

OPEN LETTER TO BORIS JOHNSON

Dear Prime Minister

We are healthcare professionals, senior leaders, and organisations who support #VaccinateTheWorld, a UK-based campaign that urges our Government to play a bigger role in achieving the World Health Organisation (WHO) 70% global vaccination target by July 2022.

This February, the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A), a partnership of leading global agencies, including WHO and COVAX, showed how this is possible. They have launched a costed business plan, based on fair shares financing from richer nations (by their GDP). The UK has been asked to donate just £720 million.

To put this figure in context, our domestic COVID response has accounted for £360 billion, representing 18% of our GDP. The £720 million being requested by the international community represents just 0.036% of our GDP.

There are three advantages to the UK funding ACT-A.

- 1. Protecting the UK:** The Omicron variant proved that low vaccination rates in other countries allows the virus to mutate giving rise to new strains. People here will never be safe until everyone is safe.
- 2. Economic:** Allowing the global pandemic to carry on could cost the world economy \$5.3 trillion. Domestically it will stall post pandemic recovery plans.
- 3. Moral:** Failing to meet the WHO 70% global vaccination target could result in another 5 million deaths worldwide.

This view is echoed by the UK citizens; 72% believe that ending the Covid-19 pandemic globally in 2022 should be the top priority for the UK Government. We strongly urge our government to donate £720 million, which should be in addition to the Overseas Aid Budget. This small investment will save millions of lives, boost the economy, and future-proof our nation from further strains.

**Let's honour our moral obligations and help end the global pandemic.
Let's help #VaccinateTheWorld.**

Yours sincerely,

130+ *healthcare organisations, NHS professionals
and senior leaders including the following:*

