

## 《世界银行批准120亿美元资助冠状病毒疫苗》



The World Bank has approved \$12 billion in financing to help poor countries

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buy and give out coronavirus vaccines, tests and treatments.

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The aim is to support the vaccination of up to 1 billion people in the developing world.

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The \$12 billion in financing is part of a larger World Bank Group effort.

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It plans to spend up to \$160 billion to help developing countries

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fight the COVID-19 pandemic, the bank said in a statement on Tuesday.

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The World Bank said its COVID-19 emergency programs are already reaching 111 countries.

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People in developing countries need safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, it said.

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The World Bank is "fast-tracking" its delivery systems

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so that poorer nations "have fair and equal access to vaccines," said the bank's president, David Malpass.

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He added that fair and equal access was important to defeat the pandemic

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and to "help countries experiencing catastrophic economic and fiscal impacts."

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The International Finance Corporation is the agency of the World Bank

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that provides loans to private businesses.

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It is giving money to vaccine manufacturers through a \$4 billion Global Health Platform, the bank said.

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Researchers are working on creating more than 170 possible COVID-19 vaccines.

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The disease has killed more than 1 million people and sickened more than 38 million.

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It has also weakened many economies and left many people out of work.

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The world's richest countries have already bought up

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most of the world's possible COVID-19 vaccine supply through 2021.

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This has made health experts concerned that poorer countries will not be able to get the vaccine.

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The World Bank said it will use expertise and experience

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from its involvement in many large immunization programs worldwide and other public health efforts.

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The financing also is meant to help countries get medical tests and treatments

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and to support direction of logistics for vaccinations in the developing world.

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