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Symposium on Multilateral Financing of Pandemic Preparedness: Keynote

11th of July 2025

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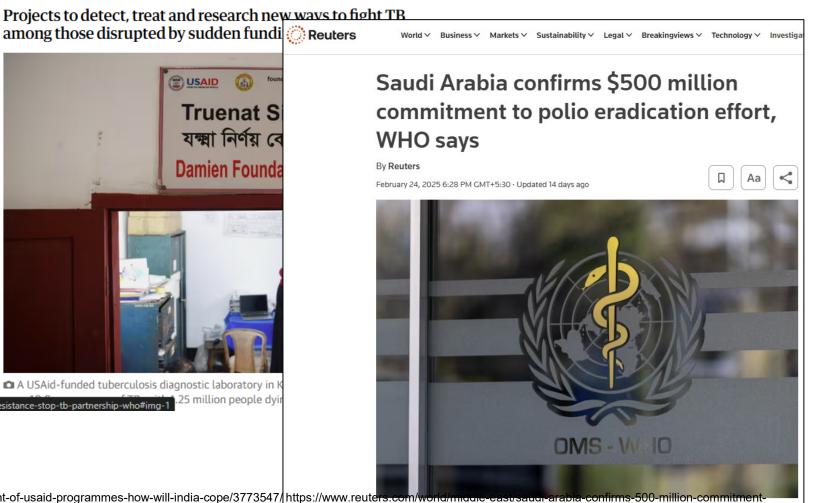


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USAid cuts could create untreatable TB bug 'resistant to everything we have'



Business News / World News / US Pulls Plug On 83 Percent Of USAID Programmes - How Will India Co US pulls plug on 83 percent of USAID programmes - How will India cope?

In 2024, \$151 million was disbursed to India until December 19, when the site was last updated.

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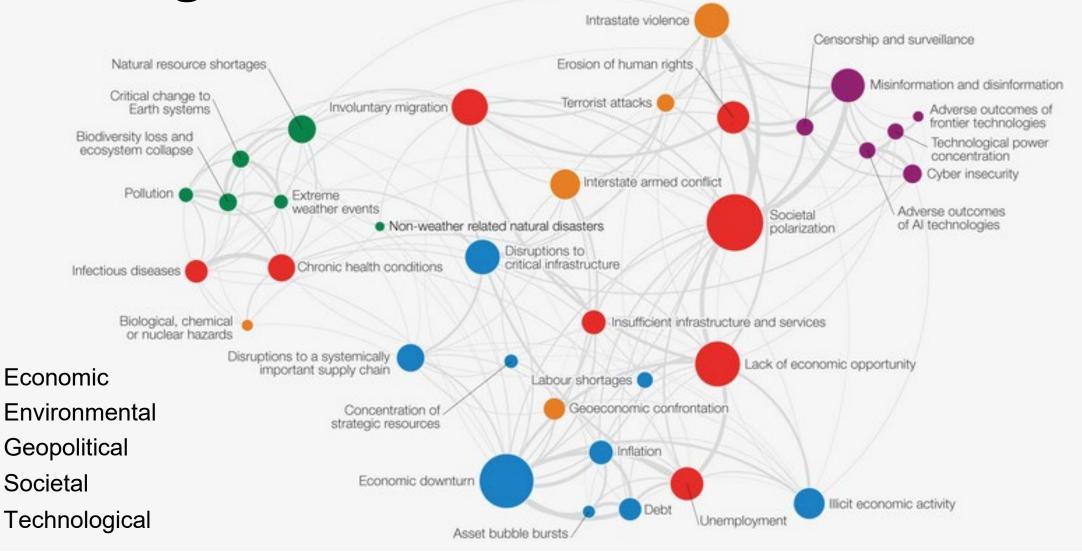
President Donald Trump speaks at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025. AP/PTI(AP02_19_2025_000001A)

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Monday announced that 83 percent of all USAID programmes will be shutdown after a six-week review. Rubio took to social media platform, X, and said the cut consists of 5,200 contracts, and the remaining, approximately 1,000 projects, are to be administered by the State Department directly.

