

PVA Africa Network Meeting July 29, 2021

Today's agenda

- Update from the People's Vaccine Alliance Global: last month's campaigns; vaccine rollout data
- PVA strategy shift: review and discussion
- Updates from across the continent: burning issues, recent activities, and points that we – as a collective - need to address or should amplify.
- Upcoming key dates, events, and advocacy opportunities.
- Any other business

What is the PVA??

The People's Vaccine Alliance is a coalition over 75 organizations and networks, with the support of over 170 former Heads of State, Nobel Laureates, faith leaders, health experts, economists and other notable figures fighting to end vaccine apartheid.

We are united under a common aim of campaigning for a 'people's vaccine' for COVID-19. This would be based on shared knowledge, and freely available to everyone, everywhere - a global common good.

DEMANDS

- Raise the ambition to vaccinate 60% of the planet. We are not going to end this pandemic by vaccinating fewer than 30% of the world's population in the next six months. World leaders must aim higher and create a clear roadmap of how to get there. Make sure to base this roadmap on a solid manufacturing and distribution plan for all COVID-19 products and technologies. This process should be funded with fair share financing from rich nations, and fair allocation of doses.
- Break the shackles of intellectual property on vaccines and COVID-19 knowledge. This will allow every nation to produce or buy vaccine doses at affordable rates. All Government leaders must support the WTO proposal by India and South Africa to temporarily waive intellectual property on Covid-19 vaccines, treatments and related technologies. They must also force pharmaceutical companies to share their COVID-19-related technology and know-how through the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Technology Access Pool.

- Make an immediate and large investment of public money into manufacturing more vaccine doses around the world. We need to see a clear plan to fund the huge increase in manufacturing of vaccines that is needed. We need to build a global distributed network to deliver these doses as global public goods to all nations. We have seen a clear failure of the market alone in ensuring enough vaccines. Therefore, governments should keep sufficient ownership of these new facilities, and work with the WHO to make sure they serve public interests first.
- Provide COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests free of charge. To everyone, everywhere, allocated according to need. Prioritize frontline workers, people at higher risk, and resource-poor countries least able to save the lives of those infected with the virus. Marginalized groups should be part of these programmes. This includes refugees, prisoners, people with disabilities, and indigenous populations.

Scale up global financial support for upgrading and expanding public health systems. We can use the experience of the pandemic to create resilient, universal and equitable health systems around the world. These services should be free at the point of use, with all user fees eliminated. Universal Health Coverage is the global public good needed to respond not only to emergencies but also to protect and save lives every day.

Steering Group

(made up of the chairs of the four groups and the overall PV chair)

Campaigns and media group

SM Leads WA group

Policy and advocacy group

Stats group Influentials group

(including faith leaders)

Highlights from July

- #EyesOnPharmaGreed
- #StopPlayingGames Campaign
- PVA response to EU's announcement to help build a manufacturing plant in Senegal (10 July)
- Game of two halves –football finals offer ray of hope in Europe while Uganda turns stadium into COVID hospital (11 July)
- Position paper on dose redistribution (27 July)
- The Great Vaccine Robbery Policy Brief (29 July) with associated press release going out today

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (July - October)

- Pushing Germany and rest of blockers mainly Europe to back waiver and pursue tech transfer (waiver and tech transfer are highly interlinked)
- Amplify voice of Global South people and countries, on cost of inaction and readiness to manufacture (amplifying data, building capacity of spokespeople, sharing stories)
- Increase heat on big pharmaceutical corporations with continued goal of one corporation into CTAP

Also: Amplify the work of others; identify key opportunities

Key Dates

- WTO General Council meetings 27/28 July & 13/14 October
- Olympics 23 July- 8 August
- #Makethemsign protest in Berlin 4 September
- G20 Health Ministers' Meeting in Rome 5/6 September
- UNGA 14/30 September
- German federal elections 26 September
- World Bank Annual Meetings 15/17 October
- G20 in Rome 30/31 October
- COP26 in Glasgow 31 October 12 Nov



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