

# Introducing the FIP 'Transforming Vaccination Globally, Regionally and Nationally' 2021

## *Accelerating Equity, Access and Sustainability Through Policy Development and Implementation*

**Sustainable and equitable access to vaccines: Establishing priorities and setting policies in the African region**

November 4



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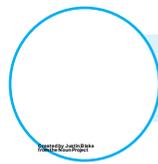




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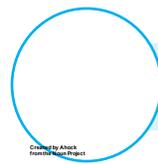
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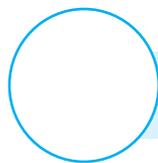
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# FIP Transforming Vaccination Regionally & Globally 2020

## *Recapping key outcomes*

The 1<sup>st</sup> FIP digital transformation outcome-based online programme

Underpinned by the FIP Development Goals (FIP DGs)

Resulted in:  
Global FIP Commitment to Action on Vaccination in Pharmacies  
&  
FIP Transforming Vaccination Collection



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## 12 events over 2 series

- Series 1: Towards equity in vaccinations globally
- Series 2: Sustainability in vaccinations regionally and nationally



# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Series 1 Towards equity in vaccinations globally

The first of the two series comprises 5 episodes which include an opening event alongside 4 other events which explore equity in vaccinations across the different angles of

*age,  
gender,  
literacy & education,  
and collaboration & working together.*



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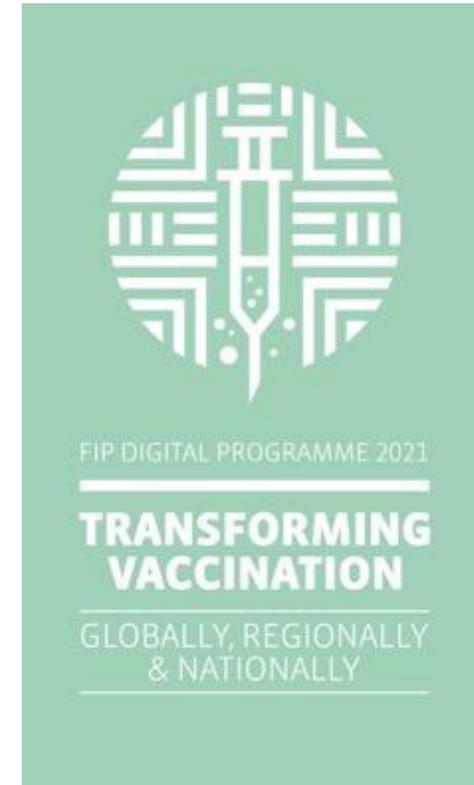
# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Series 2 Sustainability in vaccinations regionally and nationally



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The second of the two series in 2021 comprises 7 digital events, including 6 regional roundtables which will discuss and identify priorities for sustainable access to vaccinations through pharmacies around the world.

The programme will end with a Leadership Summit in which we present a commitment to action on sustainable and equitable access to vaccines through pharmacies.



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# Transforming Vaccination 2021: Key Outcomes



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- 1) 12 digital events including 6 regional roundtables and a Leadership Summit**
- 2) FIP Global Commitment to accelerate equity, access and sustainability of vaccinations**
- 3) Special Policy Collection**

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## Regional needs and priorities identified to transform vaccination:

### 1. Advocacy:

- Advocate regulatory stakeholders and politicians on the asset which pharmacists represent to increase the vaccination coverage and on the absence of regulation for pharmacists to do so.
- Advocate the other healthcare professionals to raise awareness and establish a trustful collaboration
- Advocate the pharmacists to encourage them and provide support through professional associations, learned societies and others

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## Regional needs and priorities identified to transform vaccination:

### 2. Education:

- Organize practical hands-on workshops on vaccination (learned societies, pharmacy schools/ university, FIP or other international organisations...)
- Vaccination training should be integrated to pre graduate pharmacy curriculum in the future

### 3. Finances:

- The vaccination training must be budgeted
- Means need to be provided to ensure vaccines adequate storage
- The vaccination act must be financially compensated