Source: https://www.financialexpress.com/world-news/us-pulls-plug-on-83-percent-of-usaid-programmes-how-will-india-cope/3773547/ https://www.reuters.com/world/middie-cast/sau polio-eradication-effort-who-says-2025-02-24/ https://www.theguardianTcom/society/2025/miar/10Aus-aid-cuts-tuberculosis-tb-uhtreatable-bug-drug-resistance-stop-tb-partnership-who



Global threats are rapidly escalating and becoming ever more intertwined

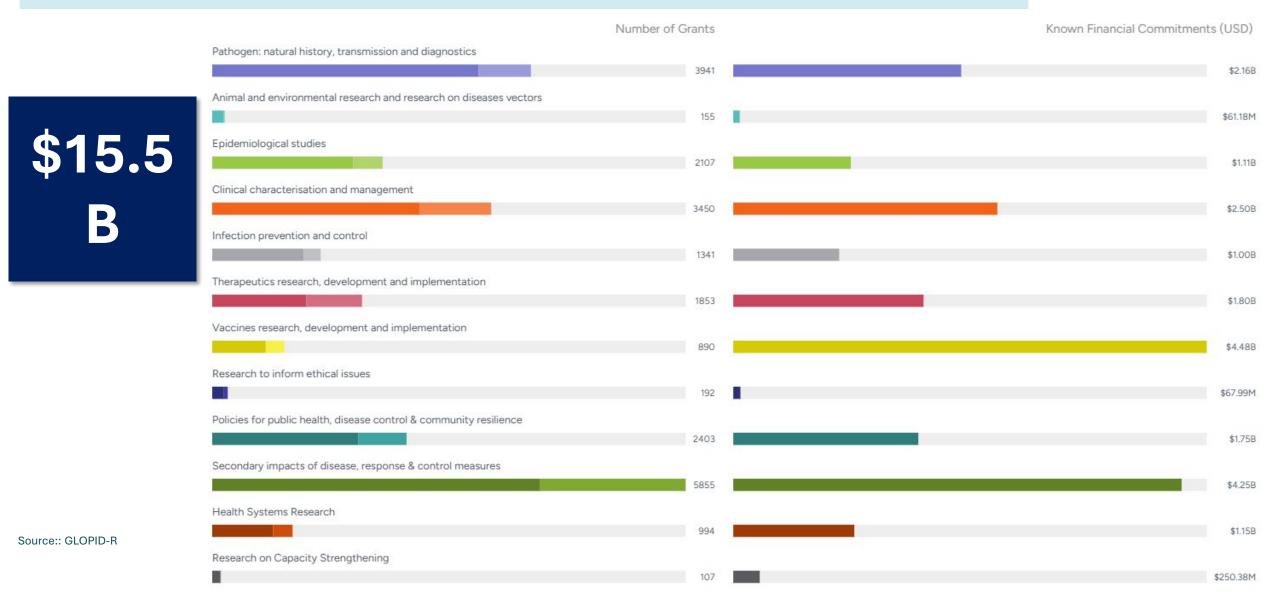


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Financing for COVID-19 Health Response

