



## Background Information

*Love My Neighbour* is the national movement for global vaccine equity, inspired by Millennium Kids and Canadian faith communities. We are collaborating to tackle the biggest health project in our lifetime -- global vaccination against COVID-19 -- by increasing the equitable access and delivery of vaccines to vulnerable populations around the world. Our goal is to supply 38 million additional vaccines to our neighbours living in lower-income countries – that’s one for each grateful Canadian.

### WHY

In Canada, we can wait in confidence with gratitude knowing our government has already procured enough vaccines for our entire population. Canadians will be vaccinated in 2021. But we know delayed vaccinations around the world could put everyone at risk of additional COVID variants for years to come. COVAX AMC was designed to supply COVID-19 vaccines to the poorest 92 low- and low-middle income countries—more than half the world’s population. But the 1.3 billion COVAX doses planned for 2021 will protect less than 20% of our four billion global neighbours. COVAX AMC’s massive and ambitious vaccination plan will not sufficiently protect four billion living in the developing world, nor end the pandemic in 2021 – they need our help. Every *Love My Neighbour* donation will increase the number of vaccines delivered to our global family.

### HOW

*Love My Neighbour* is partnering with UNICEF, faith communities, corporations, NGOs, community groups and individuals across the country to reach our goal. We are inviting Canadians to help supply additional vaccines for the world’s most vulnerable people. Every \$25 donation helps fund everything needed for UNICEF to deliver a vaccine to people in the world’s hardest-to-reach places. This includes vaccines, per-person cost for transport, cold chain protection,

health worker training, and safe disposal of needles and waste. Donations can be made through UNICEF at [www.LoveMyNeighbourProject.org](http://www.LoveMyNeighbourProject.org)

*Love My Neighbour* is also inviting Canadian businesses to take up our corporate challenge to give one vaccine forward for each employee, and encourage employees to join the movement too.

## KEY PLAYERS

COVAX, the vaccines pillar of the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, is co-led by CEPI, Gavi and WHO – working in partnership with developed and developing country vaccine manufacturers, UNICEF, the World Bank, and others. It is the only global initiative that is working with governments and manufacturers to ensure COVID-19 vaccines are available worldwide to both higher-income and lower-income countries. The **Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (COVAX AMC)** was created to procure COVID-19 vaccines for the poorest 92 low- and middle-income countries, as identified by COVAX, throughout 2021.

UNICEF is tasked with the **global** distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccines procured by COVAX AMC. UNICEF's global presence and expertise make UNICEF the only organization capable of delivering the vaccines equitably and on a global scale. *Love My Neighbour* funds will be used by UNICEF to procure and deliver up to 100 million additional vaccine doses above and beyond those supplied by COVAX.

**Love My Neighbour** is a Canadian national movement for global vaccine equity inspired by Millennium Kids and diverse faith communities across the nation to increase the number of COVID-19 vaccines distributed quickly and equitably in low- and middle-income countries around the world. *Love My Neighbour's* fundraising and advocacy gives our whole global family access to life-saving prevention measures.

## MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.LoveMyNeighbourProject.org](http://www.LoveMyNeighbourProject.org) to learn more and join the movement for global vaccine equity.