# Transforming Vaccination 2020 Outcomes: African Region

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## Challenges experienced in transforming vaccination for pharmacists:

- **Challenge with the other healthcare professionals:**
  - Vaccination may be seen as within the purview of other healthcare professionals: perception of attempt by pharmacists
- **Challenge with pharmacists:**
  - Reluctance among some pharmacists
  - Difficulties and acquiring new skills or reviving old ones
  - Added responsibility for immunization
  - Backfiring from possible ADRs
  - Misunderstanding of legal provisions

# Transforming Vaccination 2020 Outcomes: African Region

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## Challenges experienced in transforming vaccination for pharmacists:

- **Logistic challenge:**
  - *Respect of cold chain is a challenge in the African region*
- **Financial Challenges:**
  - *Vaccination training not budgeted for by pharmacies*
  - *Vaccination act to be compensated*

# Transforming Vaccination 2020 Outcomes: African Region

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## Lessons learnt whilst transforming vaccination for pharmacists:

- Education is a key factor

## Key vaccination-related legislative enablers and barriers emerging in the region:

- Sensitization of politicians and regulatory stakeholders.
- Partnership with health authorities
- Endorsement from supra national organisations (APF, FIP, WHO, WHOAfro...) for support in the process

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*CEO*

*Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya*



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*Immediate Past National Chairman of  
Association of Community Pharmacists of  
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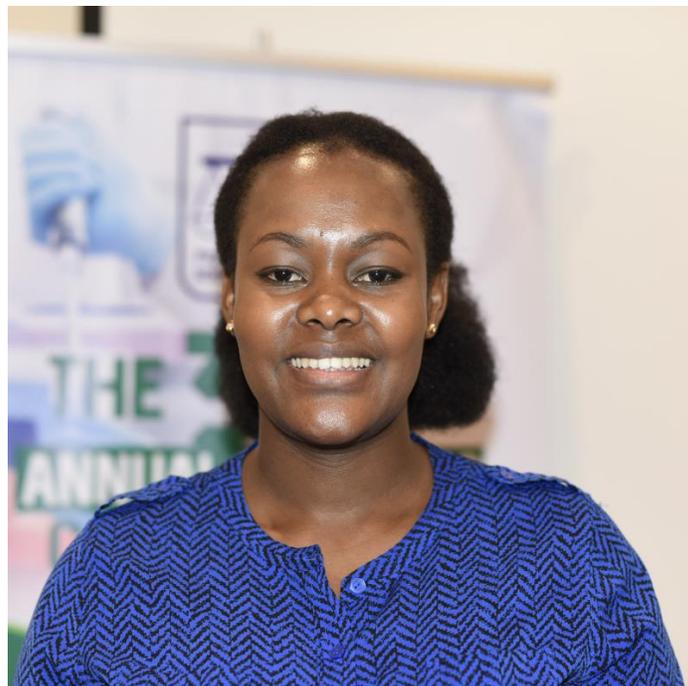


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## Dr Daniella Munene

*CEO, Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya*

# Overview

Phase 1 vaccination target is 100% of all above 18 years

Occupation	Fully Vaccinated	Target	% Fully Vaccinated
Health Workers	163,937	208,418	78.7%
Security Officers	102,711		
Teachers	162,760	330,671	49.2%
Above 58 years old	376,833	2,594,585	14.5%
Others	862,556		
Inmates	3,677	49,000	7.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,672,474</b>	<b>27,246,033</b>	<b>6.1%</b>

## Popn, Tests, Cases, Deaths

- 47.6 million population - 94% below age 60
- Total tests 2,714, 255; Positivity rate 9.4%
- Total cases 253,409; Total deaths 5,282 - CFR 2.1%

## Vaccines distribution

- 5,427,617 (Nov 02) vaccines administered
- Unequal vaccine distribution (Highest in Nairobi at 18.3% vs lowest in Marsabit at 0.8%)

