



Vaccinating the World Against COVID-19

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In Dhaka, Bangladesh, Zannatul receives her first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine with help from UNICEF and your monthly support.

The Impact of Your Monthly Support

Thank you for joining UNICEF Canada last year to #GiveAVax, supporting the largest humanitarian response in our lifetime. You've helped launch the international rollout of 2 billion COVID-19 vaccines and treatments to where extreme inequities are prolonging this pandemic, so that more lives can be protected.

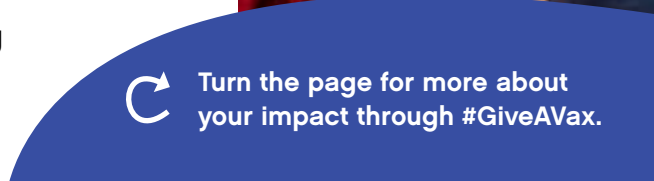
For nearly two years, we have all witnessed the pandemic's effects on lives, communities, economies—and particularly on children, who continue to be caught in the fallout. We also share in the successes of new vaccines, diagnostic tools and treatments, and in the relief of reaching health workers and those most at risk.

Ukrainian paramedic Oleksandr Konovalov is one of the health workers you helped. As an ambulance driver, Oleksandr fell ill with COVID-19 before vaccines became available. He worried that patients could be put at risk by health workers carrying the virus pre-symptomatically or asymptotically. Now that he is fully vaccinated, he knows that risk is minimized.



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Your monthly #GiveAVax donations have already supported equitable vaccine protection for millions of people, including more than **4 million frontline health workers**.



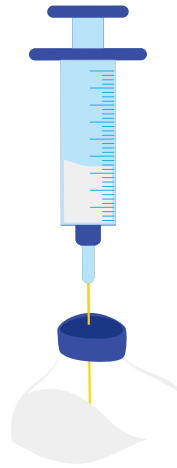
Turn the page for more about your impact through #GiveAVax.

Turning Vaccines into Vaccinations

Including your monthly support through #GiveAVax, UNICEF Canada raised \$18,938,290 last year for the equitable delivery of COVID-19 vaccines. Of this incredible amount, the Government of Canada will match \$9.6 million, bringing the total amount to \$28,614,218 raised here in Canada.

Donor support has enabled us to fund everything it takes to transport vaccines from their point of manufacture; protect the cold chain; prepare countries to receive the vaccines; train health workers; and safely administer the doses to people who urgently need them.

By December 31, 2021, we were able to reach 130 countries with help to prepare for and safely administer the COVID-19 vaccines. This included:



Supporting the Ultra-Cold Chain

Scaling-up access to vaccines is extremely important. While Canada has access to the tools to keep COVID-19 vaccines at the correct temperatures, other countries around the world do not.

Some COVID-19 vaccines require what we call the “ultra-cold chain” (UCC), or the ability to keep vaccines as cold as -70 degrees Celsius. When a country is able to access vaccines requiring UCC, some request support from UNICEF.

The cold chain must be in place the moment that COVID-19 vaccines leave the manufacturer to the moment they are administered. Vaccines travel by plane, truck, boat and even by foot and bicycle, to the most remote corners of the world.

UNICEF aims to deliver 350 units of UCC to more than 45 countries as part of the current scale-up. So far, UNICEF has shipped more than 200 UCC units to 24 countries.



Providing the supplies needed for safe vaccine administration and delivery, such as cold chain and ultra-cold chain equipment, and 4.3 million days’ worth of high-quality personal protective equipment for health workers administering vaccines;



Covering operational costs for vaccines delivery, such as addressing vaccine hesitancy through social mobilization, training health workers, setting up vaccination centres and strengthening data systems;



Providing technical assistance and working with governments to update and roll out their National Deployment and Vaccination Plans.

Thank You

UNICEF is stronger with your monthly support. This pandemic will not end until it ends everywhere. Thank you for believing so strongly in the equitable right to protection from COVID-19, and in what this humanitarian response means for the world and for Canada. Together, we can bring communities and economies past this pandemic—and get childhoods back on track.