

# Media Update

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### COVAX delivers second consignment of US-donated Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to Pakistan

***A total of 8 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been delivered to Pakistan by the COVAX Facility, the global COVID-19 vaccine equity scheme, so far.***

**ISLAMABAD, 26 July 2021** – The second consignment of 3 million doses of Moderna (mRNA-1273) COVID-19 vaccines donated by the Government of the United States to the COVAX Facility arrived in Pakistan during early hours of today, bringing the total doses donated by the US Government to Pakistan through COVAX to 5.5 million since 8 May.

The donation is part of the 870 million additional COVID-19 vaccine doses pledged by the G7 through the COVAX Facility dose-sharing mechanism to support global equitable access to vaccines in 2021 and 2022, with the aim to deliver at least half by the end of 2021.

COVAX, the global COVID-19 vaccine equity scheme, has delivered a total 8 million doses of vaccine to Pakistan since 8 May, including 2.5 million doses of AstraZeneca, 100,000 doses Pfizer and 5.5 million doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

To date, close to 7 million people have been fully vaccinated and nearly 20 million partially vaccinated in Pakistan since the start of the national vaccination campaign in February 2021.

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Pakistan has now reached close to a million, while nearly 23,000 people are reported to have succumbed to the disease.

“Despite national, regional and global efforts, the pandemic is nowhere near finished. WHO will continue to work with the Government of Pakistan and donors to implement activities to control transmission and advocate for equitable vaccine access and distribution. Vaccines are key in the fight against COVID-19 and we encourage everyone to get their vaccine immediately,” says **Dr Palitha Mahipala, WHO Representative in Pakistan**. “We thank the US Government for expressing their solidarity with Pakistan through this donation. Nobody is safe until everyone is safe.”

The allocation of extra doses of COVID-19 vaccines by G7 countries to COVAX will not only limit the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19, it will also prevent new variants from emerging.

“UNICEF thanks the Government of the United States for its generous contribution to the COVAX dose-sharing mechanism. This is an important step in the continued fight against COVID-19. UNICEF commends the Government of Pakistan for its leadership in ensuring a smooth roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination campaign and urges the population to get vaccinated and continue taking COVID-19 precautionary measures,” said **Aida Girma, UNICEF Representative in Pakistan**. “UNICEF will continue to support the national response to COVID-19 campaign in Pakistan through procurement services of essential COVID-19 supplies; expansion of cold chain capacity to ensure safe storage of vaccines; risk communication and community engagement to increase vaccine uptake and enforce SOPs and efficient and effective management of the COVID-19 Call Centre 1166.”

Strictly complying with COVID-19 public health and social measures continues to be critical to stop the spread of virus, after getting vaccinated. These include regularly wearing face masks, washing hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or use a sanitizer; remaining at least six feet away from other people; avoiding crowded places; and staying at home and seeking care when having COVID-19 symptoms.

The goal of COVAX is to help address the acute phase of the global pandemic by the end of 2021 by providing rapid, fair and equitable access to safe and effective vaccines for all participating countries and territories regardless of income level.

The COVAX Facility, co-led by Gavi, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and WHO, together with UNICEF, aims to provide access to quality-assured COVID-19 vaccines, enabling the protection of frontline health care and social workers, as well as other high-risk and vulnerable groups.

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So far donors to the COVAX Advance Market Commitment include Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, European Union, Australia, Bhutan, Canada, Colombia, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Monaco, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Anonymous Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, KS Relief/Gamers Without Borders, Mastercard, Medline International, Nikkei Inc., Reed Hastings and Patty Quillin, Shell, Thistledown Foundation, TikTok, Transferwise, Soccer Aid.

The list of donor pledges to COVAX AMC is available [here](#).

### **About COVAX**

COVAX, the vaccines pillar of the [Access to COVID-19 Tools \(ACT\) Accelerator](#), is co-led by CEPI, Gavi and WHO – working in partnership with developed and developing country vaccine manufacturers, UNICEF, the World Bank, and others. It is the only global initiative that is working with governments and manufacturers to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available worldwide to both higher-income and lower-income countries.

**CEPI** is leading on the [COVAX vaccine research and development portfolio](#), investing in R&D across a variety of promising candidates, with the goal to support development of three safe and effective vaccines which can be made available to countries participating in the COVAX Facility. As part of this work, CEPI has secured first right of refusal to potentially over one billion doses for the COVAX Facility to a number of candidates, and made strategic investments in vaccine manufacturing, which includes reserving capacity to manufacture doses of COVAX vaccines at a network of facilities, and securing glass vials to hold 2 billion doses of vaccine. CEPI is also investing in the 'next generation' of vaccine candidates, which will give the world additional options to control COVID-19 in the future.

