

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

Q&A for Session 05: Where does needed COVID-19 Vaccination Funding come from?

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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.

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 Delivery Support (CDS) Programme Funding
Guidelines: <https://www.gavi.org/sites/default/files/covid/covax/covax-amc/COVAX-CDS-Programme-Funding-Guideline.pdf>
- Partners Platform: <https://covid19partnersplatform.who.int/en/>

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)

Have any countries receiving SDRs committed to increasing health spending using these resources?

Countries would have benefited from SDRs for health spending either through IMF programs, IMF PRGT (poverty reduction and growth trust) or IMF catastrophe containment relief trust. Publication of tracked use of SDRs is not yet released.

But the IMF provides details on response policy implemented by country, and should provide information on use of SDR for countries as you look at them one by one.

For Gavi: regarding the CDS window, do you think the \$850 millions you have for this will be enough? Are you expecting you will need more and will you be asking more from donors?

It is difficult to say at the moment as the funding landscape is so fluid. We are encouraging countries to identify their full funding gap through the end of 2022, when they will submit their needs-based applications, and that should give us a better idea.

Can technical support funds requests include TA for strengthening management of the use of funds, such as assessing capacity of implementers and operating additional controls or supervision to mitigate gaps in capacity?

Technical support for COVID-19 vaccine delivery can be requested through the CDS window (which includes management of resources received). For implementer assessment, that is done via a separate mechanism from the Gavi side.

Aren't UNICEF and Gavi fundraising efforts duplicative?

We are all working together to ensure there are sufficient funds available for COVID-19 vaccine delivery.

Will the UNICEF CDS needs-based package significantly be different from Gavi version? Or just applied to the set of countries covered by UNICEF?

UNICEF will harmonize with Gavi as feasible for the subset of AMC 30 countries. More details will be provided in the application guidelines.

There is an October ECHO session dedicated to the details of the CDS application, both the Gavi managed and UNICEF managed. You can register for that session and any other session you wish to attend now.

Can NGOs apply for funding or does it have to be the government?

For Gavi applications, there should be one singular request endorsed by the Interagency Coordinating Committee and signed by the Ministry of Health and Finance. You should contact the Chair of the ICC in your country to discuss further.

Similar to GAVI, UNICEF AMC 30 countries are recommended to develop their application under government leadership in a participatory process. One single application that is endorsed by a designated authority from the Ministry of Health is required for submission through the partners platform.

Is there any pre-requisite for countries to apply for this opportunity, if so, what are they? Are there any opportunities for developing countries to get this funding?

All Advance Market Commitment (AMC) countries under COVAX can apply for the funding. Countries will need to develop and submit an application following the application guidelines that can be found on the partners platform

In addition, all Needs-Based requests will require endorsement of the ICC (for Gavi-eligible countries) and signature of the Minister of Health and Finance.

For World Bank: can IDA resources be used to pay salaries for vaccinators?

Live answered at 1:17:50 <https://youtu.be/J-6PaPWZP9I?t=4670>

Is the World Bank advising countries to use some of their SDR allocation to increase health spending in light of the crisis?

The World Bank Group works with developing countries to reduce poverty and increase shared prosperity, while the International Monetary Fund serves to stabilize the international monetary system and acts as a monitor of the world's currencies. In response to COVID-19, World Bank has mobilized US\$ 157 billion, to date, in support that focuses on helping countries address the crisis and transition to recovery through a combination of saving lives; protecting the poor; securing foundations of the economy; and strengthening policies and institutions for resilience. The World Bank does not advise countries on how to use their IMF SDR allocation.

Of the \$4.6B in World bank financing commitment to support the vaccine rollout, when is the expectation that all of the funds will be disbursed and accessible in the 54 countries who had received approvals as of end of July?

Live answered at 1:20:49 <https://youtu.be/J-6PaPWZP9I?t=4859>

Projects to raise awareness on preventive measures and others have been funded for a while. Can the funds from the World Bank be used to raise awareness about vaccine acceptance and follow-up of vaccinated people?

Live answered at 1:23:25 <https://youtu.be/J-6PaPWZP9I?t=5005>

Can civil-society actors ask for financing directly from the World Bank? Also, how to involve LGBTQI populations?

The World Bank is an international development organization owned by 187 countries. Its role is to reduce poverty by granting or lending money to the governments of its poorer members to improve their economies and to improve the standard of living of their people. All World Bank-financed projects include a Stakeholder Engagement Plan, available for all COVID-19 vaccine financing projects, at the following link: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/who-we-are/news/coronavirus-covid19/world-bank-support-for-country-access-to-covid-19-vaccines> (see the "project documents" for each country). This plan scribes the timing and methods of engagement with stakeholders throughout the life cycle of the project as agreed between Bank and client country. The SEP will also describe the range and timing of

information to be communicated to project-affected parties and other interested parties, as well as the type of information to be sought from them.