GETTING THE WORLD VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19 OCTOBER 2021 STATISTICS UPDATE

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PROGRESS IN PRODUCING VACCINES IS HIGH. FOCUS SHOULD NOW BE ON DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTERING

In two months (December 2021), global COVID-19 vaccine production will surpass **12 billion**. Current production stands at **1.2 billion doses a month**. Success in fighting COVID-19 then relies on distributing and administering these doses globally. Industry is committed to support as much as possible. Until 1 October 2021, **558 million donated doses** have been received by countries needing them.



Industry has delivered: developing COVID-19 vaccines and ramping up production to over 12 billion doses by December 2021 via unparalleled R&D efforts and levels of cooperation, including via over 329 collaborations.

WE HAVE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COVID-19 VACCINES TODAY BECAUSE OF LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN INNOVATION

New vaccine technologies, now used in the fight against COVID-19, are the result of decades of R&D. Their application to COVID-19 in 2020 was made possible by strong cooperation between academics, industry, regulators and governments.



mRNA, adenovector and other technologies available for COVID-19 and other diseases

R&D generated important scientific data that were/are used for developing COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

Use of medical research from previous outbreaks and new technologies (e.g. mRNA, Life Viral Vector technology) for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.



Innovation and R&D continue to be important to fight emerging COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VoC) and are vital to future pandemic preparedness.

COVID-19 VACCINE PRODUCTION IS COMPLICATED, NEEDS REGULATORY APPROVAL AND REQUIRES EXTENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL



70% of the vaccine production time is dedicated to quality control and testing. Knowing the ingredients of a vaccine and how to combine them is not sufficient: expertise and experience matter, which is why the 329 voluntary licensing agreements are key.

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TRADE POLICY SUPPORTING GLOBAL VACCINE EXPORTS IS A KEY DRIVER FOR VACCINE EQUITY



Producing one vaccine can require 280 components from 86 suppliers in 19 countries. That is why trade openness is vital for global supply chains to allow COVID-19 vaccine production and exports. Governments should eliminate trade barriers that impede the distribution of critical supplies and vaccines across borders, for example through the Trade and Health Initiative (TAHI) at the WTO.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ABSORPTIVE CAPACITIES AND VACCINE HESITANCY ARE BARRIERS TO VACCINE ACCESS AND SUCCESS



With production no longer being the bottleneck, healthcare system preparedness for COVID-19 vaccine roll-outs and high levels of vaccine confidence are key factors to get people vaccinated. But these are still lacking in parts of the world.

