

In collaboration with the ACT-A Vaccine Pillar CSO Representatives

We must guarantee the equitable rollout of COVID-19 Vaccines

CSO Call to Action

As the world continues to face the growing COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 brings hope that the end of the pandemic is in sight with the roll out of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines. We must ensure this is equitable.

Civil society organisations have been a critical partner in the COVID-19 response. We continue to work with global stakeholders through the ACT Accelerator and the COVAX Facility, towards the goal of ensuring that all people everywhere can access a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. However, despite the hope that 2021 brings, several challenges stand in the way of that goal becoming a reality, and the protection of many hangs in the balance. Issues of sufficient supply, fair and equitable global access, efficient delivery systems and ensuring vaccine doses for populations in humanitarian and emergency settings continue to pose challenges. The challenges we face in 2021 are no smaller than those we faced in 2020.

No one is safe until we are all protected. As the WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, stressed on the 18th of January 2021, “The world is on the brink of a catastrophic moral failure and the price of this failure will be paid with lives and livelihoods in the world’s poorest countries.” While several high-income countries have begun to vaccinate their populations – already rolling out millions of doses – many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa will not access enough doses to vaccinate more than 20% of their population until 2022. This is a gross injustice and will only prolong the pandemic. All countries, irrespective of wealth, must have unhindered, timely access to quality, safe, efficacious and affordable vaccines, in accordance with the [73rd World Health Assembly resolution on the COVID-19 response](#) and [UN General Assembly Resolutions A/RES/74/307, A/74/L.56/](#).

Call to Action

We, civil society organisations from across the globe, call on governments, donors, pharmaceutical companies and multilateral agencies to **take bold and urgent action to address the challenges of COVID-19 vaccine access, guaranteeing the equitable rollout of vaccines to all populations based on need.**

ENSURE GLOBAL EQUITABLE ACCESS TO VACCINES

- 1. We call on donors to ensure the full funding of the ACT Accelerator, and to ensure the urgent mobilization of at least US\$2 billion needed in 2021 for the COVAX Facility AMC.** Without full resources within the first half of 2021, it will be impossible for the COVAX Facility to secure deals with suppliers to ensure that low and lower-middle income countries are able to access enough donor-financed vaccine doses in 2021 to cover 20% of their populations.
- 2. We call on governments to not undermine global efforts to secure equitable allocations of vaccines for all countries.** Governments must not engage in vaccine nationalism, including using their purchasing power to buy up limited supply of vaccines (in some cases even beyond quantities needed

to cover their population), at the expense of others. Governments should support the COVAX Facility and follow the WHO/COVAX allocation framework (20%), which aims to guide global allocation decisions. Countries should urgently re-distribute a proportion of doses secured through bilateral deals with the COVAX Facility, and especially any surplus doses.

3. to guarantee that safe and effective vaccines are available and rolled out to protect people living in emergency and humanitarian situations.

INCREASE SUPPLY AND AVAILABILITY OF VACCINES

4. **We call on vaccine manufacturers to submit COVID-19 vaccine regulatory data to the WHO as soon as it is available**, and at the same time it is made available to national regulatory authorities, to speed up the process of having vaccines approved for inclusion in the COVAX portfolio and approved for country rollout.
5. **We urge research centers, pharmaceutical companies and governments to support the sharing of data and knowledge; technology transfer; and investment to scale up supply:**
 - **Share COVID-19 vaccine technology, related knowledge, intellectual property and data through C-TAP. Pharmaceutical companies must first and foremost act on this.** Governments and multilateral organisations, like WHO and Gavi, must also play a role pushing for action on this.
 - **Promote technology transfers to diversify and expand the production base to increase supply.** All stakeholders should encourage voluntary technology transfer and licensing of intellectual property and patent pooling, including through the Medicines Patent Pool and C-TAP.
 - **Ensure full transparency around clinical trial data, cost of R&D and price.** The sharing of data is critical to advance discovery and accelerate delivery of innovations. Especially data from publicly-funded research should be made public, openly accessible without delay and following where possible.
 - **Invest in LMICs to build regional research capacity for vaccine development and local production to accelerate innovations and expand scale up.** Support industry collaboration and prioritize investment in manufacturing capacity, prioritizing investment and collaboration with developing country vaccine manufacturers. Identify and support the implementation of a range of options, including the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement, to be used in scaling up the development, manufacturing and distribution capacities.
6. **We call on governments to fully leverage private and public investments** in ongoing coordination, and in collaboration with COVAX. Such collaboration should drive increased transparency in investments and costs along the research, development and production chain to come-up with fair pricing, public ownership of publicly funded products and enable licensing agreements for rapid and broad distribution of resulting products and services under free or affordable terms.