Source: MOH. Covid 19 outbreak in Kenya Daily Situation report 595 2021 Nov 02



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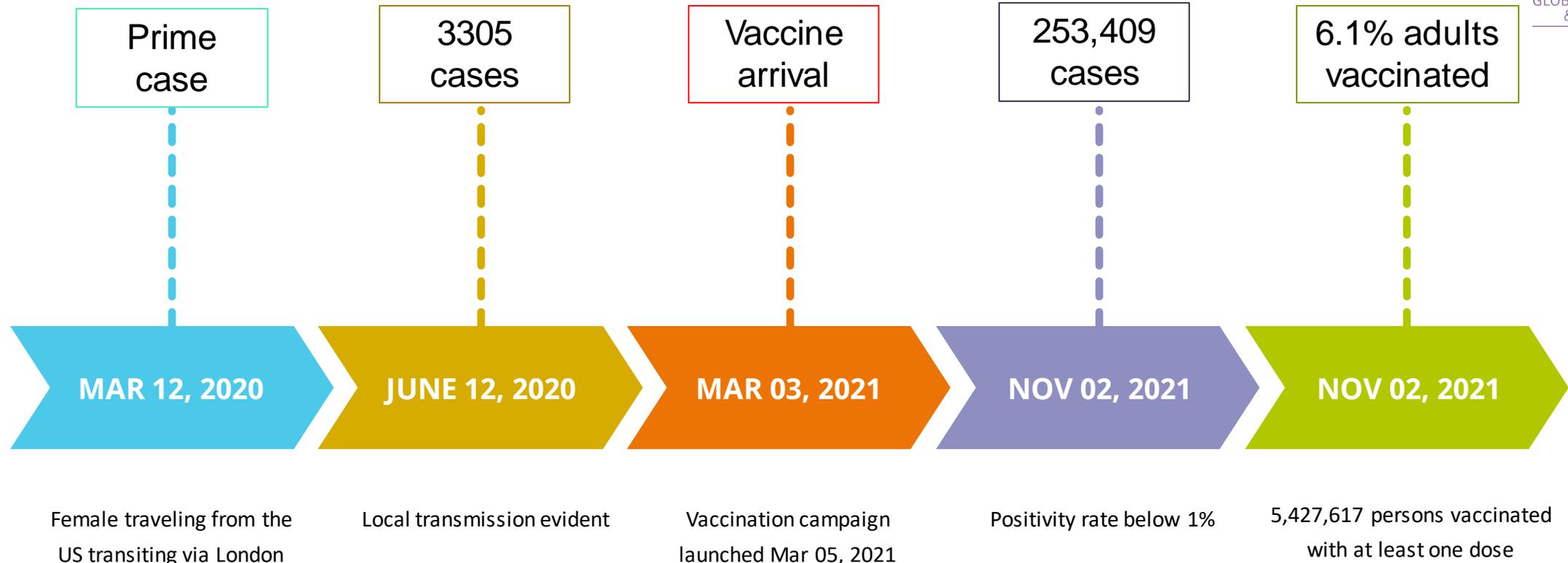
# Disease and Vaccine Timeline



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# EQUITY, ACCESS, SUSTAINABILITY

STRENGTHS & PRIORITIES



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## PUBLIC SENSITIZATION

- ✓ Create accurate narrative of safety and efficacy
- ✓ Information on eligibility, when and where to access vaccine, how to report AEFI

## PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ In vaccinating their staff and communities
- ✓ Administering vaccines to complement government program

## HRH and Health Facility Readiness

- ✓ Training
- ✓ Accreditation

## LOCAL MANUFACTURING

- ✓ Fill & Form plant begins April 2022

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

- ✓ Lobbying and advocacy for budgetary allocation

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# Success story

## *Private Sector Engagement*

- Under the umbrella of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), the private sector fundraised from its members to complement government procurement of vaccines.
- Each contributing company pledged to vaccinate its staff and surrounding community
- 70k Kenyans vaccinated under this program
- Fundraising continues and will expand as vaccines become more available
- Private sector continues to administer government bought vaccines free of cost



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# EQUITY, ACCESS, SUSTAINABILITY

weaknesses and challenges

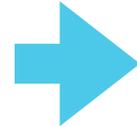


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**No local manufacturing  
of vaccines**



