



# EU Global response to COVID-19

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Global cooperation and solidarity is paramount to effectively fight the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure early access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments everywhere.

No one will be safe until everyone is safe.

This is why the EU has been leading the multilateral response to make sure no one is left behind. The health security and start of a sustainable global recovery depend on it.



## CORONAVIRUS GLOBAL RESPONSE

Commission launches **Coronavirus Global Response** in May 2020 to mobilise funds for research and development of tests, treatments and vaccines, strengthen health systems and the global recovery

close to **€16 billion** pledged

## ACT-ACCELERATOR

The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator was launched at the end of April 2020 by the WHO, the EU and global health organizations to:

- Accelerate development of COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatments
- Ensure equitable global access
- Strengthen health systems

ACT-A brings together governments, scientists, civil society, charities and global health organizations.

**€9.1 billion** pledged

## COVAX

Vaccine pillar of ACT-A, co-led by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, CEPI and WHO

**€5.18 billion**  
pledged

**Over €2.2 billion**  
from the EU's TEAM EUROPE

brings us closer to COVAX's objective to deliver at least 1.3 billion doses for lower income countries by end of 2021



## EU VACCINE-SHARING MECHANISM

- Will allow 27 Member states to share EU purchased doses with third countries, including through COVAX
- EU has secured 2.6 billion doses from six vaccine producers for Europe, with the possibility to share with other countries, in particular the Western Balkans, the EU's Neighbourhood and Africa



## STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS

- We need to make progress with global vaccination and prepare health systems for future pandemics, especially in the most vulnerable countries
- EU has invested over €1.1 billion to strengthen health systems in 13 African countries: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea (Conakry), Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan, Zimbabwe



### G20 Health Summit In Rome, co-hosted by Italy and the EU on 21 May 2021

G20 Leaders, international and regional organisation heads and representatives of global health bodies will share lessons learned from the pandemic and agree principles supporting further cooperation and joint action preventing future global health crisis, irrespective of origin and in spirit of solidarity.