



FAQ

Supporting WHO's COVID-19 Response

Is There Still a Need To Support WHO's COVID-19 Response Efforts?

Two years into the pandemic, with almost 350 million cases reported and over 5.5 million deaths – the challenge of COVID-19 remains. People are still dying, case numbers are increasing, especially in Africa, where vaccine rates remain the lowest. With the possibility of new variants continuing to emerge, every effort must be made to mitigate the risks and save lives.

More adequate, sustained, and flexible funding is needed to continue responding. The WHO Foundation is working with individuals, companies, and the general public to support WHO and its partners' efforts to tackle COVID-19 and other health emergencies around the globe. You can learn more about this work on [the WHO Foundation website](#). Funds raised are disbursed at speed and flexibly, so it gets where needed as fast as possible.

Can I Still Contribute to Who's Work on COVID-19?

We are deeply grateful to all who [contributed](#) to the Solidarity Response Fund (SRF) in support of WHO's global pandemic response. The SRF was a first response fundraising mechanism, which ceased active fundraising at the end of 2021. However, the pandemic is far from over. Your incredible support over the last two years has been critical. Together, we must redouble our efforts to power WHO's efforts to end the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO urgently needs sustainable and flexible funding to maintain its COVID-19 response, tackle new challenges as they arise, and deliver at the level of ambitions and expectations from around the globe. At the same time, WHO faces a COVID-19 response funding shortfall of over 46%. Following the sunset of the SRF, the WHO Foundation continues to support WHO's efforts to tackle this crisis. By partnering with the WHO Foundation, the private sector and individuals can make a vital contribution to the fight against COVID-19.

Individuals and the private sector can support WHO's lifesaving work with contributions. These can be made from anywhere in the world, with online tax benefits provided to contributors based in Switzerland, the USA, Canada, and some other locations. Contributions under US\$ 10 000 can be made online [here](#). For contributions above US\$ 10 000, or to learn more about tax giving options, please contact COVID19response@who.foundation.

What Will Contributions Support?

WHO provides vital support and guidance to countries in the COVID-19 response through the [Strategic Pandemic Response Plan](#) (SPRP). The SPRP guides and coordinates action at the national, regional, and global levels to overcome the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, address inequities, and to lead the way out of the pandemic.

Guided by the SPRP, WHO's COVID-19 efforts help countries respond to the pandemic, especially where needs are greatest. Tackling misinformation, suppressing transmission, ensuring high-quality health services, vaccination, accelerating access to new COVID-19 tools while strengthening public health capacities remains critical in the response to COVID-19.

For more information about the WHO Foundation, please visit: www.who.foundation



What is the WHO Foundation?

Established in 2020 as an independent entity, the WHO Foundation complements and strengthens the work of WHO and its global network of partners by mobilizing new funding from diverse sources—including philanthropists, corporate entities, and the public—to power WHO’s mission. By addressing the world’s most urgent health issues in a new, transformative, catalytic way, the WHO Foundation aims to provide everyone, everywhere, a healthier, more equitable future.

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