ENSURE COUNTRY READINESS FOR VACCINE ROLLOUT

7. **We call upon governments, donors and multilateral agencies to strengthen public health system capacity and supply chains for the delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.** COVID-19 vaccines can only be universally accessible if countries' health systems are able to deliver them to their populations and integrate them in their national health systems.
8. We call upon national governments and donors to ensure **adequate resources are made available urgently to support the scale up of delivery systems** for a COVID-19 vaccine, while ensuring funding

is not diverted from other essential routine services and that it does not increase a country's debt. National governments must also ensure that routine services are not disrupted by the roll out of Covid-19 vaccines.

9. **We call on national governments and other stakeholders to ensure meaningful civil society participation** in the national COVID-19 vaccine Task Force and all decision-making around country readiness and vaccine rollout. Civil society organizations garner trust with communities who may be reticent to accept COVID-19 vaccinations and will help ensure accurate information prevails over misinformation on vaccinations. Civil society organizations are also familiar with and operate in vulnerable communities who may be overlooked or forgotten as part of national vaccination rollouts, and thus will help ensure these communities are included in vaccination plans.
10. **We call on national governments to follow [WHO SAGE](#) guidance** when making national vaccine allocation decisions to ensure they are rolled out where needed first.

To support the global equitable rollout and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines, civil society is collectively:

- Supporting the COVAX Facility to mobilise the remaining \$2bn needed in 2021 to support vaccine access in low and middle-income countries, as part of wider support to meet the funding needs for the ACT Accelerator.
- Working with communities to ensure strong demand for, and acceptance of, COVID-19 vaccines, including countering anti-vaccine stories and beliefs.
- Supporting governments to ensure country preparedness for the rollout of vaccines, as well as in national decision-making on vaccine allocation prioritisation.
- Advocating for governments not to engage in vaccine nationalism that could undermine the global equitable distribution of vaccines, as well as for action to address challenges to global vaccine supply.
- Engaging with diverse stakeholders globally, including communities in low and middle-income countries, to ensure all voices are heard in governance and decision-making structures. We will also exercise standards of full transparency and stakeholder consensus in all interactions.
- Working with national partners, as well as Gavi, WHO and UNICEF, to ensure that routine immunization continues to be prioritised, and that investment to support COVID-19 vaccination helps to strengthen delivery and sustainability of other routine immunisations and health services, as part of a strong primary healthcare system.

OFFICIAL LIST OF SIGNATORIES (alphabetical order)

