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Country Readiness and Delivery Work Stream

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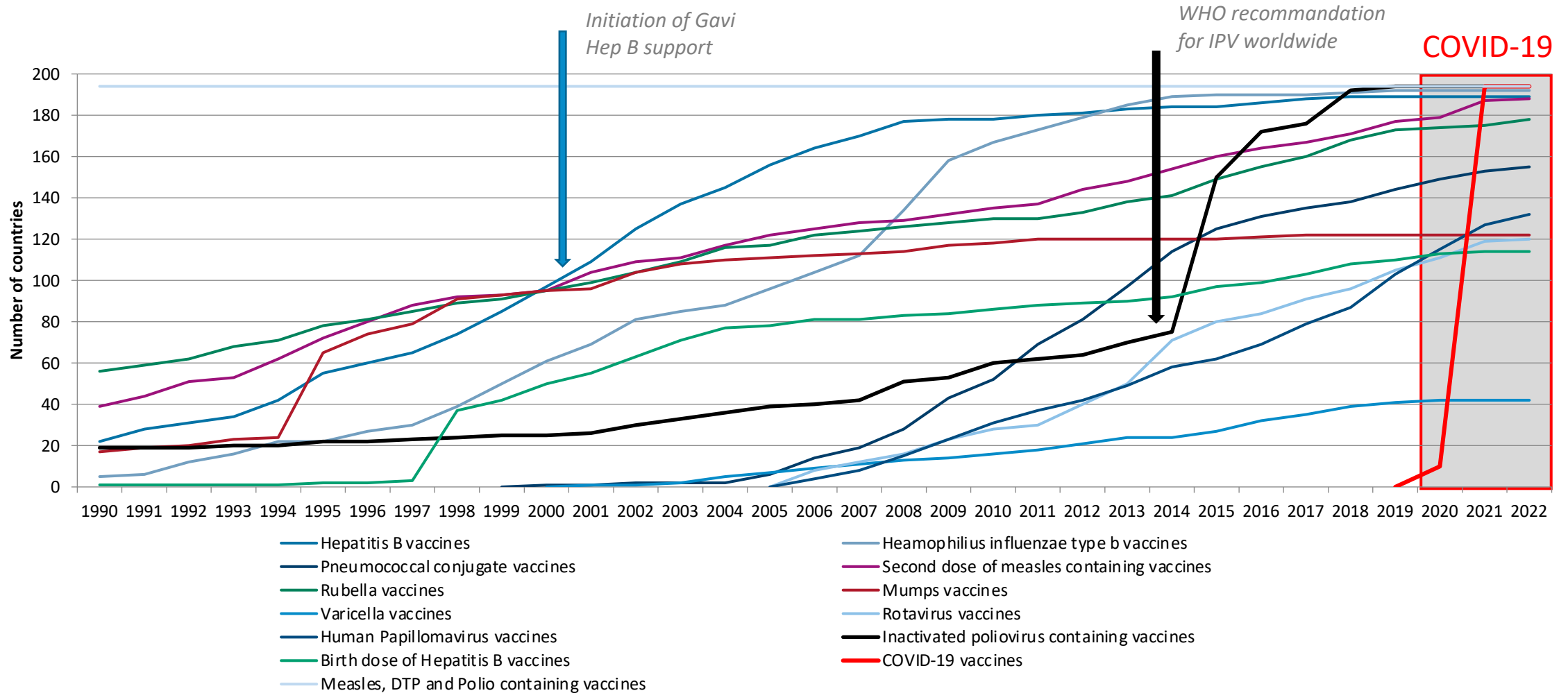


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Urgency of the situation



We will need to introduce the COVID-19 vaccines faster than ever before; countries must be ready to do so



02

The CRD environment



ACT-A's goal is to reduce COVID mortality and severe disease through accelerated development, equitable allocation & scaled up delivery of...