**Gavi** leads on procurement and delivery at scale for COVAX: designing and managing the [COVAX Facility](#) and the [Gavi COVAX AMC](#) and working with its traditional Alliance partners UNICEF and WHO, along with governments, on country readiness and delivery. As part of this role, Gavi hosts the Office of the COVAX Facility to coordinate the operation and governance of the mechanism as a whole, holds financial and legal relationships with 193 Facility participants, and manages the [COVAX Facility deals portfolio](#): negotiating advance purchase agreements

with manufacturers of promising vaccine candidates to secure doses on behalf of all COVAX Facility participants. Gavi also coordinates design, operationalisation and fundraising for the Gavi COVAX AMC, the mechanism that provides access to donor-funded doses of vaccine to 92 lower-income economies. As part of this work, Gavi provides funding and oversight for UNICEF procurement and delivery of vaccines to all AMC participants – operationalising the advance purchase agreements between Gavi and manufacturers – as well as support for partners' and governments work on readiness and delivery. This includes tailored support to governments, UNICEF, WHO and other partners for cold chain equipment, technical assistance, syringes, vehicles, and other aspects of the vastly complex logistical operation for delivery. Gavi also co-designed, raises funds for and supports the operationalisation of the AMC's [no-fault compensation mechanism](#) as well as the [COVAX Humanitarian Buffer](#).

**WHO** has multiple roles within [COVAX](#): It provides normative guidance on vaccine policy, regulation, safety, R&D, allocation, and country readiness and delivery. Its Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization develops evidence-based immunization policy recommendations. Its Emergency Use Listing (EUL)/prequalification programmes ensure harmonized review and authorization across member states. It provides global coordination and member state support on vaccine safety monitoring. It developed the target product profiles for COVID-19 vaccines and provides R&D technical coordination. WHO leads, along with UNICEF, the support to countries as they prepare to receive and administer vaccines. The [Country Readiness and Delivery](#) (CRD) workstream includes Gavi and numerous other partners working at the global, regional, and country-level to provide tools, guidance, monitoring, and on the ground technical assistance for the planning and roll-out of the [vaccines](#). Along with COVAX partners, WHO is also developing a no-fault compensation scheme as part of the time-limited indemnification and liability commitments.

**UNICEF** is leveraging its experience as the largest single vaccine buyer in the world and working with manufacturers and partners on the procurement of COVID-19 vaccine doses, as well as freight, logistics and storage. UNICEF already procures more than 2 billion doses of vaccines annually for routine immunization and outbreak response on behalf of nearly 100 countries. In collaboration with the [PAHO Revolving Fund](#), UNICEF is [leading efforts](#) to procure and supply doses of COVID-19 vaccines for COVAX. In addition, UNICEF, Gavi and WHO are working with governments around the clock to ensure that countries are ready to receive the vaccines, with appropriate cold chain equipment in place and health workers trained to dispense them. UNICEF is also playing a lead role in efforts to foster trust in vaccines, delivering vaccine confidence communications and tracking and addressing misinformation around the world.

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### **About Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance**

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance is a public-private partnership that helps vaccinate half the world's children against some of the world's deadliest diseases. Since its inception in 2000, Gavi has helped to immunise a whole generation – over 822 million children – and prevented more than 14 million deaths, helping to halve child mortality in 73 lower-income countries. Gavi also plays a key role in improving global health security by supporting health systems as well as funding global stockpiles for Ebola, cholera, meningitis and yellow fever vaccines. After two decades of progress, Gavi is now focused on protecting the next generation and reaching the unvaccinated children still being left behind, employing innovative finance and the latest technology – from drones to biometrics – to save millions more lives, prevent outbreaks before they can spread and help countries on the road to self-sufficiency. Learn more at [www.gavi.org](http://www.gavi.org) and connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

The Vaccine Alliance brings together developing country and donor governments, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the World Bank, the vaccine industry, technical agencies, civil society, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and other private sector partners. View the full list of donor governments and other leading organizations that fund Gavi's work [here](#).

### **About UNICEF**

UNICEF works in some of the world's toughest places, to reach the world's most disadvantaged children. Across 190 countries and territories, we work for every child, everywhere, to build a better world for everyone. For more information about UNICEF and its work for children, visit [www.unicef.org](http://www.unicef.org) and [www.unicef.org/pakistan](http://www.unicef.org/pakistan). For more information about COVID-19, visit [www.unicef.org/coronavirus](http://www.unicef.org/coronavirus). Find out more about UNICEF's work on the COVID-19 vaccines [here](#), or about UNICEF's work on immunization [here](#). Follow UNICEF Pakistan on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **About WHO**

The World Health Organization provides global leadership in public health within the United Nations system. Founded in 1948, WHO works with 194 Member States, across six regions and from more than 150 offices, to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable. Our goal for 2019-2023 is to ensure that a billion more people have universal health coverage, to protect a billion more people from health emergencies, and provide a further billion people with better health and wellbeing.

