



**“WHO”**

**Topic:**

**EQUITABLE AND FEASIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF SARS-COV-2 VACCINES FOR ALL IN AFRICA.**

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**Committee background:**

The World Health Organization, mostly known as WHO, is specialized and responsible for public health. The WHO was established on April 7th, 1948, but its work began in 1951 when it started helping financially and with technical resources.

“Its main objective is “the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health” (Beech, P. 2020), this means WHO started to have universal health care, engagement with monitoring public health, coordinated responses to emergencies, promote better nutrition and well-being, serve the vulnerable and keep the world safe. It also functions as a forum for discussions of health issues.

“Dedicated to the well-being of all people and guided by science, the World Health Organization leads and champions global efforts to give everyone, everywhere an equal chance to live a healthy life” (WHO, N.D).

**Background**

The countries that have higher income get vaccines in an easier and faster way. As African nations highlight with its inequities, lack of resources such as vaccines are getting tougher to get.

Scientists have been working hard to develop different vaccines to defeat Covid-19 and it has been successful; seven vaccines have been approved to reduce hospitalization, risk of severe illness, and death because of the virus.

Worldwide, there have been over six billion vaccine doses administered, but only two percent have been in Africa because of its economic difficulty.

Vaccine transportation is also an important factor that affects Africa’s lack of doses. This means that it gets even harder to shift them because vaccines need a certain amount of temperature.

The percentage of Covid-19 cases has been increasing in a significant way. Adding the new variants that have been developed through societies. This creates a bigger problem for African citizens.

During all the pandemic records there have been 11,182,000 documented cases and there are 16,600 new cases daily all-over African territory.

According to the “Our world data” of the University of Oxford, shows percentages of the people vaccinated (first, and second doses) of their countries, for example:

- Portugal, in a total of 94.62%, 91.20% is fully vaccinated and only 3.42% is partly vaccinated, which placed them in second place at the top of the chart of the fully vaccinated countries.

-China, in a total of 87.69%, 85.05% are fully vaccinated against the Covid, and 2.64% is partly vaccinated, China has committed to making it covid vaccines a global public good, the country has sold a little part and donated 174 million of vaccines according to Bridge, uploaded on February 7, 2022. -Canada, a total of 85.19% just 79.97% if vaccinated against covid, and 5.22% it's just partly. “The cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in Canada was 78,888,961 as of February 9, 2022.” (Government of Canada, February 9, 2022).

France: in a total of 79.91%, 76.83% if fully vaccinated against Covid, and 3.08% is partly, just one dose, Although, a vaccination campaign has been launched, the epidemic continues spreading in France.

United States, a total of 75.54%, 63.94% is vaccinated and 11.60% it's partly, the Vaccination coverage varies widely by the age, because older adults became eligible first and some younger children are not yet allowed.

As we know the crises unfolding with the COVID-19 pandemic are challenging the whole spectrum of rights in International Human Rights Treaties.

The equitable access for vaccines, particularly protecting health care workers and those most at risk, is this way to mitigate the public health and the economic impact caused.

Signed an agreement with Janssen Pharmaceutica NV to supply up to 220 million doses of the J&J single-dose vaccine for all 55 Member States of the African Union (AU) by the end of 2022. Some 35 million doses are to be delivered by the end of this year. (UNICEF, NEW YORK, 8 July 2021).

### **Guiding Questions:**

Exists an agreement between UNICEF and WHO, with Africa?

How is the global supply network to produce the vaccine in Africa?

Which agreements does Africa have with other countries in health service?

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