Vaccines



2 billion doses by the end of 2021

Therapeutics



245 million courses by mid-2021

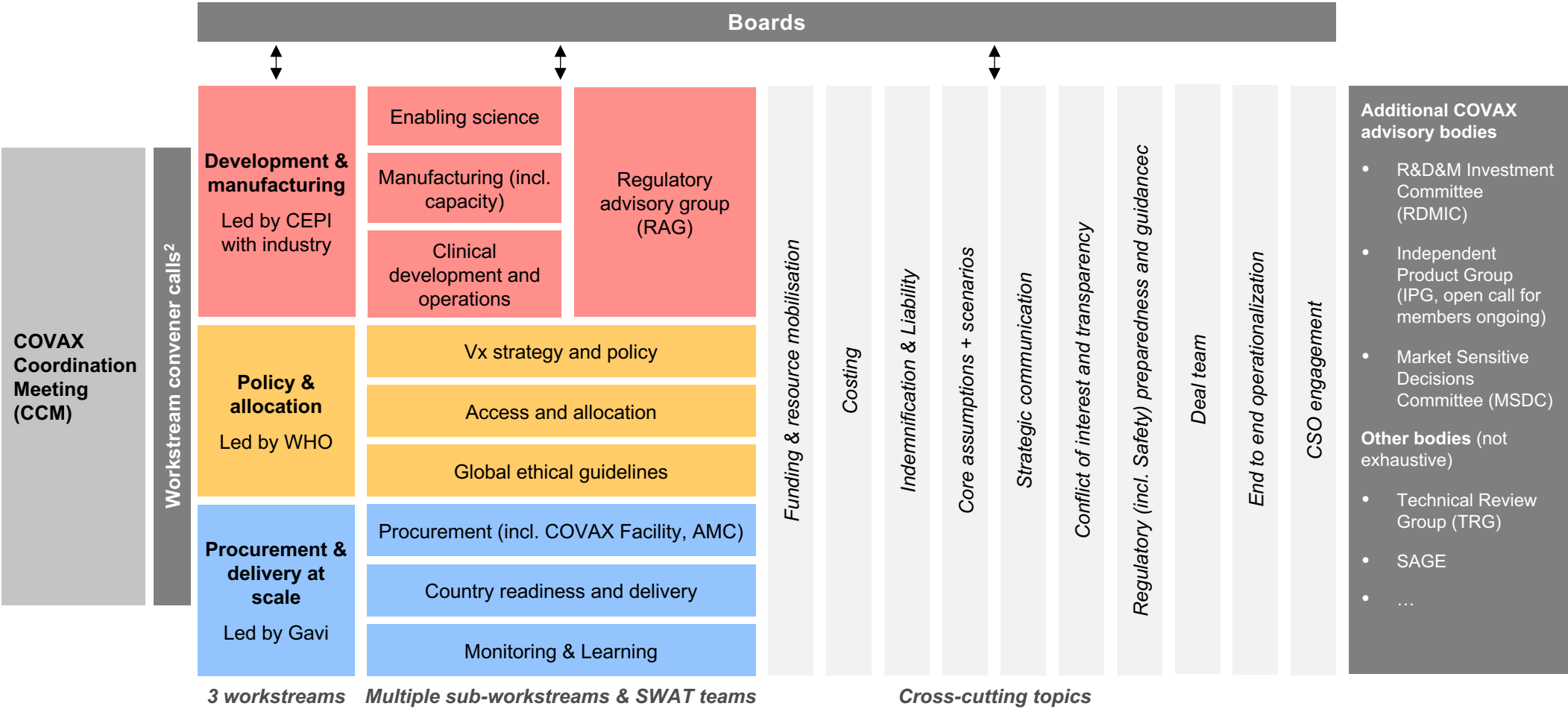
Diagnostics



500 million tests by mid-2021

...thereby protecting health systems & restoring societies & economies

COVAX is currently divided in to nine workstreams



1. Not representing the structure but the organization of working teams/sub-teams within COVAX

2. Also WSC PMs call

03

What CRD does



The COVAX Country Readiness and Delivery workstream, co-lead by WHO and UNICEF, is divided into 8 different working groups with the participations of multiple stakeholders

Country Readiness and Delivery Working Groups

- 
Communication, Advocacy & Training
Global advocacy, communication and training materials
- 
Data & monitoring
Data and system requirements and monitoring
- 
Coordination
Project management coordination with partners and regions and planning delivery costing
- 
Implementation & Guidance
Operational “how to” guidance and tools, split into 3 teams:
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Vaccine introduction
Readiness checklist, delivery approach, vaccine use
- 
Demand
Demand & acceptance, community engagement, risk communication, social listening
- 
Supply & logistics
Supply distribution, logistics and cold chain
- Delivery Costing**

Stakeholders



Country readiness and delivery – guidance, tools and trainings

Guidance and Tools

- Operational guidance on National Vaccine Deployment Plans
- Field guide to misinformation management
- Country level monitoring guidance
- Detailed supply & logistics guide
- ... and more!