For updates on COVID-19 and public health advice to protect yourself from coronavirus, visit [www.who.int](http://www.who.int) and follow WHO on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#), [Pinterest](#), [Snapchat](#), [YouTube](#). Follow WHO Pakistan on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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## کوکس نے امریکہ کی طرف سے عطیہ کردہ ماڈرنا کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی دوسری کھیپ پاکستان پہنچادی

اب تک کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی مجموعی طور پر 80 لاکھ خوراکیں کوکس کی سہولت کے ذریعے عالمی کووڈ-19 ویکسین اکیوٹی اسکیم کے تحت پاکستان پہنچائی جا چکی ہیں۔

اسلام آباد، 26 جولائی 2021- آج صبح سویرے امریکی حکومت کی جانب سے کوکس سہولت کے ذریعے عطیہ کی گئی ماڈرنا (ایمآراین اے-1273) کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی 30 لاکھ خوراکیں کی دوسری کھیپ پاکستان پہنچائی گئی ہے جس سے 8 مئی سے امریکی حکومت کی جانب سے کوکس کے ذریعے پاکستان کو عطیہ کی گئی کل خوراک 55 لاکھ تک پہنچ گئی ہے۔



یہ عطیہ 2021 اور 2022 میں ویکسین تک عالمی سطح پر یکساں رسائی میں معاونت کے لئے کوویکس ڈوز شیئرنگ طریقہ کار کے ذریعے کی گئی ہے جس کا عہدہ جی 7 کی جانب کیا گیا تھا اور جس کے تحت 870 ملین اضافی کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی خوراکیں تقسیم کی جائیں گی۔ ویکسین فراہم کرنے کے اس عمل کے ذریعے 2021 کے آخر تک کم از کم نصف خوراکیں فراہم کر دی جائیں گی۔

عالمی کووڈ-19 ویکسین ایکویٹی اسکیم کوویکس نے 8 مئی سے اب تک پاکستان کو ویکسین کی مجموعی 8 ملین خوراکیں فراہم کی ہیں جن میں اسٹراژینیکا کی 25 لاکھ خوراکیں، 100,000 خوراکیں فائزر کی اور ماڈرنا کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی 55 ملین خوراکیں شامل ہیں۔

فروری 2021 میں قومی ویکسینیشن مہم کے آغاز سے اب تک پاکستان میں 70 لاکھ کے قریب افراد کو مکمل طور پر ویکسین لگائی جا چکی ہے اور تقریباً 20 ملین افراد کو جزوی طور پر ویکسین کی ایک خوراک دی جا چکی ہے۔

پاکستان میں کووڈ-19 کے تصدیق شدہ کیسز کی تعداد اب دس لاکھ کے قریب پہنچ چکی ہے جبکہ تقریباً 23 ہزار افراد کے اس بیماری کا شکار ہونے کی اطلاعات ہیں۔

ویکسین کی تازہ کھپ کی آمد کے موقع پر بات کرتے ہوئے پاکستان میں عالمی ادارہ صحت کی نمائندہ ڈاکٹر پالیتا مہیپالانے کہ ”علاقائی اور عالمی سطح پر اقدامات اٹھانے کے باوجود اس عالمی وبا کا کہیں بھی مکمل خاتمہ نہیں ہو سکا۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت حکومت پاکستان کے ساتھ مل کر اپنا کام جاری رکھے گا اور عطیات دینے والے دیگر اداروں کے ساتھ مل کر پاکستان میں ویکسین کی مساوات کے اصولوں کے تحت فراہمی، منتقلی اور اس کی تمام لوگوں تک رسائی کو ممکن بنانا رہے گا تاکہ ہر ایک کو فوری اور بروقت ویکسین فراہم کی جاسکے۔“ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ہم ویکسین کے اس عطیے کے ذریعے پاکستان کے ساتھ اظہارِ یکجہتی کرنے پر امریکی حکومت کا تہہ دل سے شکریہ ادا کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے زور دیا کہ جب تک کورونا وائرس سے ہر شخص محفوظ نہیں ہو جاتا، اس وقت تک کوئی بھی شخص محفوظ نہیں!

