

# COVID-19 VACCINES: HELP DELIVER HISTORY

## Make COVID vaccines accessible to all in Eastern and Southern Africa

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Eastern and Southern Africa have accounted for over 2 million infections and over 53,000 deaths.

Although children have mainly been spared by the direct health impacts of COVID-19, the secondary impacts are making children the biggest victims of the pandemic. Alarming, the pandemic threatens decades of hard-won gains to improve human progress across communities and has highlighted deep inequalities and fault lines that existed before it began.

A global response is underway to support low- and middle-income countries control the spread of COVID-19 and make vaccines equitably available. With the biggest vaccine procurement, storage, shipping, cold chain and distribution network in the world, **UNICEF has been asked—and has stepped forward—to fill a role that no other organization is equipped to do.** UNICEF aims to supply 2 billion vaccine doses to vaccinate essential workers and high-risk groups. To achieve this UNICEF, is part of two global and complementary collaboration movements called ACT-A and COVAX.

**In 2021, UNICEF will deliver 2 billion vaccines, 245 million therapeutics and 500 million tests to low- and middle-income countries in a safe and equitable way!**

UNICEF is responsible for leading end-to-end supply chain engagement and in-country delivery. We will also work with governments and communities to support training, community engagement and communication, helping with vaccine hesitancy and misinformation to ensure the vaccines, tests and treatments reach those in need!

### ACT-A & COVAX— How they work

**ACT-A** (Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator) is a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines — all supported by a strong health system.

**COVAX** is the vaccines part of ACT-A and is coordinated by GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and the World Health Organization (WHO), which are collectively leading the charge to find, approve, procure and, with UNICEF, roll out successful vaccine candidates.

**An effort of this scale and speed has never been attempted, and UNICEF's role is critical in making it happen.**

**Now is the time to invest.** Help us make history, by helping us provide:



**Diagnostic tests** and **treatments** to break the chain of transmission and continue to save lives.



**Syringes** and **specialist supplies** to administer the vaccine safely and personal protective equipment for health workers.



**Cold chain equipment** to make sure the vaccines remain effective by the time they reach their destination. Including solar-powered fridges.



**Training for healthcare workers** so that they can safely meet the protocols for these new vaccines and treatments.



**Trusted, accurate information** to help tackle rumors, build vaccine confidence and ensure the right people come forward to receive the vaccines and medications.

**Want to learn more about UNICEF's response in the region? Or how *YOU* can contribute to the world's largest vaccination campaign?**

Join our [webinar](#) on **March 9, 2021 at 3 pm EAT** to learn more about how UNICEF is working to **end the COVID-19 pandemic** in the region and what the private sector can do to help. We are in this together and together we can end it!

**#Vaccines4All**