Trainings

- Training packages for health workers and national stakeholders
- Designed with end-users in mind (modular virtual and in-person training)
- Leverage existing e-learning platforms: Agora.unicef.org and openwho.org

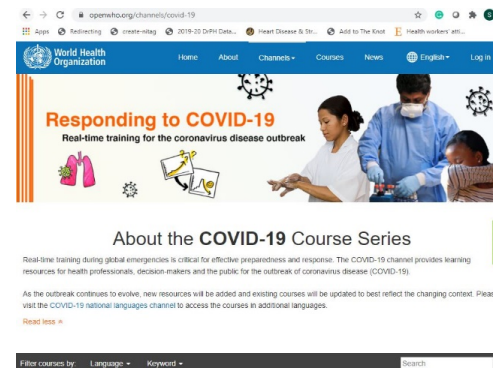
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Immunization Coverage Data

This course will enhance staff understanding of immunization data systems and how to use data to make decisions that lead to higher immunization performance.

Topic:	Strategies, Research
Format:	Online courses, Advanced e-course
Provider:	UNICEF, UN & UN agencies, WHO
Language:	English
Compatibility:	Tablet, Agora Offline



The screenshot shows the WHO COVID-19 training portal. The main heading is "Responding to COVID-19" with the subtitle "Real-time training for the coronavirus disease outbreak". Below this, there is a section titled "About the COVID-19 Course Series" which states: "Real-time training during global emergencies is critical for effective preparedness and response. The COVID-19 channel provides learning resources for health professionals, decision-makers and the public for the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). As the outbreak continues to evolve, new resources will be added and existing courses will be updated to best reflect the changing context. Please visit the COVID-19 national languages channel to access the courses in additional languages." There is a "Read less" link below this text. At the bottom, there is a search bar and filters for "Language" and "Keyword".

Vaccine Introduction Readiness Assessment Tool 2.0

Focus Areas

A. Planning & Coordination

B. Resources & Funding

C. Regulatory

D. Prioritization, targeting & surveillance

E. Service delivery

F. Training & Supervision

G. Monitoring & Eval

H. Vaccine, cold chain & Logistics

I. Safety Surveillance

J. Demand Generation & Comms

What is the VIRAT 2.0?

- **National level tool** to be used by Ministries of Health, with support from WHO and UNICEF Country Offices and partners
- **Co-developed by WHO, UNICEF and WB**, assessing both technical readiness and financial support needs
- **Planning roadmap** signaling main activities that need to be established to adequately prepare for COVID-19 vaccine introduction
- Supports participants to **self-monitor their readiness and progress now and over time** against key milestones; identify areas where support may be needed

What is not?

- A detailed operational guideline on how to achieve country readiness
- A detailed guidance to develop National Vaccine Deployment Plan (NDVP guidance is now released)

COVAX Country Readiness Core Indicator Monitoring - Insights

- Information currently available at global level for 105 countries (+16 from last week)
 - Identifiable data available for 75 countries (+11)(AFR, AMR, EMR, and SEAR), anonymized data available for another 30 countries (+5)(EUR)
 - Among these 105, information is available for 59 (64%) of the 92 AMC-eligible economies (42 Gavi; 17 Non-Gavi)
- Average Readiness Core Indicator (RCI)¹ Score for available data: 23%

Region	AFR	AMR	EMR	EUR	SEAR	WPR
RCI Score	14.7%	22.4%	21.0%	32.1%	25%	--

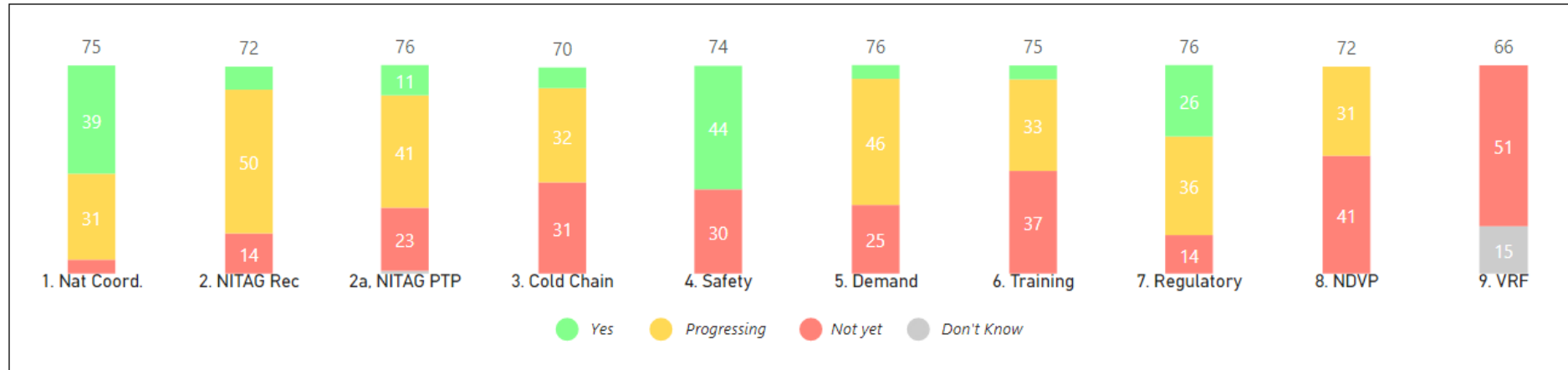
- Percent progress by indicator for available identifiable data:

Indicator	1: N. Coord.	2: NITAG Rec	2a: NITAG PI	3: Cold C.	4: Safety ²	5: Demand	6: Training	7: Reg.	8:NDVP	9: VRF ³
% achievement	52.0%	10.7%	14.7%	9.3%	58.7%	6.7%	6.7%	35.7%	0%	0%

- Focus areas for upcoming weeks include:
 - NDVP development
 - Training planning
 - Assessment of cold chain capacity
 - Demand generation planning
- Progress tracking planned following update of available data in December

1: RCI score is a composite indicator of the state of preparation advancement based on achievement of core indicators, each weighted equally; 2: EURO not reporting on the safety indicator; 3: Vaccine Request Form data has not yet been made available from the COVAX facility

CRD Country Readiness Core Indicator Dashboard



Legend

#	Abbreviation	Indicator
1.	Nat. Coord	Planning - Is there a national coordinating body for COVID-19 vaccine introduction in place?
2.	NITAG Rec	Planning - Is the NITAG (or equiv advisory body) reviewing evidence in view of a recommendation on COVID-19 vaccination?
2a.	NITAG PTP	Planning - If yes, does the NITAG (or equiv) recommendation include primary target group identification for vaccination?
3.	Cold Chain	Implementation - Has cold chain capacity been assessed?
4.	Safety	Safety - Is there a functional vaccine safety system in place that allows for enhanced passive and active monitoring?
5.	Demand	Demand - Is there a plan to generate public confidence, trust & demand for COVID-19 vaccines?
6.	Training	Planning - Has planning for training been done?
7.	Regulatory	Regulatory - Is there an expedited regulatory pathway for approval of COVID-19 vaccines?
8.	NDVP	Allocation - Has the country NDVP been reviewed by WHO or UNICEF staff at regional level?
9.	VRF	Allocation - Has the country submitted a Vaccine Request Form to the COVAX Facility?