	ORGANIZATION	COUNTRY
1	AbibiNsroma Foundation	GHANA
2	Access Challenge	USA
3	Access to Medicines Ireland	IRELAND
4	ACTION AGAINST HUNGER	USA
5	Advancing Synergy	USA
6	African Backing for Life Enhancement (ABLE)	SOUTH SUDAN
7	AFRIHEALTH OPTONET ASSOCIATION	NIGERIA
8	Afrocab Treatment Access Partnership	KENYA
9	Agence de Médecine Préventive Afrique (AMP AFRIQUE)	COTE D'IVOIRE
10	Agir pour le Développement Local (ADL)	SENEGAL
11	AIDS Alabama	USA
12	Aidsfonds	NETHERLANDS
13	AIHMS-Global	INDIA
14	Alliance for Sustainable Development Organization (ASDO)	RWANDA
15	Amel Association International	LEBANON
16	American Medical Women's Association	USA
17	American Refugee Committee (host of the "Malaria Free Mekong")	THAILAND
18	Americares	USA
19	Amref Health Africa	ETHIOPIA
20	Anglican Alliance	GLOBAL
21	Anglican Consultative Council (ACC)	UK/GLOBAL
22	ARFH BURUNDI	BURUNDI
23	Argentine Federation of Rare Diseases (FADEPOF)	ARGENTINA
24	ASMNM	ALGERIA
25	Asociación Mexicana de Fibrosis Quística	MEXICO
26	Asociación Mexicana de Vacunología AC	MEXICO
27	Association d'actions de Paix et de Développement Communautaire "APADEC"	DRC
28	Association des Femmes de l'Europe Meridionale (AFEM)	FRANCE
29	Association Malienne pour la Protection et le Développement de l'Environnement au Sahel (AMPRODE/SAHEL)	MALI
30	Association Subaahi Gumo (ASG)	MALI

31	Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network	AUSTRALIA
32	AVAC	USA
33	AVSI Foundation	UGANDA
34	AWO International	GERMANY/UGANDA
35	AWTAD Anti-Corruption Organization	YEMEN
36	Azad India Foundation	INDIA
37	Backup Uganda	UGANDA
38	Balanced Stewardship Development Association (BALSDA)-	NIGERIA
39	Better Community Life Initiative (BECOLIN)	NIGERIA
40	Blood Patients Protection council	INDIA
41	Building Leaders and Ambassadors of Standard Initiative for Health Education.	NIGERIA
42	CARE International	GLOBAL
43	Catholic Relief Services	GLOBAL
44	Centre for Healthworks, Development and Research Initiative(CHEDRES)	NIGERIA
45	Centre for Public Health	NIGERIA
46	Centre for the Development of People	GHANA
47	Centre for Youth Empowerment and Civic Education (CYECE)	MALAWI
48	CHES Liberia-	LIBERIA
49	Children and Young People Living for Peace (CYPLP)	NIGERIA
50	Children's HeartLink	USA
51	Christian Action for Development and Support	SOUTH SUDAN
52	Citizens Health Education and Development Initiative (CHEDI)	
53	Civil Society Human and Institutional Development Programme – CHIP	PAKISTAN
54	CLAN (Caring & Living As Neighbours)	AUSTRALIA
55	Club des Amis du Monde	GUINEA
56	Community and Family Aid Foundation	GHANA
57	Community Care Project Trust	MALAWI/SOUTH AFRICA
58	COMMUNITY ENLIGHTENMENT & DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CEDI)	NIGERIA
59	Community Health Impact Coalition	USA
60	Community Healthcare Initiative	LIBERIA
61	Community Restoration Initiative Project	UGANDA
62	CORDAID	THE NETHERLANDS
63	CORE Group	GLOBAL