Has made us vulnerable to global supply chain constraints

**False vaccine narratives**



Have led to vaccine hesitancy in some quarters



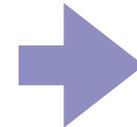
**Unequal demand  
for vaccines**



Has led to inequitable vaccine coverage



**Underutilization of  
healthcare facilities**



Community pharmacies not yet allowed to be COVID-19 vaccination centers

## PHARMACIES ARE:

**MANY  
(5,500)**

**ACCESSIBLE**

**TRUSTED**

**TRAINED**

**COMMUNITY  
PHARMACIES  
AS  
VACCINATION  
CENTERS**

Allowing community pharmacies to be COVID-19 vaccination centers will decrease congestion in hospitals and health centers, bring services closer to the people and increase vaccination reach.

For many Kenyans, the community pharmacy is a trusted source of healthcare, health information and health products.

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## VACCINE COVERAGE

**FOR EVERY  
VACCINE  
MADE FOR  
DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES,  
ONE IS MADE  
AVAILABLE FOR  
LMICs.**

**97%  
UAE**

**50%  
Global**

**6.7%  
Kenya**

**1.7%  
Tanzania**

Only 3.9% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose.

No one is safe until all are safe

We will not beat COVID until we ALL reach the threshold for herd immunity

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Source: ourworldindata.org [cited 2021 Nov 3]

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# Transforming Vaccination Globally, Regionally, Nationally: Accelerating Equity, Access and Sustainability Through Policy Development and Implementation.



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- Vaccination is an effective way to provide immunity against infectious diseases with huge socioeconomic benefits.
- Regular routine immunization programs ensures vaccines effectiveness and guarantees individual and community protection.
- Nonetheless, in many Countries in Africa, vaccination coverage is low.
- 20% of Africa Children do not receive all necessary and basic vaccines for full immunization (<https://www.afro.who.int/health-topics/immunization>)
- Less than 10% of African Population have received Covid 19 vaccines. (<https://www.afro.who.int/news/fifteen-african-countries-hit-10-covid-19-vaccination-goal>)
- Global immunization efforts have heavily focused on infants and children; Africa is not left out.

# Current Vaccination Status in Africa Region

- Although Africa is committed to the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP), immunization coverage in this region is below its goals, hence increasing risk to vaccine preventable diseases
- Immunization coverage varies across the Africa region due to several factors.
- A large numbers of the Countries in Africa rely on donor to finance vaccination programs with government contributing <50% of the funds.



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# Current Vaccination Status in Africa Region

- Some countries in Africa already engages Community Pharmacies in Vaccination South Africa, Tunisia (as reported by FIP News letter , July 2021)
- Zimbabwe's pharmacists trained to vaccinate, in advance of official approval



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# Region's Strength/ Priorities



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- Vaccination priorities in the Africa region is the routine immunization for children ages 12-36months
- Little or no focus for adult vaccination against vaccine preventable diseases
- Emergency vaccination such as COVID-19 Vaccination which most times impact routine immunization programs negatively.
- **The newly developed Nigeria Vaccine Policy September 2021 focus on local production of vaccines and to ensure self-sufficiency in vaccines availability**

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# Region's Weaknesses

- **Inadequate human resources & under utilization of available resources** for health is the major challenge of healthcare delivery in Africa
- **Logistic:** Such as vaccines stock-out, transportation, inadequate cold chain capacity as well as epileptic power supply
- **Finance:** inadequate budgetary allocation to health & poor budget performance at all levels complicated with unstable global economy
- **Governance:** Poor leadership and management accountability and capacity gaps.
- **Service delivery :** Poor integration of immunization with broader primary health facilities, poor conditions and inadequate number of health facilities.



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# One Policy to Improve Vaccination Equity, Access and Sustainability



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## A CALL FOR...

