational vaccination strategy in Nigeria
- End-to-end view on COVID-19 vaccine delivery, including a monthly portfolio review
- Support to transition to a demandbased COVAX allocation model
- Guidance on vaccine product choice
- Country-by-country analytical briefs to guide concerted efforts
- A compendium of best practices on relevant strategic issues

^{*} CoVDP provided political advocacy on issues of vaccine strategy decentralization, partner coordination and prioritization of COVID-19 vaccination, in particular for high-priority groups and vulnerable populations in Afghanistan, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia and Nigeria.

Examples of countries where CoVDP provided tailored support

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Nigeria

3x coverage since January 2022

Political engagement to support the roll-out of a decentralized vaccination campaign.



23x coverage since January 2022

Mobilization and disbursement of \$4.9 million within five days for urgent roll-out of vaccination campaign before Ramadan.





Democratic Republic of the Congo

Low vaccination uptake since January 2022

Political engagement resulting in pastoral letter encouraging vaccination and agreement to present World Bank MOU to the President.

Ethiopia

5x coverage since January 2022

Urgent mobilization of \$4.4 million to cover operational costs of campaign in Tigray. Mobilization of 2 million Astra Zeneca doses upon request and outside of formal allocation mechanism.



Challenges and next steps over the coming months

- The window of opportunity to increase vaccination coverage is time bound as countries address competing health priorities and the Omicron variant has changed risk perceptions.
 - Support acceleration campaigns in 34 countries in next 3 to 4 months and use this as an opportunity to strengthen health systems.
- Most of the countries with low coverage rates are dealing with humanitarian emergencies.
 - Focus on the integration of COVID-19 vaccination with humanitarian activities.
- Coverage of health-care workers, the elderly and people with comorbidities is still low.
 - Support countries to reach these high-priority groups.

Support required

- Maintain political attention on COVID-19 vaccination.
- Continue to provide flexible delivery funding.
- Support the integration of COVID-19 vaccination with humanitarian activities and encourage humanitarian partners to take this up.
- Invest in primary health care systems and in local production as key components of pandemic preparedness.



Thank you.