64	COVID Advocates Advisory Board (CAAB)	GLOBAL
65	Curamericas Global	USA
66	Dakshayani and Amaravati Health and Education	INDIA
67	DALIT	BANGLADESH
68	Divine Era Development and Social Rights Initiative (DEDASRI)	NIGERIA
69	Divine Mother and Child Foundation	GHANA
70	DR UZO ADIRIEJE FOUNDATION (DUZAFFOUND)	NIGERIA
71	D-tree International	USA
72	Dynamic Youth Development Organisation	NIGERIA
73	Educating Girls and Young Women for Development-EGYD	ZAMBIA
74	Education as a Vaccine (EVA)	NIGERIA
75	Emergenza Sorrisi	ITALY
76	Emonyoye Yefwe International	KENYA
77	Empowering Women for Excellence Initiative	NIGERIA
78	Episcopal Relief & Development	USA
79	Equip Liberia	LIBERIA
80	Eucumenical Pharmaceutical Network	KENYA
81	European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG)	GERMANY
82	Eurordis, the European organisation for Rare Diseases	FRANCE
83	Farm Radio International Uganda	UGANDA
84	FENASCOM (Fédération Nationale des Associations de Santé Communautaire du Mali)	MALI
85	FHI 360	USA
86	FOCUS 1000	SIERRA LEONE
87	Fondation Joseph The Worker/ Structure Lazarienne	BENIN
88	Fondazione Villa Maraini	ITALY
89	Food for the Hungry	USA
90	Forum for Development Association - FFDA	BANGLADESH
91	Foundation For Environmental Rights, Advocacy & Development (FENRAD)	NIGERIA
92	Fundación IFARMA	COLOMBIA
93	Gateway Health Institute	SOUTH AFRICA
94	Gender Care Initiative (GCI)	NIGERIA
95	Genetic Support Network of Victoria	AUSTRALIA
96	GiveDirectly	UGANDA

97	Global Alliance for Rheumatic and Congenital Hearts	USA
98	Global Fund Advocates Network (GFAN)	GLOBAL
99	GLOBAL HEALTH ADVOCATES (GHA)	FRANCE
100	Global Health Council	USA
101	Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP)	UK
102	GOAL	IRELAND
103	GOAL	IRELAND
104	Health Global Access Project	GLOBAL
105	Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)	USA
106	HealthRight International	USA
107	HEKS/EPER – Swiss Church Aid	UGANDA
108	Helen Keller International	USA
109	Hope for Children	UK
110	HRIDAY	INDIA
111	Human Initiative	INDONESIA
112	Human Rights Research & Development Center	NIGERIA
113	Humanity & Inclusion	FRANCE
114	IndigenousNCDs	AUSTRALIA
115	International Committee for Rehabilitation Aid to Afghanistan (ICRAA)	UK
116	International Federation on Ageing	USA
117	International Niemann Pick Disease Alliance (INPDA)	UK
118	International Pediatric Association (IPA)	USA
119	International Planned Parenthood Federation	UK
120	International Rescue Committee	USA
121	IVDS	BANGLADESH
122	Jane Roberts 34 Million Friends of UNFPA	USA
123	Jhpiego	USA
124	Jhpiego	LIBERIA
125	KANCO	KENYA
126	KIT Royal Tropical Institute based	NETHERLANDS
127	Krityanand UNESCO Club	INDIA
128	Latin American and The Caribbean Network of Trans People (RedLacTrans)	ARGENTINA
129	Latin American Consortium Against Unsafe Abortion (CLACA)	PERU
130	Liberia Health CSOs Network- LIHCON	LIBERIA

131	Liberia Immunization Platform- LIP	LIBERIA
132	Life4me.plus	SWITZERLAND
133	LVCT Health	KENYA
134	Macfo	UGANDA
135	Manoff Group	USA
136	MEDEOR	GERMANY
137	Medical IMPACT	MEXICO
138	Medical Women's International Association	USA
139	Medicines for Humanity	USA
140	MEERA FOUNDATION	INDIA
141	Mennonite Central Committee	CANADA/USA
142	Mercy Corps	FRANCE
143	Metrics for Management	USA
144	Mexican Federation of Rare Diseases (FEMEXER)	MEXICO
145	Michael Adedotun Oke Foundation	NIGERIA
146	MICHAEL ADEDOTUN OKE FOUNDATION	NIGERIA
147	MUSLIM FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICES	GHANA
148	National Birth Equity Collaborative	USA
149	Nations Capacity Building Programme - NCBP	PAKISTAN
150	Neighbourhood Environment Watch Foundation	NIGERIA
151	Nigerian Women Agro Allied Farmers Association	NIGERIA
152	Non-Communicable Diseases Forum	BANGLADESH
153	Norwegian Afghanistan Committee (NAC)	NORWAY/AFGHANISTAN
154	Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)	NORWAY
155	OneWorld Health	UGANDA
156	Organisation Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Développement (UNASCAD)	HAITI
157	Organization For Health in Sustainable Development (OHISD)	CAMEROON
158	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Initiative(OLPHI)	NIGERIA
159	PATHFINDER INTERNATIONAL	USA
160	PharmAccess	NETHERLANDS
161	PIVOT	MADAGASCAR
162	Plan International	UK
163	Plate forme des Organisations dela Société Civile pourle soutien à La santé et de la Vaccination	GUINEA