**A Regional Policy Document on Legal & Regulatory Framework  
for Community Pharmacies Involvement in Primary Health Care Services  
by the WHO African Region Office.**

### Policy Trust:

To support the population in Africa to benefit from

1. the universal and appropriate access to community pharmacies
2. the full potential of community pharmacies
3. ensured quality of services provided in community pharmacies

*...See WHO European Region Document for reference*

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# Policy outcomes...

- Increase access to vaccination as one major primary care service to be provided in Community Pharmacies in line with the existing **Task Shifting/ Task Sharing Policy**.
- **Community Pharmacies are the most accessible Healthcare Centres and could increase locations for Primary Healthcare Services by as much as 50% in some African countries**



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# Contribution of ACPN through the TGPDPF to Improve Equitable Access to Vaccination in Nigeria.



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- FIP vision of Primary Healthcare Services as the means to achieve Universal Health Coverage.
- The 2018 Astana declaration; a new pathway for primary health care
- The FIP 2019 Ankara declaration for the European region Pharmacists.



*Dr Samuel Adekola signing the Ankara Declaration on 25th October 2019*

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# ACPN/ TGP/DF Contribution to Improve Equitable Access to Vaccination in Nigeria.



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- Theme of the ACPN 2020 National Scientific Conference was **“Optimizing Primary Healthcare Delivery In Nigeria: Community Pharmacists” Untapped Potentials** crystalized to the signing of the **“ABUJA 2020 DECLARATION”** tagged: **COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS COMMITMENT TO ACTIONS ON PRIMARY HEALTHCARE.**



# ACPN /TGPDF MULTI-SECTORAL COMMITTEE...



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- Formation of a multisectoral Committee: The Committee comprise of practitioners from various sectors of pharmacy and healthcare practice, both in Nigeria and from the diaspora.
- The main objective of the Committee was to developed a roadmap for the implementation of the **ABUJA 2020 DECLARATION** and consequent integration of **Community Pharmacies** as primary healthcare delivery centres in Nigeria.

# TGPDF Target on Vaccination Training for Pharmacists in Nigeria...



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- To train and certify 2,000 Nigeria Pharmacists within the next 2years
- To facilitate support and collaboration with the National Primary Health Care Development Agency, NPHCDA on implementation of Pharmacy based vaccination in Nigeria.
- To syndicate supports from Partners, Multinationals, Regional bodies and Institutions towards Accelerating Equity, Access and Sustainability of Vaccination in the Africa sub-region.

# One Major Quick Win from the Project Committee

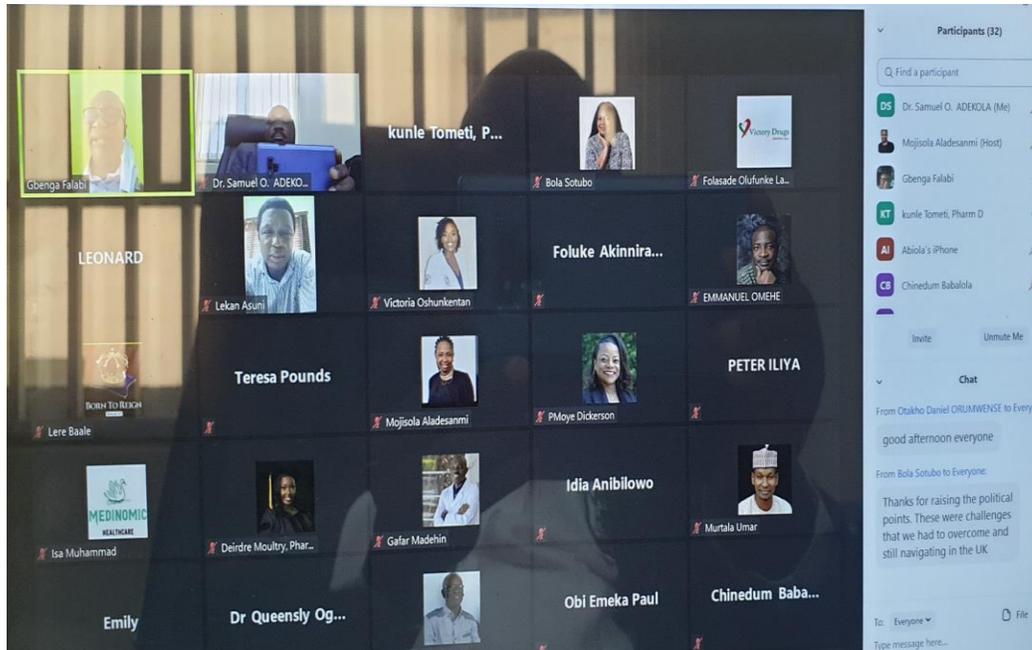
- Development of Pharmacy Based Vaccination Training Program in partnership with the Mercer University, USA for Pharmacists in Nigeria



