

The Integrity Learning Series

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# Corruption risks in the COVID-19 vaccination process and tools to address them

### Asian Development Bank Webinar "Integrity Learning Series: Integrity Risks in Vaccine Programs"

30 September 2021, 14:00-15:30, Manila

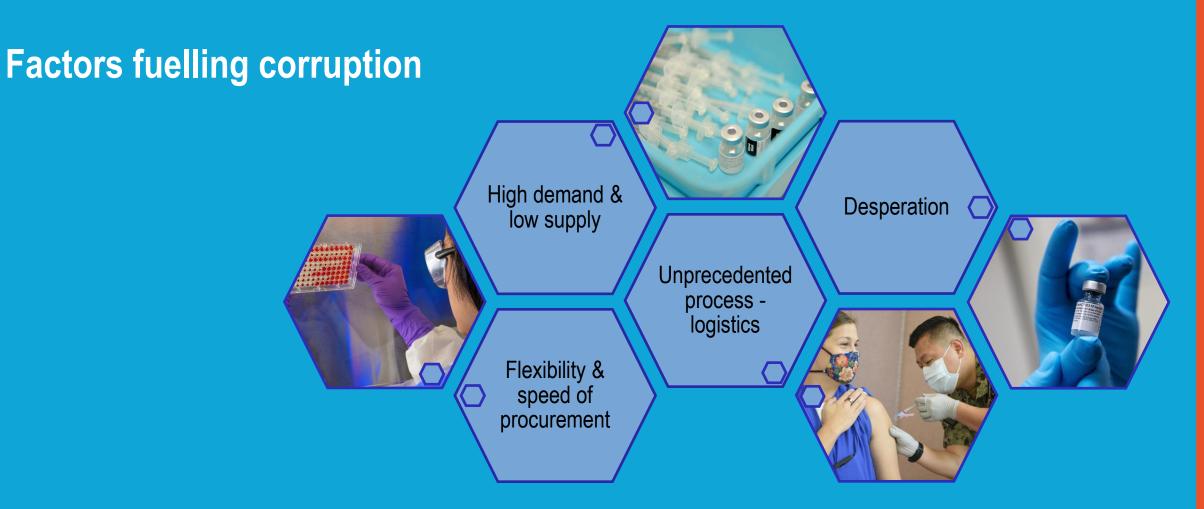




# Agenda

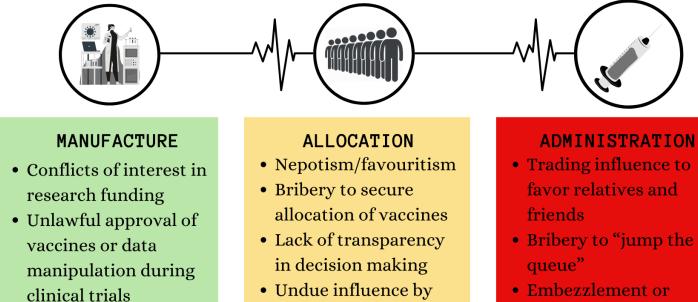
- Factors fuelling corruption
- Which corruption risks?
- Tools to mitigate the risks







# **Corruption risks**



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#### PROCUREMENT

• Lack of transparency in negotiation agreements

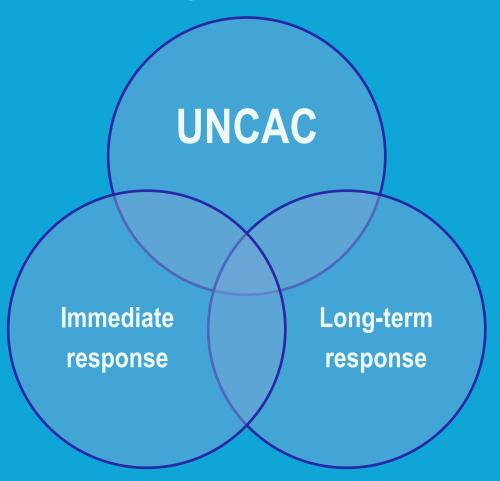
### SUPPLY

- misappropriation of vaccines to be sold in the black market

### DEMAND



## **Tools to mitigate corruption risks**





Immediate Response Preventative measures



Install a specialized committee to oversee emergency funds and vaccine deployment

Implement secure storage and distribution systems

Call for more transparency in the vaccine procurement;

allocation criteria; and administration of vaccines

Strengthen civil society participation; reporting mechanism



Protect journalists and whistle-blowers



Immediate Response Law enforcement measures



Expediently investigate reported corruption cases linked to the allocation or administration of vaccines

Conduct parallel financial investigations





Establish communication channels between enforcement and delivery agencies



Get acquainted with relevant new legislation



Develop effective internal corruption investigation and resolution processes within the organizations involved in the allocation and administration of vaccines



### Long-term measures

- Conduct corruption risk assessments
- Strengthen anti-corruption laws and policies
- Reinforce the auditing, oversight, accountability and corruption reporting mechanisms





# **RECAP FOR PROJECTS General considerations**

Corruption risks exist throughout the vaccines supply chain

Projects need an anti-corruption component

Situation in one country can influence border countries

Prevention is better than cure

Corruption risks exist also in the procurement of other medical supplies and in services needed to administer vaccines



# **RECAP FOR PROJECTS Considerations for corruption mitigation**

Consider communication channels (among agencies and with citizens) and transparency features

Anti-corruption authorities and civil society can be key oversight partners

Include complaint mechanisms

Analyze the interplay between transparency and privacy

Reduce information asymmetry



### Example: Transparency during the administration of vaccines

### What data should be made public?

To oversee the vaccine administration process, anti-corruption authorities/citizens require access to some personal data of those vaccinated. Countries must weigh between data protection and the social interest to have access to enough information to oversee the process.

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In country X. between March and April vaccines were being administered only to those aged **80 or more**. When accessing the database it reflects that several people **under 80** were vaccinated.

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The database includes: UUID; risk group; age; gender, date of vaccination, doses; type of vaccine; and vaccination centre.

Is the provided data enough to call the system transparent? Does it facilitate the work of law enforcement officers?

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### For more information visit

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/covid-19.html

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#### **UNODC RESPONSE**

#### **UNODC COVID-19 policy documents**

CYBERCRIME AND COVID19 in Southeast Asia: an evolving picture (16 May 2021; PDF)

Policy paper on COVID-19 vaccines and corruption risks: Preventing corruption in the manufacture, allocation and distribution of vaccines | EN [9 December 2020, updated: 8 January 2021] | ES | FR [17 March 2021]

#### Further UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents

#### **COVID-19 Research Briefs**

Data Matters - 1: UNODC Research Brief on Imprisonment

The impact of COVID-19 on organized crime

COVID-19-related Trafficking of Medical Products as a Threat to Public Health

#### **Further COVID-19 Research Briefs**

#### **Education for all ages**

Education activities for children and youth from primary to tertiary levels (Education for Justice)

UNODC's eLearning platform offers online training on international security threats (UNODC eLearning platform)



More COVID-19 videos

#### Social Media content List of topics

#### **Opinion pieces**

April 2021 - Access to Justice in Relation to COVID-19: A Norwegian Perspective on an Issue of Judicial Integrity

February 2021 - The State of Women's Access to Justice in the COVID-19 Pandemic

December 2020 - Judicial Training in Times of COVID-19

November 2020 - The Right of Access to Justice in Serbia during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Further opinion pieces**