



for every child

INTERFAITH MOVEMENT TO END THE PANDEMIC

FAQ's

Q: Where can I learn more about progress on vaccine distribution?

A: Visit the [COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard](#) to see regular updates on vaccine deliveries, doses allocated and more. In addition, updates, impact stories and information about UNICEF's vaccine deliveries are regularly posted on UNICEF USA's [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, as well as our [website](#).

Q: Can we donate through a check?

A: Yes! Please make all checks payable to 'UNICEF USA.' You may mail them to:

UNICEF USA
c/o Global Cause Partnerships
125 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038

Please write in the memo line "Interfaith Movement to End the Pandemic" and your affiliated partnering organization if any.

Q: Where are funds designated?

A: Funds are designated for UNICEF's work as part of the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), a global cooperation project meant to accelerate the development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments and vaccines.

Q: What is ACT-A? What is UNICEF'S role in ACT-A?

A: UNICEF and partners are working to help end the pandemic through the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate the development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines. UNICEF is an active partner of ACT-A, and is engaged across all four pillars, including diagnostics, treatments, vaccines and health system strengthening.

COVID-19 is exacerbating existing inequities and threatening to reverse decades of progress on child survival. To stop the pandemic, the virus needs to be tackled with all the tools at our disposal. Vaccines are one of several critical tools, including testing, tracing, treatments and health systems strengthening. To control the pandemic, we must use all of these tools together.

In 2021, UNICEF and partners aim to reach vulnerable communities around the world equitably with 2 billion doses of vaccines, 245 million treatments and 500 million test kits.

Q: What is COVAX and how does ACT-A relate?

A: The vaccines arm of the ACT Accelerator is called the COVAX Facility or COVAX. UNICEF has two key roles within COVAX: leading the procurement and supply of vaccines; and delivering immunization supplies such as syringes and strengthening cold chain to up to 92 low- and lower middle-income countries. In that role, UNICEF is building on its experience as the world's largest buyer of vaccines and is responsible in ensuring that countries are ready and prepared to receive and deliver the vaccines by strengthening supply chains within countries, training health workers to handle the vaccines, building trust in vaccines by engaging with communities, and addressing misinformation and other barriers.

UNICEF also supports through market assessments and analysis, resource mobilization and various of technical assistance to countries.

Q: Can I donate to a particular country?

A: In some cases, you may earmark your funds for a specific country. Please contact Alex Uzarowicz at auzarowicz@unicefusa.org for further information.

Q: How are funds collected?

A: Visit the interfaith movement website to make a donation and be sure to select your affiliation: www.unicefusa.org/interfaithmovement.

Q: What are the campaign calls to action?

A: There are three main calls to action: [Support](#) the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, [advocate](#) for equitable distribution and information awareness to help diffuse vaccine hesitancy.

Q: Can you donate to this campaign even if you're not faith-based?

A: Yes. Please visit our website at www.unicefusa.org/interfaithmovement, select the "Other" option in the donation drop down list and once completed your donation, specify the organization you're affiliated with or indicate not applicable if no affiliation.

Q: Can I carry out a fundraiser in my hometown for this campaign?

A: Absolutely! We offer a fundraiser guide that you may use as suggestion for raising funds for the campaign.

Q: If I am unable to support this cause financially, what else can I do?

A: If you are unable to donate/fundraise, you can support UNICEF's efforts to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine equitably by taking an [advocacy action](#) or by [dispelling misinformation](#) about COVID-19 in your community. You may also raise awareness about the vaccine misinformation crisis using these [guides](#).

Q: How does UNICEF plan on addressing vaccine hesitancy in low-income countries that desperately need high immunization rates?

A: Strong engagement with communities and health workers in raising awareness and building trust is a key priority to ensure that COVID vaccines are effectively deployed.

UNICEF is working on the ground in addressing misinformation in various countries around the world. Examples of this work include:

- In **South Africa**, UNICEF is supporting the national vaccine communication plan working with a range of organizations on monitoring and tackling misinformation and building trust for the COVID19 vaccine. UNICEF is also engaging at the local level with health workers and reaching communities with a multimedia truck. The

key tactic of the truck was to film short stories with people from the local community about their experiences with COVID-19, which were then played back on the truck screens.

- In **Bangladesh**, a [program](#) is addressing different types of COVID-19 misinformation, including vaccine misinformation. As part of that program, youth volunteers are monitoring and reporting misinformation they see on social platforms. While the volume of misinformation on social media has significantly decreased since last year, young volunteers are now mainly detecting rumors, misinformation and assumptions about COVID-19 vaccines now.

Q: How will UNICEF help strengthen the health systems of countries? Is there a plan underway?

A: In addition to leading the procurement and supply of COVID-19 vaccine, UNICEF, together with WHO and other partners, is co-leading global efforts to ensure countries are ready to introduce and deploy the vaccine as soon as it becomes available. This includes helping countries to strengthen health systems by improving cold chains and prepositioning supplies to help administer vaccines once they arrive.

UNICEF is currently working with countries to map out the types of technologies best suited to each locale and collaborating with partners to add new infrastructure and strengthen existing systems where needed. As part of its preparations for the COVAX immunization drive, UNICEF began purchasing nearly 92,000 vaccine fridges in late 2020 – including 11,325 solar-powered ones – as well as cold boxes and vaccine carriers to strengthen cold chain capabilities.

UNICEF is also supporting governments in-country by carrying out trainings with health care workers in administering, storing and disposing of injection devices.

Q: Who carries out the vaccination process in local communities and where?

A: UNICEF works with local governments and partners to ensure we reach the most vulnerable in the hardest to reach places. Learn more about UNICEF’s Community Health programs [here](#).

Q: How does UNICEF determine where to send out the vaccines?

A: WHO determines the vaccine locations, which is transmitted to UNICEF by the Office of the COVAX Facility (Gavi).

UNICEF is guided by allocations made by the COVAX Facility to ensure doses are delivered as quickly as possible to participating countries, as long as they are ready to receive vaccines and have completed a series of steps to ensure vaccines can be transported and accepted at ports of entry.

Q: How many vaccines has UNICEF helped distribute equitably in 2021?

A: To find out the latest information on UNICEF’s distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine, please check out UNICEF’s COVID-19 Vaccine Market Dashboard: www.unicef.org/supply/covid-19-vaccine-market-dashboard.