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## GET CERTIFIED TO GIVE VACCINATIONS!

Pharmacy-Based Vaccination Delivery CPR/BLS Training Program

@ ACPN'S 40th National Scientific Conference  
Venue: Conference Hotel, Presidential Blvd., 1, Golf Resort Drive, Oke Mosan, Abeokuta, Ogun State

**AUGUST 30 9AM-5PM**

For inquiries call: +234 8032117765 or email [tgpdfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tgpdfoundation@gmail.com)

**₦75,000 Registration Fee (₦15,000 Discount for the first 50 participants)**  
Payment should be made to Association of Community Pharmacist of Nigeria (ACPN) Fidelity Bank - Acc NO: 5089125626 on or before 27th July, 2021

### Modules

- Module 1: Background information of Vaccines
- Module 2: Vaccine Considerations, Patient Screening, Education, & Consent
- Module 3: Storage, Handling, Delivery, and Waste Management of Vaccines
- Module 4: Review of Vaccination Equipment/Supplies
- Module 5: Vaccine Administration, Anaphylaxis, & Post-Vaccination Info
- Module 6: Recording and Monitoring Vaccination
- Module 7: Competency Skill Check via exit examination

### FULL MODULE CE CREDIT AVAILABLE

Continuing professional development hours provided by the Pharmacists Council of Nigeria

### ONLINE, IN-PERSON ASSESSMENT

Training provided by certified and qualified trainers

### ENHANCE YOUR PRACTICE & GENERATE REVENUE

Do not miss this program; and excellent opportunity to gain knowledge and skills associated with vaccine information, storage, handling and administration

### CERTIFICATE COURSE

Certificate of Achievement will be granted

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# STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENT for the first leg of the Project



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- **Successful Training and Certification of (161) Nigeria Pharmacists on vaccination, CPR & BLS skills and competences, via an eight modules online and hands - on didactic physical training in partnership with Mercer University, USA at the 40th National Scientific Conference of the ACPN on August 30th, 2021.**

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# Introduction



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Vaccination against COVID-19 rates:

- 60% of people in high-income countries
- **Over 3%** of people in low-income countries
- **Algeria: 10,8%**

COVID-19 vaccine injustice will also have a lasting and profound impact on welfare, jobs, public debt and possibilities for human development, setting back the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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# Equation of Inequity