جی سیون ممالک کی جانب سے کوویکس کے ذریعے کووڈ-19 ویکسین کی اضافی خوراک مختص کرنے سے نہ صرف کورونا وائرس کووڈ-19 کے پھیلاؤ کو محدود کیا جاسکے گا بلکہ وائرس کی نئی اقسام کو ابھرنے سے بھی روکا جاسکے گا۔

پاکستان میں یونیسف کی نمائندہ ایڈا گیرمانے کوویکس کے ذریعے خوراک تقسیم کرنے کے نظام کے تحت دی جانے والی اس فراخ دلانہ کھپ روانہ کرنے پر امریکہ کی حکومت کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور اسے کووڈ-19 کے خلاف مسلسل جنگ میں ایک اہم قدم قرار دیا۔ یونیسف نے حکومت پاکستان کی قیادت کی تعریف کی کہ پاکستان نے کووڈ-19 ویکسینیشن مہم کو بہترین جمہوری اور منصفانہ اصولوں پر چلایا ہے اور لوگوں پر زور دیا ہے کہ وہ ویکسین کے ٹیکے لگوائیں اور کووڈ-19 احتیاطی تدابیر پر عمل جاری رکھیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ”یونیسف ضروری کووڈ-19 ویکسین، معمول کی ویکسینیشن اور پولیو ویکسین کی رسد، زیادہ مقدار میں ویکسین محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے کولڈ چین (سرد خانوں) کی گنجائش میں وسعت لانے اور خطرات کے بارے میں آگہی کے لئے ابلاغ عامہ کے ذریعے عوام میں شعور و آگہی میں اضافہ کر رہا ہے۔ ان ضروری اقدامات سے ویکسین پر لوگوں کے اعتماد میں اضافہ ہو گا اور کووڈ 19 سے بچاؤ کے حفاظتی اقدامات پر عمل یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے کووڈ-19 کال سنٹر 116 کے موثر نظم و ضبط کو سراہتے ہوئے ایس اوپیز پر مکمل عمل کے سلسلے میں لوگوں کے مکمل تعاون کی اہمیت پر بھی زور دیا۔

ویکسین لگوانے کے بعد بھی وائرس کے پھیلاؤ کو روکنے کے لئے ان حفاظتی اقدامات پر سختی سے عمل کرنا انتہائی ضروری ہے۔ ان اقدامات میں کم از کم 20 سینکڑ تک صابن سے ہاتھ دھونا یا سینینائزر استعمال کرنا شامل کریں؛ ماسک پہنیں؛ اور دوسرے لوگوں سے کم از کم چھ فٹ دور رہیں۔ پر ہجوم جگہوں پر جانے سے پرہیز کریں؛ اور کووڈ-19 کی علامات ظاہر ہونے کی صورت میں گھر تک محدود رہیں۔

کوکس کی سہولت کا مقصد آمدنی کی سطح سے قطع نظر تمام شریک ممالک کو منظور شدہ ویکسین تک تیز رفتار، مساوی اور منصفانہ رسائی فراہم کر کے 2021 کے آخر تک عالمی وبا کے شدید مرحلے سے نمٹنے میں مدد کرنا ہے۔

کوکس (کووڈ-19 ویکسین گلوبل ایکس) گاوی، اتحاد برائے وبائی صورت حال کے لئے تیاری اور جدت کی ذمہ دار (سی ای پی آئی) کی مشترکہ قیادت میں ڈبلیو ایچ او اور یونیسف کے ساتھ مل کر کام کر رہا ہے اور اس کا مقصد اعلیٰ معیار کی ویکسین تک رسائی ممکن بنانا، فرنٹ لائن ہیلتھ و سوشل ورکرز کے علاوہ زیادہ خطرات سے دوچار آبادیوں کا تحفظ کو یقینی بنانا ہے۔

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**UNODC**  
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**Launch of Project!!**

**Combatting Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan**

**At Mashal Hall, Ramada Hotel Islamabad on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 09:00 hrs.**

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Country Office Pakistan with the implementing partner Federal Investigation Agency will be launching a project **Combatting Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in Pakistan** in Islamabad tomorrow, with the financial support of the Government of Canada through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

The scope of project is laid down for two years, a joint initiative by the Government of Canada and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and it reaffirms that combating human trafficking and migrant smuggling is of the highest importance for the Government of Pakistan, Government of Canada, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime as a whole.

Representative UNODC, High Commissioner for Canada and Director Federal Government Agency of Pakistan will be delivering their messages. The Launch event will be followed by a two day training, UNODC shall give a project overview presentation, Introduction and objectives of the training.

This project is a coordinated response to trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants and aims to strengthen the capacity of the Federal Investigation for its fight against TIP and SOM.

**We cordially invite you for the media coverage for the launch of the project at Mashal Hall, Ramada Hotel Islamabad tomorrow, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 09:00 hrs.**

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