What is vaccine diplomacy?

“Vaccine diplomacy is when you use a scarce medical resource — in this case, a vaccine — to further your diplomatic influence, and particularly in areas of geostrategic importance, for the country. So it's supposed to help the country that you're giving it to, but it also serves the interests of the donator of the vaccine.”

Lawrence Gostin, director of the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law.
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At March 2021

20.5 million doses committed in a battle between China and India.

China was focusing on Sinopharm and Sinovac in their diplomacy efforts, targeting a diverse range of regions including Belarus, Bolivia, Cambodia, Chile, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, Namibia, Pakistan, Philippines and more – they were reaching a lot of the world.

India focused on their locally produced AstraZeneca, Covishield, with neighbouring Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar among key recipients, but they were also reaching Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Africa.

Russia was an important player, but largely focused on making deals.
At March 2021

Scattered recipients – Middle East, Africa, Asia a focus with some in Latin America and the Caribbean.

But the donor landscape has changed...
A total of 988.1 million doses committed.

The United States has stepped up its role in diplomacy with a large contribution via COVAX.

Pfizer is now the largest vaccine candidate donated (500 million doses) followed by AstraZeneca (24.2 million). The candidate for more than 400 million doses is unclear.
At June 2021

India has “granted” 11.2 million doses, with their footprint remaining relatively steady since March.

A focus on the need at home has impacted vaccine diplomacy efforts.
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At June 2021

The U.S. have donated 580 million doses.

560 million doses have been donated via COVAX – including 500 million Pfizer doses recently announced.

Regional specific has seen a focus on neighbours Mexico and Canada, as well as Bangladesh and Myanmar.
China has donated 32.7 million doses, including 10 million to COVAX. Their footprint shows a heavy investment locally, but their African influence spreading.

There is less influence in the Pacific.
At June 2021

Australia is trying to
4.1 million doses have been donated to date, with a very narrow regional focus.
Tanzania, Eritrea and Ethiopia are among the countries yet to receive doses.
Funding data

Data is collated by Devex analysts tracking funding announcements, as well as awarded contracts, grants, new programs, tenders, and open funding opportunities.

Donors including governments, bilateral and multilateral donors, NGOs, philanthropy, private sector, and research are tracked.
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How are we providing insights?
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**KEY INFORMATION**

- **Funded by**: World Bank Group
- **Location**: Ghana | Mali
- **Status**: Open
- **Opportunity Size**: Small
- **Deadline**: 3 Dec 2020 (Express interest by date)
- **Categories**: Services
- **Topics**: Social Inclusive Development, Environment & Natural Resources
- **Reference Number**: TF083823, WB-P635376-11/29, 1271526

**OFFICIAL TITLE**

eConsult: Supporting and Strengthening Women Miners Resilience During and After Covid-19 in Mali and Ghana: A systems approach to formalization and empowerment

**Background**

COVID-19 not only represents a worldwide public health emergency but has become an international economic crisis that could surpass the global financial crisis of 2008-09. Recent estimates of the World Bank indicate that COVID-19 is likely to cause the first increase of global poverty since 1996, pushing 40 to 60 million into extreme poverty. Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa has been significantly impacted by the ongoing coronavirus outbreak and it is forecast to fall sharply from 2.4% in 2019 to -2.1 to -5.1% in 2020, the first recession in the region over the past 25 years, according to the latest Africa’s Pulse, the World Bank’s twice-yearly economic update for the region.
Making the data accessible

Interactive: Who's funding the COVID-19 response and what are the priorities?

By Lisa Cornish

Weekly news updates

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- Snapshots of weekly announcements
- Analytical insights
- Embedded Tableau interactive to access the data.
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Making the data accessible

Interactive

Accessible via our Tableau Public page: https://public.tableau.com/profile/devexdevdata#!
Interactive insights

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Focus area including health, education, economy, food security and more.
Government, development banks, and the EU dominate.

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An economic focus outweighs health and social concerns

Economics is the main focus of funding, with broad “response” funding second.

Specific health responses started as the priority but soon declined in announcement funding after the economic impact was realised.

Health responses are now more likely to be seen in funding turned to action – through programs, contracts, grants and tenders.
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Challenges

Influenced by regional interests
Neighbours biggest beneficiaries

Delivering an issue
This is why COVAX remains an important delivery mechanism
Increasing donor focus on support for vaccine delivery

Easily impacted by in-country needs
A local outbreak can stop diplomacy in its tracks

Data is not great
Limited information impacts our understanding of capacity