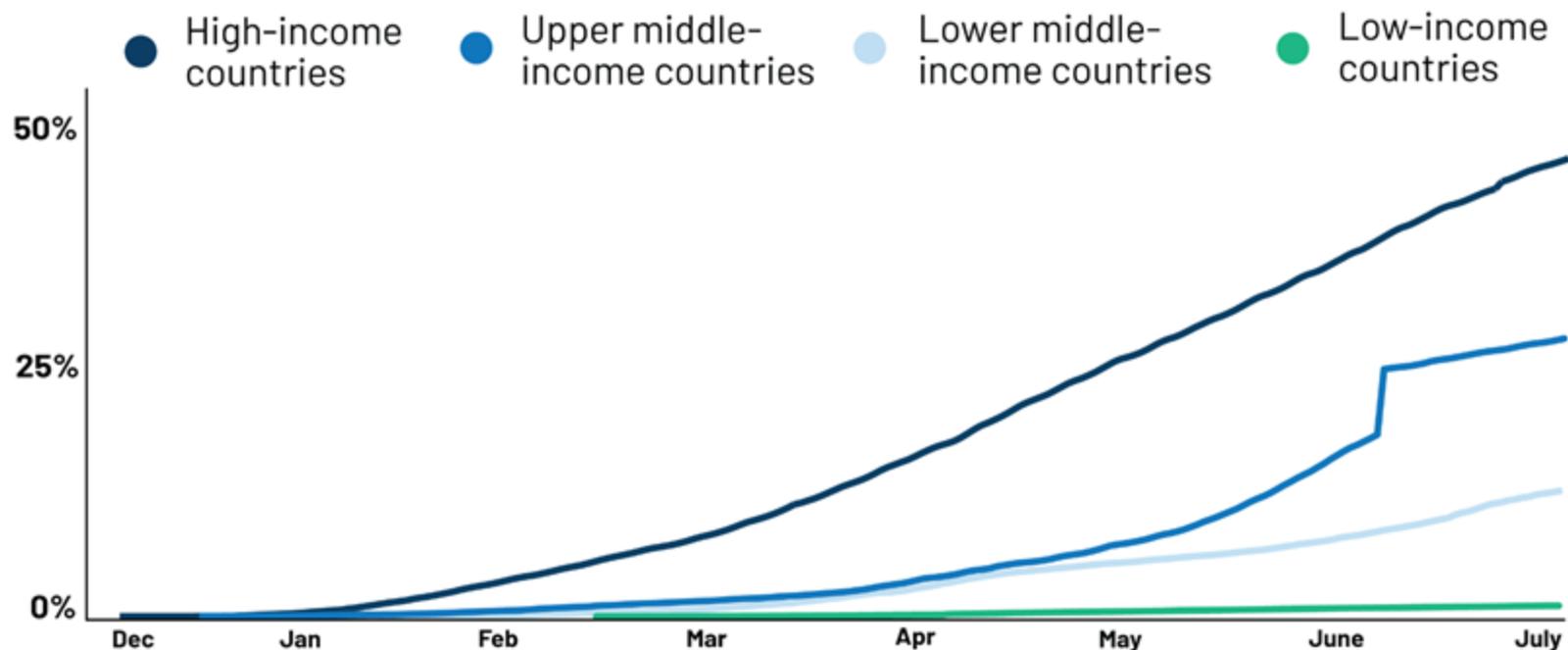


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## Share of Population That Has Received At Least One Dose by Country Income



# Where are we regarding equitable access to vaccines?



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## As for today:

- 11.1M doses were given
- 4.75M individuals are fully vaccinated (10.8%% of the population)
- 364,800 COVID-19 vaccine doses shipped via the COVAX Facility
- Algeria is locally manufacturing the Vaccine

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# A milestone towards increasing vaccination coverage



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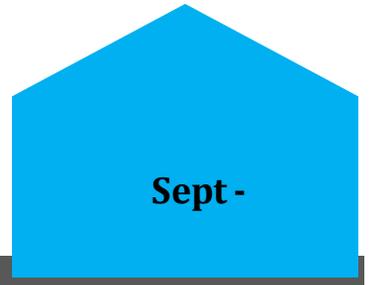


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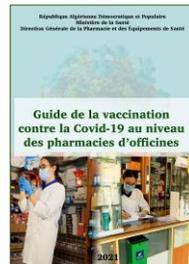


