



# EU-Africa: Global Gateway Investment Package – Health

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In the context of the 6<sup>th</sup> EU - AU Summit, these Team Europe Initiatives will support Africa's efforts in COVID-19 vaccine delivery and deployment, proposed infrastructure and production capacities, skills development, regulatory frameworks, universal health coverage, health security using a One Health approach, support to National Public Health Institutes, digital health and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). Resilient and responsive health systems need predictable and reliable access to access to vaccines, medicines and medical technologies including consumables and strong public health institutes. They are key to mitigating the effects of COVID-19 and other possible future disease outbreaks on public health and providing better health care in the future.

## Support to vaccination



### VACCINE SUPPLY

Team Europe is one Africa's biggest donor of COVID-19 vaccines. More than 200 million doses have been shared with African countries out of 500 million donated by EU Member States overall by October 2022. This is in addition to doses delivered by COVAX facility, to which Team Europe is a major donor as well.



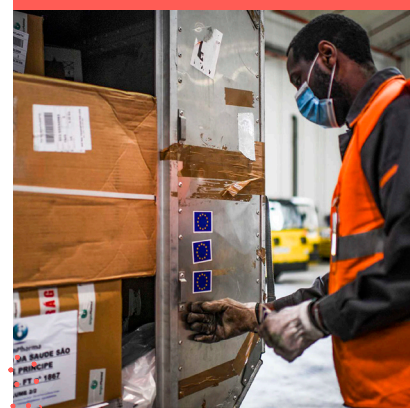
### VACCINE ROLL-OUT

Team Europe is helping to accelerate roll-out and uptake of vaccines and other COVID-19 tools in Africa by supporting:

- supply of auxiliary material (e.g., syringes);
- supply chain management, logistics and service delivery;
- administration of vaccines;
- vaccine confidence and information;
- sequencing capacity, diagnostics and therapeutics, including oxygen.

At least  
**€475  
million**

for vaccine roll-out





## COLLABORATION AND EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES

The Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA), the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) will foster collaboration and exchange of best practices with African counterparts, contributing to strengthening health security architecture as well as pharmaceutical systems in Africa.

## Manufacturing and access to vaccines, medicines and health technologies

The European Union supports the African Union's goal for 2040 to manufacture locally 60% of the vaccines used on the continent and the broader access to health products agenda. This Team Europe initiative aims not only at scaling up manufacturing capacity, but also strengthen pharmaceutical systems, access and availability.

At **regional level**, the EU supports the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM), hosted by the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

Likewise, EU funding is mobilised to work with the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) on regulatory strengthening, including in view of the operationalisation of the African Medicines Agency (AMA).

Team Europe supports WHO's mRNA technology transfer hub in South Africa – benefitting the whole continent and beyond.

Private sector, research and innovation capacities and links are also targeted, as key for sustainable local manufacturing and access. An EU-Africa marketplace and matchmaking event was the first event of this type allowing collaboration between researchers and companies.

**At the national level**, the focus is on increasing production capacity and on creating the right ecosystem for investment, for example through skills development. Team Europe supports projects in countries such as Rwanda, South Africa, Ghana and Senegal.

Over  
**€1 billion**  
from the  
EU budget and  
Member States



### In focus country examples:

**Senegal** - The bottling factory should be completed in the first quarter of 2024, with bottling of vaccines to start mid-2024. The drug substance factory, on the other hand, should be completed by end of 2024, which would enable drug substance production to start by end of 2025.

**Ghana** - The groundbreaking of a vaccine manufacturing facility for DEK Vaccines Ltd. took place in Medie, Accra, on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

**Rwanda** - Delivery of mobile containers by BioNTech (BioNTainers) has taken place in summer 2023.

**South Africa** - Expansion of multi-vaccine manufacturing at Biovac's facility.

# Strengthening health systems and pandemic preparedness

Through a cluster of Team Europe Initiatives and bilateral programmes, Team Europe supports countries across Africa in building resilient health systems and strengthening pandemic preparedness by:

- improving access to quality essential health services, thereby advancing towards Universal Health Coverage;
- applying a One Health approach and strengthening pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capacity. Following the first package to support the collaboration between the ECDC and Africa CDC initiated in 2021 (€10 M), additional commitments through the Regional Team Europe Initiative with Africa on Health security using a One Health approach are in the pipeline to further strengthen Africa CDC in particular for One Health operationalisation and AMR prevention and control at continental, regional and national level;
- strengthening national and regional public health capacities;
- advancing the digitalisation of healthcare provision. The African Union and the European Commission have been at the forefront of the establishment of a digital covid certificates, through the operationalisation of the Trusted Travel Platform (TTP) and the EU Digital COVID certificate (EU DCC) respectively. With the expiry of the EUDCC and the launched WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network taking up the EU DCC model, the EU and its partners aim to bridge the digital divide by building capacities of SSA countries to strengthen and establish national digital solutions and infrastructure to support health systems at PHC level and to be able to exchange trusted information across borders. The European Commission, the World Health Organization and the European Investment Bank, in cooperation with the African Union, will create a new partnership to support health systems strengthening and more specifically primary health care in Sub-Saharan African countries.



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€1.15  
billion**  
from the EU budget  
to be enhanced by  
further funding from  
Team Europe

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**Senegal** - CARE Centre in Dakar of LABPlus Africa (Centre Africain de Résilience aux Epidémies: biobanking building with sequencing equipment), is currently under construction.

**Burundi** - Improved financial and technical management of several health centres through a performance-based approach.

### **Democratic Republic of Congo**

- a. Rehabilitation or construction of 178 health facilities.
- b. Greater availability of quality medicines in 692 health facilities.
- c. Development of a centre for in-service training of health personnel.

### **South Sudan**

- a. Construction of 7971 health facilities: 25 hospitals, 198 Primary Health Care Centres and 574 Primary Health Care Units.
- b. Vaccination of 80,402 children under one year with diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, haemophilus influenza b, containing vaccine (Pentavalent3)

# Sexual and reproductive health and rights

The regional Team Europe Initiative (TEI) on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Africa aims to improve SRHR particularly among adolescent girls and young women. The [TEI SRHR](#) was officially launched during the 2nd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA), Kigali, in December 2022. The TEI relies on partnership between the European Commission, ten EU Member States and three African Regional Economic Communities. The initiative focuses on implementation of continental and regional SRHR commitments in health and education sector. Funding from the EU budget notably includes €60 million in new funds for 2023-2027 and EU Member States are expected to make significant new financial commitments in the coming years.



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## Progress made



Since the launch of the EU-Africa Global Gateway Investment Package, progress has been made both at regional and country level:

- The main results at regional level include **consolidating the Partnership for African Vaccine Manufacturing (PAVM)**, the push for making the African Medicines Agency (AMA) a reality in partnership with the European Medicines Agency, and the establishment of World Health Organisation's mRNA technology transfer programme. At country level, good progress is taking place in frontrunner countries: Senegal, Rwanda (Delivery of mobile containers by BioNTech (BioNTainers) has taken place in summer 2023), South Africa, Ghana (the groundbreaking of a vaccine manufacturing facility for DEK Vaccines Ltd. took place in Medie, Accra, on Tuesday 18 April 2023).
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