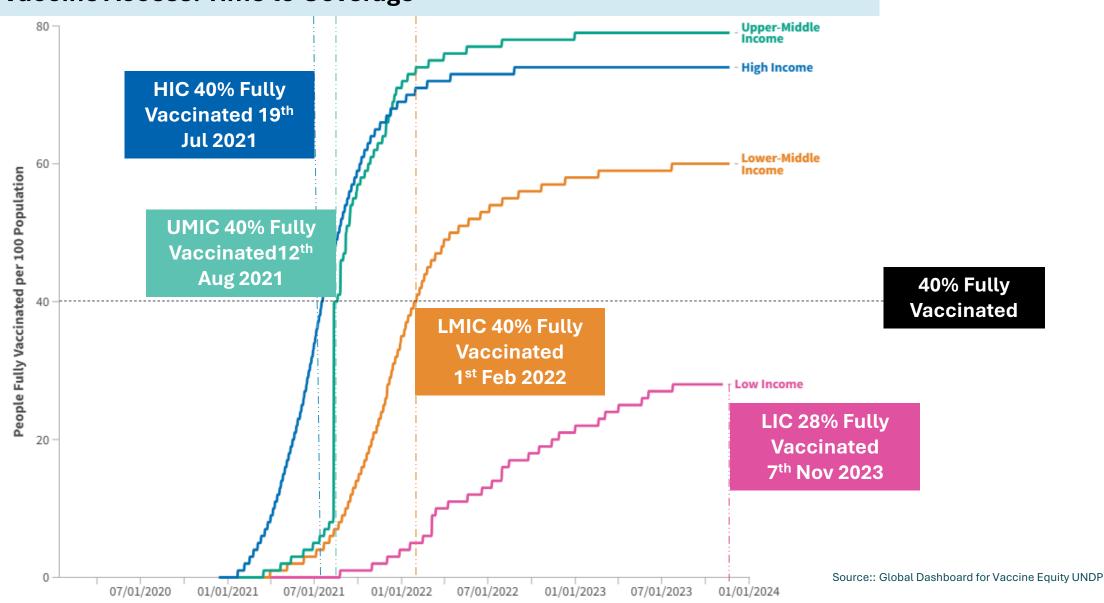
Research funding areas 2020-2025 (USD)





COVID-19: What about Equity?

COVID-19 Vaccine Access: Time to Coverage



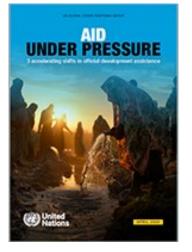


Equitable PPPR Financing Solutions for the New World



PPPR Financing: Global Financing

3.3 billion people



live in countries that spend more on interest than education or health

Population in developing countries where spending on interest exceeds education or health (2020-2022)

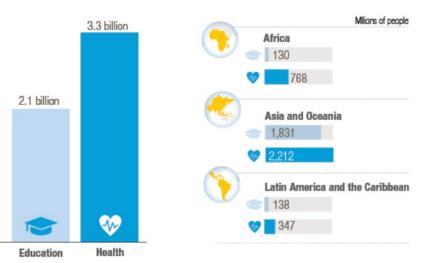
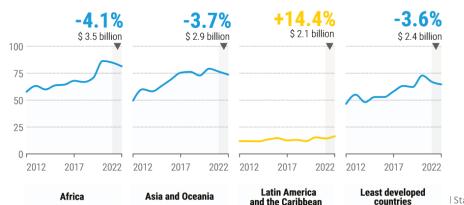


Figure 3. ODA fell for most developing regions

ODA towards developing regions in US\$ billion at constant 2021 prices



- 60% LIC and 25% MIC are in debt stress; debt
 forgiveness behind schedule ; urgent debt relief
 and restructuring needed to free up fiscal space
 for health
- Official Development Assistance grew only by 4% in 2022 stripped of C19, Ukraine war, and refugee costs; 0.37% actual vs target of 0.70% GNI of members – only four countries met target; expand
 ODA to SDG target urgently

Source: https://www.developmentaid.org/api/frontend/cms/file/2024/04/ODA-summary-2023.pd, UNGCRG. Aid under pressure: 3 accelerating shifts in official development assistance. April 2024. https://carnegieendowment.org/research/2024/01/why-debtrelief_matters-to-the-wealthy-west?lang=en | Staff. It may be shared outside ADB with appropriate permission.



PPPR Areas: Pandemic Treaty 2025



PPPR Areas: Pandemic Fund

Projects supported by the Pandemic Fund are filling critical financing and capacity gaps **BOX 2.3** in surveillance, laboratories and health workforce, while advancing equity and inclusion



Funding by programmatic priority and type of funding (US\$ Million)

With US\$338 million awarded in grants, the Pandemic Fund was able to catalyze an additional US\$2 billion in investments in surveillance, laboratory systems, health workforce and other activities.

~95%

Of funding to projects address gaps in all three priority programmatic areas.

