



# COVID-19 Vaccine Country Readiness and Delivery Global Coordination

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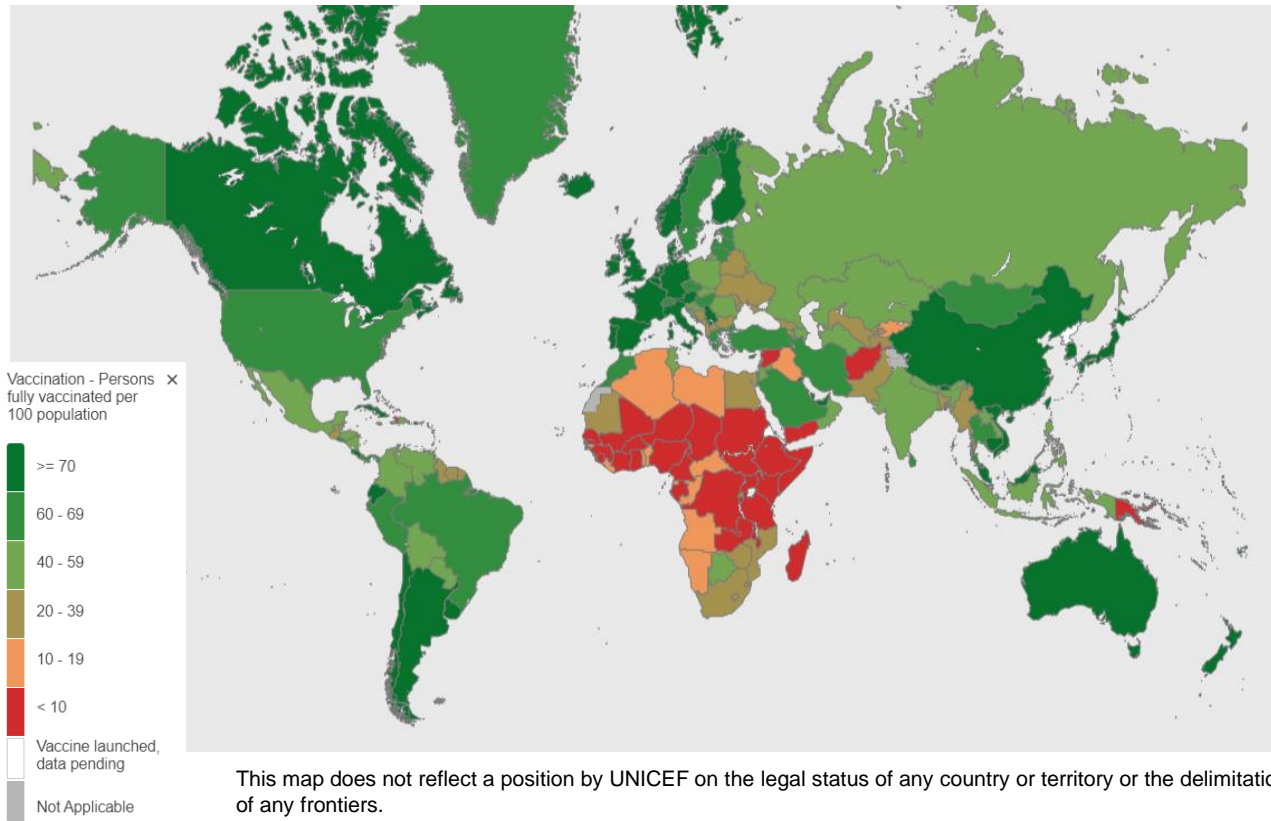
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Item 6 (b): Establishment of an Assistant Secretary-General position in UNICEF to head the Global COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Inter-Agency Coordination Structure

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# Global COVID-19 vaccination remains inequitable, with the poorest coverage rates found in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Africa

COVID-19 vaccine doses administered per 100 people, as at **27 January 2022**



WHO region	COVID-19 vaccination status, % of population			Fully vaccinated, #M people	Partially vaccinated, #M people <sup>1</sup>	Not vaccinated, #M people
<b>WHO MS</b> 7,780M pop.	52%	9%	39%	4,024	686	3,070
<b>EUR</b> 931M pop	57%	7%	36%	533	65	333
<b>WPR</b> 1,964M pop	80%	4%	16%	1,575	70	319
<b>AMR</b> 1,018M pop	63%	10%	27%	638	105	275
<b>EMR</b> 726M pop	35%	6%	59%	255	44	427
<b>SEAR</b> 2,021M pop	46%	17%	36%	937	353	731
<b>AFR</b> 1,120M pop	8%	4%	88%	86	48	986
<b>AU</b> 1,339M pop	11%	5%	84%	145	67	1,126

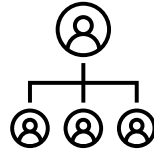
Source: WHO Coronavirus Dashboard.

