

## Background information

To help countries protect people from developing severe disease from pandemic influenza H1N1 infection, the World Health Organization (WHO) is coordinating the distribution of donated pandemic influenza vaccine to 95 countries. These countries were identified based on their vulnerability to pandemic influenza and their readiness and ability to use the vaccine for priority populations. WHO is working with UN and country partners to facilitate the distribution of the vaccine.

### Mobilizing resources

Governments, foundations and manufacturers have offered contributions of vaccines, ancillary products (such as syringes, vaccine vial monitors and safety boxes) and finances to support the donation initiative.

### Current situation

WHO has received pledges of nearly 180 million doses of vaccine, 75 million syringes and US\$ 67 million for vaccine deployment.

Overview of resource mobilization (millions)			
Resource	Need	Pledge	Gap <sup>1</sup>
Vaccines (doses)	200	178.4	21.6
Syringes	200	74.5	125.5
Safety boxes	2	0.5	1.5
US\$ for global operations	62.6	35.7	26.9
US\$ for in-country operations	170	31.3	138.7

<sup>1</sup> Is equal to the difference between needs and pledges.

### Preparing the first countries to receive vaccines

WHO and partners are assisting the 95 countries prepare to receive and use vaccines, with an immediate focus on a first group of 35 countries.

Before countries receive donated vaccines, they complete three steps: 1) make a request to receive donated vaccines, 2) sign an agreement accepting the terms and conditions of support and 3) develop a national pandemic vaccine deployment plan.

### Current situation

- 34 of the first 35 countries have requested vaccine donations.
- 20 countries have signed agreements with WHO.
- 4 countries have finalized national deployment plans.

### Prequalification of pandemic vaccines

WHO only supplies vaccines that have been prequalified, meaning they have been reviewed by a team of WHO experts and deemed to meet international quality standards. To date, nine vaccines have been submitted for prequalification by manufacturers, five vaccines have been prequalified, and several others are in the prequalification process. More information on prequalification is available at [http://www.who.int/immunization\\_standards/vaccine\\_quality/pg\\_system/en/](http://www.who.int/immunization_standards/vaccine_quality/pg_system/en/)

### Planning for national deployment

WHO has completed nine training workshops in all regions to help countries produce sound national deployment plans and prepare to receive and manage pandemic vaccines.

The deployment plans describe who the vaccine will be given to, how it will be administered, and many other aspects of the logistics of the operation. The first target group is health-care workers, as they are a vulnerable group because of their exposure to the disease, and vital in keeping a country's health care system functioning.

### Current situation

Four countries have completed national deployment plans.

### Supplying vaccines to countries

After a country meets the criteria for receiving donated pandemic vaccine, WHO deploys donated vaccines to the country through its partners and its distribution services agent (UNOPS).

### Current situation

WHO with partners has placed orders for vaccines for three countries and begun to transport ancillary products to several others.

Status of orders and deliveries to countries		
Recipient country	Products	Status
Afghanistan	Vaccines	Pending National Deployment Plan
	Ancillaries	En route
Azerbaijan	Vaccines	Preparing to depart
	Ancillaries	En route
Mongolia	Vaccines	Preparing to depart
	Ancillaries	En route