~75%

Of projects advance

gender equality and

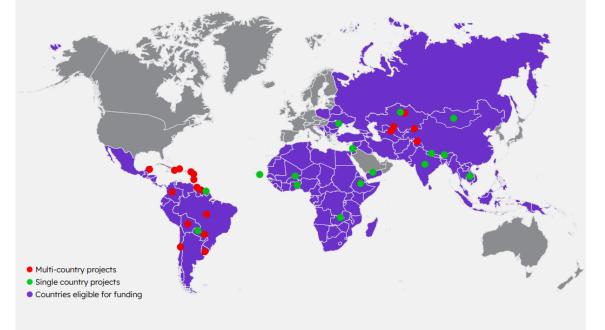
Of projects strive to involve civil society in women's empowerment. project implementation.

~85%

~70%

Of projects highlight meaningful community engagement through building workforce capacity at community and local levels.

The Pandemic Fund's Portfolio represents a balance across geographies and income groups



Through the 19 awarded projects, including 3 multi-country projects, the Pandemic Fund has reached 37 countries across every region:

Source: https://www.instagram.com/p/DJ4L -v7qEkz/?img_index=3



BOX 2.1

PPPR Financing: Regional Mechanisms

Ministry of Finance

Government of India and ADB sign \$170 million loan to strengthen pandemic preparedness and response

Posted On: 02 JUL 2024 9:47PM by PIB Delhi

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) today signed a \$170 million policy-based loan to consolidate and preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics.

The signatories to the 'Strengthened and Measurable Actions for Resilient and Transformative Health Systems Programme (Subprogramm Joint Secretary Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Ms. Mio Oka, Country I

WHO, FAO and ADB join hands with Pakistan to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response

Pakistan's Pandemic Fund starts its implementation with a national high-level consultation to establish One Health units across the country





DG Health representatives of WHO_FAO_ADB_NIH and provincial and regional authorities during the national consultation held in Islamahad to establish One Health units across the country. Photo credit:

Source:: https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2030329#:~:text=The https://www.thepandemicfund.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Strategio%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Flangefhettps://www.paho.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/Pandemic%20Fund%20Strategio%20Strategio%20Str



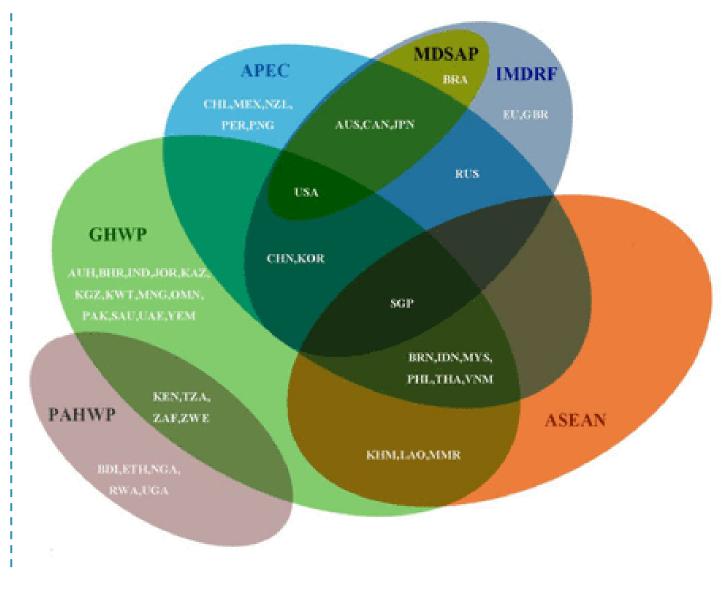


PPPR Financing: Regional Harmonization

PAHO and CEPI to advance regulatory harmonization and response to health emergencies in the Americas

CEPI • 23rd September 2024



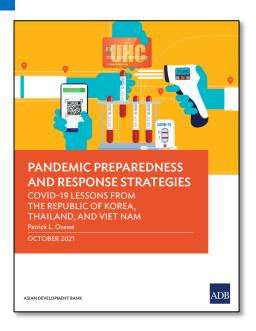


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Ming Xu, Li Zhang, Xiangning Feng, Zhenyu Zhang, Yangmu Huang - Regulatory reliance for convergence and harmonisation in the medical device space in Asia-Pacific: BMJ Global Health 2022;7:e009798.