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**Monitoring**

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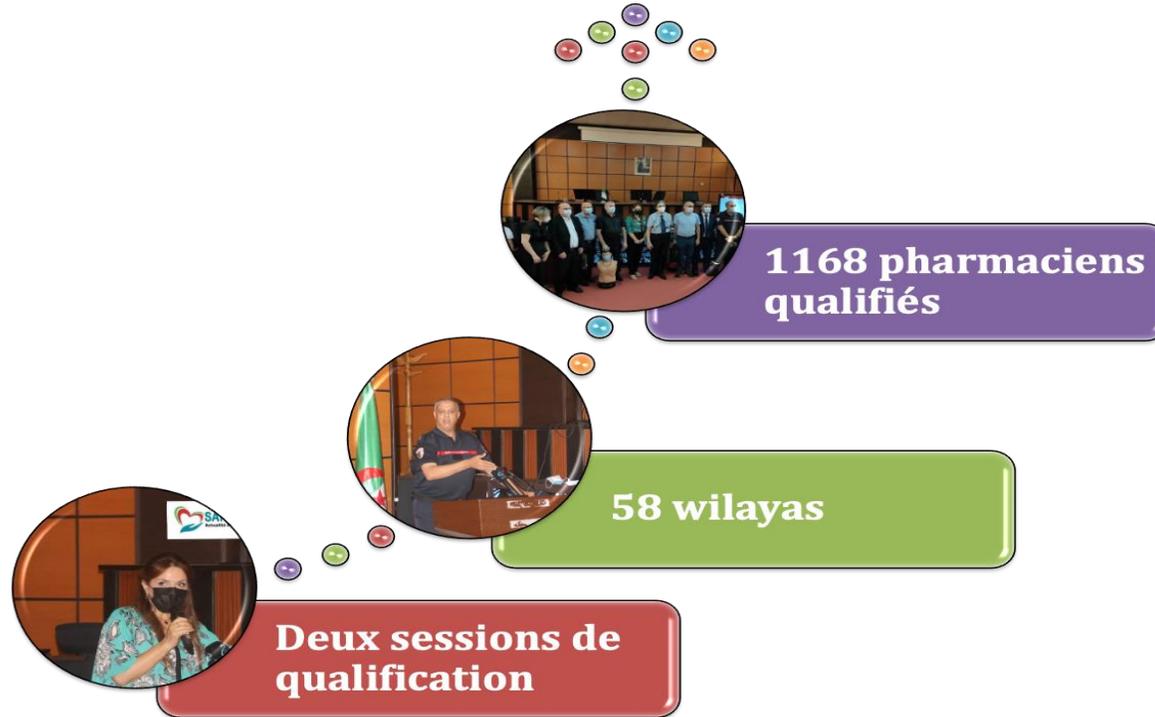
# A milestone towards increasing vaccination coverage



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# Challenges facing vaccination in community pharmacy



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- Very few community pharmacies enrolled
- Role and responsibilities of health care professionals for vaccination
- Lack of capacity building programs, and the necessity of having mandatory trainings for pharmacists

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# Setting the vision straight

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## COVID-19 VACCINE HESITANCY !

Shall we lean towards mandatory vaccination to protect public health?

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# Strengths and priorities with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability?

- Pharmacists have vaccination rights according to Pharmacy Act
- Several childhood and adult vaccination available without prescription
- Minimum standards published by Regulator for vaccination services (in pharmacies)
- National training for all healthcare professionals who wanted to provide the COVID-19 vaccine (same vaccination experience)
- National registration of vaccination centers (central platform)
- Regulation of COVID-19 vaccination centers through permits issued by the National Department of Health in collaboration with the South African Pharmacy Council
- Private and public sector facilities to vaccinate insured and uninsured lives alike
- Vuma weekend to boost access to vaccination, especially in public sector
- Currently developing a supplementary training for pharmacists on Immunisation and injection techniques (broader scope)



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# Weaknesses and challenges with regards to vaccination equity, access, and sustainability?



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- Uptake of service by pharmacies (every opportunity is right to vaccinate)
- Initially, to procure sufficient COVID-19 vaccination stock and supply of vaccines
- Initial difficulty to collaborate between public and private sector
- Initially, uninsured live to only be vaccinated in public sector for COVID-19 (limited access afterhours)
- Initially, not adhering to protocols provided and as a result ending up with administrative burdens
- Vaccination hesitancy, influence of fake news and illiteracy

# ONE policy change that can increase access to vaccination and help achieve equity

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- Integrating vaccination in routine services and everyday life
  - *Taxi ranks / bus stations*
  - *SASSA grant or pension payout points*
  - *Local election stations*
  - *Outreach programmes / mobile clinics*
  - *Weekend outreach programmes at shopping centres*



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# Any Questions?

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