

COVID-19 Vaccination: Building Global Capacity

Q&A for Session 11: Mobilizing financing resources for scale up of COVID-19 vaccination

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Thank you for attending the above session for National, regional and global stakeholders. Many questions were submitted by participants, either in the Zoom chat during the session itself, or in the two Telegram channels managed by TechNet-21 supporting regions, countries, and partners in preparing for COVID-19 vaccine introduction. 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 [Project ECHO website](#).

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

- [General questions regarding the COVID-19 vaccines](#)
- [Preparing for COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [WHO Coronavirus disease \(COVID-2019\) technical guidance](#)
- [TechNet-21 – The Technical Network for Strengthening Immunization Services](#)
- OpenWHO COVID-19 vaccine trainings:
 - [Orientation to national deployment and vaccination planning for COVID-19 vaccines](#)

In addition, TechNet-21 manages two Telegram channels supporting regions, countries, and partners in preparing for COVID-19 vaccine introduction. In these two spaces - one anglophone and one francophone - 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:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction – TechNet-21 \(English\)](#)
- [Introduction des vaccins contre la Covid-19 – TechNet-21 \(Français\)](#)

It's been reported that there are funds available to support COVID-19 vaccination, but this hasn't translated to availability and roll-out. What has caused this and what solutions are being considered?

This may be referring to for example World Bank resources being available but countries not yet asking for it. The planning and costing of COVID-19 vaccine roll-out was rather precipitated and as a result implementation tends to happen as vaccines arrive in the country.

Not all countries have available resources immediately and other cases are not very transparent. Does this come from planning failure?

Budget transparency is an issue in many countries and beyond the scope of immunization or health. Reaching out to budget advocacy CSOs in your country is the best way to understand what is happening, and mobilizing media to advocate for more transparency is helpful.