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PPPR Financing: Regionally Coordinated Policy





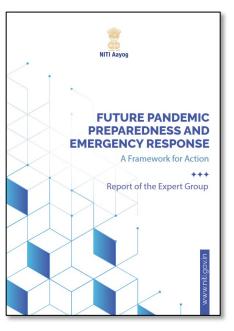
The recommendations of the Pandemic Preparedness and Emergency Response Framework (PPER) are in four pillars:

1. Governance, Legislation, Finance and Management

2.Data Management, Surveillance and Early Predictive Warning, Forecasting and Modelling,

3.Research and Innovation, Manufacturing, Infrastructure, Capacity building/Skilling

4.Partnership, Community engagement including risk communication, Private sector partnerships, and international collaborations



PPPR Areas: Action Frameworks

A GLOBAL DEAL

PARDEMIC PARDEMIC PREPAREDNESS PREPAREDNESS PUB DESPONSE







response to a pandemic

Source: https://pandemic-financing.org/report/high-level-summary/

PPPR Areas: Localization for Regional Supply Equity





9 15 recipients of mRNA technology from the mRNA technology transfer hub (Public, private, PPPs – with gov backing)



mRNA Technology Transfer Programme – model for multilateral technology transfer

Strategy to address future pandemic preparedness & interpandemic sustainability through mRNA platform development, training and technology transfer



Enabling health security through linking R&D and manufacturing strengthening

Gaps in R&D Ecosystem:

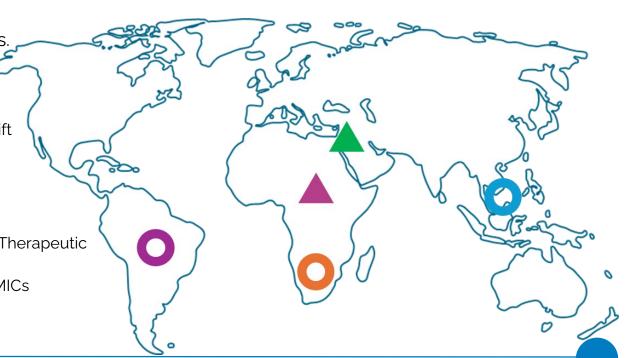
- v Most LMIC-based manufacturers rely on externally developed technology for their sustainability.
- Few GMP-compliant translational research facilities that can translate concepts into products for clinical trials => creating a bottleneck to autonomously diversifying the vaccine portfolio.

Enabling the development of mRNA R&D consortia => a cornerstone for sustainable health security in LMICs

- Facilitate partnerships between manufacturers, R&D institutions and translational research centres to take products from concept to trials.
- Focus on regional-specific public health needs
- Reduces risks and generates extra value for emerging technologies.
 - Africa Region: Regional meeting planned in Q4 2025
 - **Southern African:** Tuberculosis, HIV, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Rift Valley Fever, Neisseria gonorrhoeae
 - East Mediterranean region: Fatty liver disease
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Programme

- Latin America Region: Influenza (pandemic and seasonal), Leishmaniasis
- **South-East Asia and Pacific regions:** Dengue, Malaria *Plasmodium vivax*, Therapeutic Human Papilloma Virus, Hands Foot and Mouth Disease
- Inter- regional: New lipids (improve technology to be more suitable for LMICs thermostability and cost of goods)



The consortia, including research organisations and manufacturers, have been created to develop vaccine candidates targeting diseases of regional relevance. Some of the consortia formed as regional are becoming inter-regional.

Phase 2.0 shifts towards product pipeline development, sustainability, GMPgrade manufacturing and real-world impact.

