

WHO Costing, Budgeting, Financing and Delivery of COVID-19 Vaccines

Q&A for Session 06: Process of COVID-19 Vaccination Planning, Costing and Budgeting in African Region

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Thank you for attending the above webinar session. Many questions were submitted by participants during the webinar. In this document, we share the answers from presenters to each question asked during the corresponding Q&A session.

Links to the session recordings in all languages and presentations can be found on the [TechNet-21 website](#).

More information on COVID-19 vaccine introduction can be found in the resources listed below.

- COVID-19 vaccine introduction toolkit in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Russian](#), and [Spanish](#).
- [Guidance on developing a national deployment and vaccination plan for COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [TechNet-21 – The Technical Network for Strengthening Immunization Services](#)

Webinar-related resources can be found in the following links:

- [COVID-19 vaccine introduction readiness assessment tool](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine Delivery Support \(CDS\) Programme Funding Guidelines \(Amended\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction and deployment Costing tool \(CVIC tool\)](#)
- [AFR COVID-19 Immunization Data Entry Tool](#)

In addition, TechNet-21 manages two Telegram channels supporting the webinar series participants. In these spaces you will be able to share your experiences, discuss key questions, and connect with experts from around the world. We'll also share new information and global guidance as it becomes available.

Join us today:

- [WHO Costing, Budgeting, Financing and Delivery of COVID-19 Vaccines \(EN\)](#)
- [OMS - calcul des coûts, budgétisation, financement et livraison des vaccins COVID-19 \(FR\)](#)

Is the implementation of SAGE prioritization roadmap working in Africa?

Live answered at 24:52 - https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=1492

To what extent is WHO coordinating beyond development partners but inclusive of governments own efforts to acquire vaccines?

Live answered at 26:24 - https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=1584

Some of the countries are still updating their NDVP or their costing, so if they would like to see support how they should do so?

Live answered at 27:51 - https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=1671

Which components are given more weight under CDS funding? On what factors does budget ceiling depend?

The CDS was put together to avail resources to countries in order to support the delivery of vaccines, as the initial experience suggests that countries have challenges with delivery. That may have influenced the weight given to categories, but Gavi will be able to provide more information on the weights.

We have a CDS session on October 6 which will talk about the needs-based application components including a Q&A and updated guidance document. All these components will be on the Partners Platform: <https://covid19partnersplatform.who.int/en/>

Regarding the cost per person vaccinated, which indicator are you going to use?

Live answered at 53:28 – https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=3208

There is additional stream of work that will enable determination of post operational determination of cost per person vaccinated. This is through the expenditure tracking frameworking using NHA (SHA) Already 4 countries are part of the expenditure tracking work.

How does WHO ensure vaccine equity in its planning and budgeting process?

Live answered at 54:57 - https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=3297

When reaching for equity, which group has been harder to address: women, people with disability, people in rural communities, etc.?

Live answered at 58:17 - https://youtu.be/RtQBb_myFtQ?t=3497

Are there any tools provided by the WHO for countries regarding IAR implementation?

Here are the slides on how to conduct IAR: [Mini-cPIE \(COVID-19 vaccination IAR\): What is it and how to conduct one?](#)

And more information can be found in the COVID-19 vaccine toolkit (Evaluation of COVID-19 vaccine introduction): [COVID-19 vaccine introduction toolkit](#)

We heard from GAVI last week that countries will be required to submit a detailed mapping of all the available financing from internal and external sources to support COVID-19 vaccines rollout, in order to access the needs-based Country Delivery Support funds later this year. Will AFRO be supporting countries directly (or developing tools) for this new mapping activity?

In-country mapping of resources available will be done by government and partners working together. AFRO will deploy support as needed to fill gaps where there are challenges in capacity, to do the mapping. The guidelines/template for needs-based CDS will provide better information.