Anonymized line list data received from European region is not reflected here

Current chapters on Guidance for NDVP for COVID-19 Vaccines

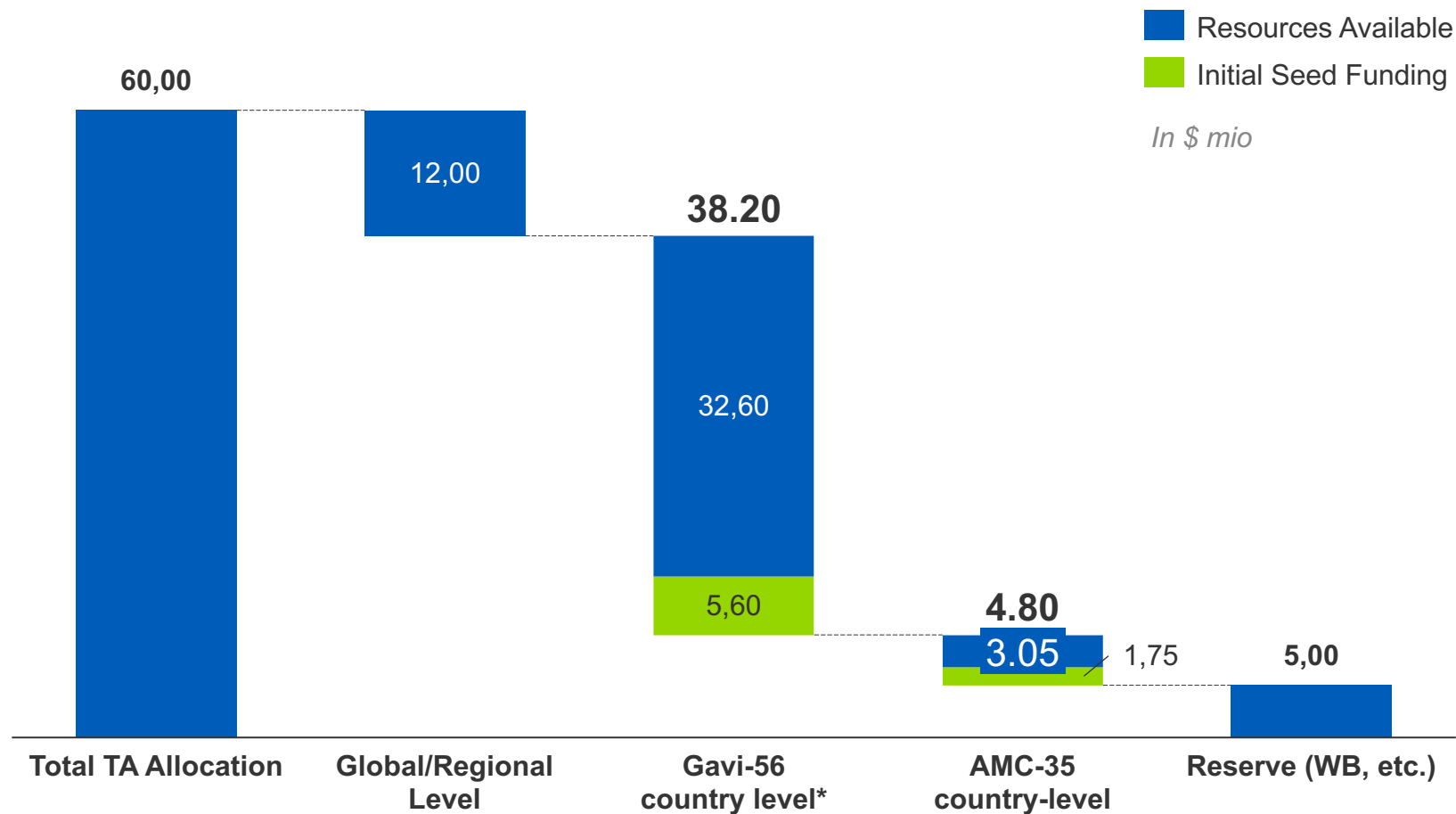
- 1 Introduction
- 2 Regulatory Preparedness
- 3 Planning and Coordination
- 4 Identification of Target Populations
- 5 Vaccination Delivery Strategies
- 6 Preparation of Supply Chain Management and Health Care Waste
- 7 Human Resources Management and Training
- 8 Vaccine Acceptance and Uptake (Demand)
- 9 Vaccine Safety Monitoring Management of AEFIs and Injection Safety
- 10 Data Monitoring Systems
- 11 COVID-19 Surveillance
- 12 Evaluation of COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction

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- ***Annex 1: Sample template National Deployment and Vaccination Plan for COVID-19 vaccines***
 - ***Annex 2: COVID-19 Epidemiology***
 - ***Annex 3: COVID-19 Vaccine Approaches***
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CRD Resources and Guidance – 14 December 2020 update

Document/resource title	Anticipated timeline for completion	Planning clearance status	Executive clearance status
COVID-19 Vaccine Introduction Readiness Assessment Tool	Sep-20	accepted	accepted
Operational Guidance for National Deployment and Vaccination Planning	Nov-20	accepted	accepted
COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment costing tool (CVIC tool)	20-Dec	accepted	accepted
Supply and Logistics Guide and Assessment Tool for COVID-19 Vaccination	Dec-20	accepted	under review
Field guide to misinformation management	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Training package for health workers, national focal points, and specialized audiences	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Country level monitoring guidance	Jan-21	accepted	
Guidance document for NITAGs and national policy decision-makers on Covid-19 vaccine introduction	Dec-20	accepted	
Demand planning package (template and guidance)	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Social behavioral drivers assessment (survey, interview guidelines), M&E framework	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Health workers package (job aides, decision tools)	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Community engagement guidance(incl RCCE)	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Behavioral intervention guidance for programmatic integration	Dec-20/ Jan-21	accepted	
Post-introduction evaluation for COVID-19 vaccines	Mar-21	accepted	
Covid-19 vaccine fact sheets and frequently asked questions	Dec-20/ Jan-21	Not submitted	
Covid-19 vaccine advocacy materials (local)	Dec-20/ Jan-21	Not submitted	
Vaccine Effectiveness Guidance	Jan-21	Not submitted	

COVAX TA Funding: Overall budget projection



* India not included in Gavi-56 country-level funding due to the dedicated strategy under development.