# Vaccine delivery-related challenges are constraining vaccine absorption in countries



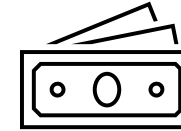
## Limited/ineffective political will

Limited ownership and commitment to allocate sufficient resources to delivery efforts



## Ineffective coordination & lack of management capacity

Lack of coordination and shared execution of country vaccine delivery strategies



## Insufficient funding

~ \$1.9 billion funding gap to achieve 70% vaccination coverage by December 2022



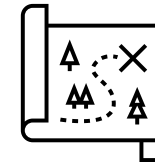
## Supply and logistics-related challenges

Short shelf lives, multiple vaccine products resulting in high transaction costs



## Lack of demand and low vaccine confidence

COVID-19 vaccine acceptance varies; some regions have higher rates – fear of side effects



## Last mile service delivery challenges

Cold chain requirements, Hard-to-reach communities (rural/remote, conflict-affected)

**These challenges are aggravated by weaker health systems in low- and middle-income countries**

# There is a need to strengthen the global effort to support countries with COVID-19 vaccine delivery

## Decisions to elevate leadership of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out (including inter-agency coordination)

### Establishment of a Gavi board sub-committee for COVID-19 vaccine delivery

- High-level decision taken by the Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance Board – 1 December 2021
- The sub-committee has now been established

### Designation of UNICEF to facilitate establishment of an inter-agency coordination mechanism

- Recognizing UNICEF strong track record on delivery, donors and partners recommended that UNICEF facilitate the establishment of an inter-agency coordination mechanism for COVID-19 vaccine delivery

### Appointment of a Global Lead Coordinator for COVID-19 Vaccine Country Readiness and Delivery – **Establishing an ASG position – Request to the Executive Board**

- Lead a senior inter-agency team to pivot the global COVID-19 vaccine delivery effort into a higher gear
- Work with Heads of State, senior Government officials and major donors to support roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine
- For a period of TWO years, appointed by the Secretary-General.

# The Global Lead Coordinator will ensure accelerated delivery of COVID-19 vaccine

Requirements for effective vaccine delivery

Political Commitment

Adequate & Appropriate Vaccines









Sufficient Funds

Technical Capacity

Critical roles and responsibilities of the Global Lead Coordinator for COVID-19 Vaccine Readiness and Delivery

<p><b>Leadership, Management and Coordination</b></p> <p>Lead the global COVID-19 delivery effort, including through coordinating delivery functions of core partners</p>	<p><b>Advocacy and Diplomacy</b></p> <p>Engage with Heads of State and other senior government officials to boost political commitments and advocate for equitable vaccine allocation, supply visibility and financial support</p>	<p><b>Country engagement, support and programme integration</b></p> <p>Ensure strong in-country coordination and governance mechanisms, country-led planning, systems-level thinking</p>
<p><b>Resource Mobilization</b></p> <p>Mobilize resources, leveraging existing partnerships to facilitate and support country delivery, while safeguarding other essential services</p>	<p><b>Communication and Public Relations</b></p> <p>Be the principal global source of evidence-based information and communication, delivering unified messages from core partners (UNICEF, WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance)</p>	<p><b>Monitoring and Action</b></p> <p>Ensure reliable data collection, analysis, performance monitoring, and feedback provision processes and data-driven implementation support is provided</p>

# Over \$1.5 billion will be available to be directed by the Global Coordinator for COVID-19 vaccine delivery.

	 <b>Gavi</b> <small>The Vaccine Alliance</small> COVAX Delivery Support	 <b>unicef</b> UNICEF ACT-A HAC (Inc. Humanitarian Buffer)	 <b>World Health Organization</b> WHO SPRP	 <b>THE WORLD BANK</b>  
<b>To-date</b>	<b>\$972M</b> mobilized for AMC91	<b>~\$550M<sup>3</sup></b> mobilized for 123 countries	<b>~\$480M</b> mobilized	<b>~\$30B+</b> for Vx procurement & delivery – ~\$2B budgeted for Vx delivery in approved WB projects, across 59 AMC countries <sup>4</sup>
<b>Allocated / Disbursed / Utilized</b>	<b>~\$660M<sup>1</sup></b> allocated, (~\$580M disbursed)	<b>~\$430M</b> disbursed (~\$215M utilized)	<b>~\$330M</b> disbursed (~\$230M utilized)	  <b>AFRICA CDC</b> <small>Centres for Disease Control and Prevention</small> <small>Safeguarding Africa's Health</small>
<b>Expected fundraising in 2022</b>	<b>\$600M</b> Appeal through COVAX IO	<b>\$575M</b> Appeal in HAC 2022, incl. \$400M through COVAX IO	<b>~\$360M</b> Planned mobilization for 2022	<b>\$600M+</b> for Africa
<b>Flexible funding available now</b>	<b>~\$310M<sup>2</sup></b> in funding to be guided by Partnership	<b>\$120M</b> secured that can be influenced by Partnership	<b>~\$150M</b> of flexible, unallocated, funding for vaccine delivery	<b>Bilaterals funding flows</b>



Thank you.



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