164	Plateforme des OSC pour la Vaccination et l'Immunsation au Togo (POSCVI-TOGO)	TOGO
165	PROMSEX, Centro de Promoción y Defensa de los Sexuales y Reproductivos	PERU
166	Public Health Initiative Liberia- PHIL	LIBERIA
167	Rare Disease Ghana Initiative	GHANA
168	Rare Diseases Foundation of Iran (RADOIR)	IRAN
169	RED INTERNACIONAL EN SALUD COLECTIVA Y SALUD INTERCULTURAL	MEXICO
170	ReShape/International HIV Partnerships (IHP)	UK
171	Resources Mobilization for Community Development Organization (REMCOD-Tanzania)	TANZANIA
172	Restore Our Children Hope- ROCH	LIBERIA
173	RESULTS Canada	CANADA
174	RESULTS UK	UK
175	SACSOWACH	SOUTH AFRICA
176	Safe Water and AIDS Project (SWAP)	KENYA
177	Salud por Derecho	SPAIN
178	Save the Children	GLOBAL
179	Shastho Shurokkha Foundation	BANGLADESH
180	Shree Swanra Integrated Community Development Center (SSICDC)	NEPAL
181	Silver Lining for the Needy Initiative	NIGERIA
182	SOCIETY FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT IN NIGERIA (SOCSEEN)	NIGERIA
183	Soins Infirmiers et Développement Communautaire (SIDC)	LEBANON
184	Speak Up Africa	SENEGAL
185	Special Emergency Activities to Restore Children's Hope- SEARCH	LIBERIA
186	STOPAIDS	UK
187	Success Capital Organisation	BOTSWANA
188	The Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)	SPAIN
189	The Children's Project International	USA
190	The environmental and resource foundation organizations for the preservation of development (YSLPP)	INDONESIA
191	THE SARASWATHI SHANMUGAM PUBLIC CHARITABLE TRUST	INDIA

192	Tobias foundation	KENYA
193	TogetHER for Health	USA
194	Trócaire	UGANDA
195	Ukana West 2 Community Based Health Initiative	NIGERIA
196	Unité de santé internationale de l'École de santé publique de l'Université de Montréal	CANADA
197	Uniting Streams	NETHERLANDS
198	Universal Outreach Foundation	CANADA/LIBERIA
199	Uzima Foundation Africa	KENYA
200	VIKASH-SAMUKHYA	INDIA
201	VillageReach	USA
202	VITAL Pakistan Trust	PAKISTAN
203	Wellbeing Foundation Africa	NIGERIA
204	Wemos	NETHERLANDS
205	What to Expect Project	USA
206	Wider Aid and Development Agency-WADA	SOUTH SUDAN
207	Women Advocates for Vaccine Access (WAVA)	NIGERIA
208	Women Deliver	USA
209	Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)	UK
210	Women Movement for Sustainable Development	LIBERIA
211	Women United for Economic Empowerment	NIGERIA
212	Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC)	NIGERIA
213	Women's Initiative for Self-Actualization	NIGERIA
214	World Alliance of Patient Organizations (WAPO),	NETHERLANDS
215	World Jolly Generation Engineering and Trading	BENIN
216	World Vision	UGANDA
217	Wote Youth Development Projects	KENYA
218	Yolse, Santé Publique et Innovation	SWITZERLAND
219	YOUTH INITIATIVE FOR THE PROMOTION OF GOOD LEADERSHIP	NIGERIA