- Transition from can manufacture to ' can deliver'
- Support LMIC manufactures to become viable, GMP-compliant producers
- Address regional health needs and contribute to global health security
- Diven by 3 pillars

• Aligned with the WHO Pandemic Agreement (May 2025)







Press announcement with full event video (including the Partners' testimonies):

Technology Transfe

https://medicinespatentpool.org/news-publications-post/mrna-technology-transfer-programmes-phase-2-0discussed-with-partners-on-the-sidelines-of-g20-summit

Phase 1.0 focused on platform development, training, and technology transfer



Technology Transfer overall status



Enabling health security through linking manufacturing and R&D strengthening

Gaps in the R&D ecosystem

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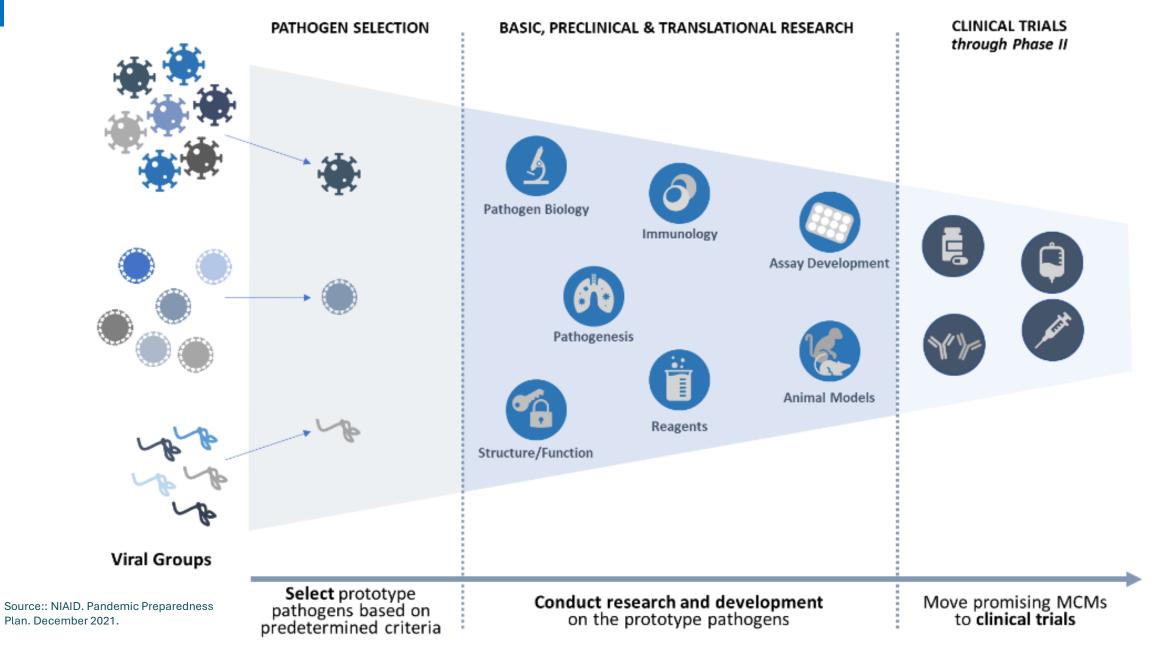
- Manufacturers rely on externally developed technology for their sustainability.
- Strong clinical trial infrastructure, but test candidates are not a result of regional development
- Limited GMP-compliant translational research facilities.
- Most mRNA partners have limited R&D capacity, creating a bottleneck of autonomously diversifying the vaccine portfolio.

R&D consortia as a model to foster vaccine development

- Facilitate partnerships between manufacturers, R&D institutions and translational research centres to take products from concept to trials.
- Focus on regional-specific public health needs
- Reinforces the Programme's commitment to decentralized, collaborative, and equitable innovation—a cornerstone for sustainable health security in LMICs.



PPPR Areas: Pathogens





PPPR Areas: Pathogens

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South-East Asia Region

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Western Pacific Region

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PPPR Areas: Socio Economic Drivers







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PPPR Area: UHC and PHC





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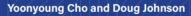


PPPR Areas: Protection and Resilience





COVID-19 and Social Assistance in the Philippines: Lessons for Future Resilience



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