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Promoting Equity and Good Governance In COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment

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Governance Challenges in COVID-19 Vaccine Deployment



- Inadequate coverage of marginalized or vulnerable groups
- **Jumping the que**
- Lack of information on vaccine availability
- **Misinformation and rumors undermining confidence**
- Inadequate adverse reaction monitoring and response
- **Substandard quality of vaccine related materials**
- Corruption and lack of transparency in contract awards
- **Unauthorized fees demanded for vaccine administration**



Two ways CSOs can improve governance of COVID-19 Vaccination (Giada's slide rearranged)

As Service Providers

Implementing immunisation programmes complementing public service delivery, particularly in fragile and conflict-affected settings

Helping address demand-related barriers including vaccine hesitancy at local/community level

As advocates and watchdogs

Advocates for resource mobilisation and equitable, transparent and accountable access and delivery (e.g. COVAX)

Play a watchdog role towards governments, donors and other global health actors (COVAX)



Five areas for CSO engagement (CSE) to complement government actions



1. Alleviate community hesitancy
2. Distribute materials
3. Expand service delivery
4. Enhance integrity in procurement
5. Organize participatory budgeting/audit

Constraints to CSE

- Access to information
- Mobility and safety
- Government resistance
- Community reluctance
- Funding
- Capacity to scale

Four country examples: Mongolia, India, Bangladesh and the Philippines





What results to expect from CSO engagement ?

(Evidence based menu. Specifics will vary in each case)

- Increased implementation effectiveness (feedback loops)
- Last mile service delivery
- Lifesaving behavior changes
- Greater responsiveness and integrity in public expenditures
- Increased access, inclusion and control of corruption in services
- Economy and efficiency in public procurement
- Increased inclusion and trust
- More transparent and accountable vaccination

Source: Review of evidence curated in more than 30 meta and case studies listed in the Brief.



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Thank you!





How to expand CSO engagement ?

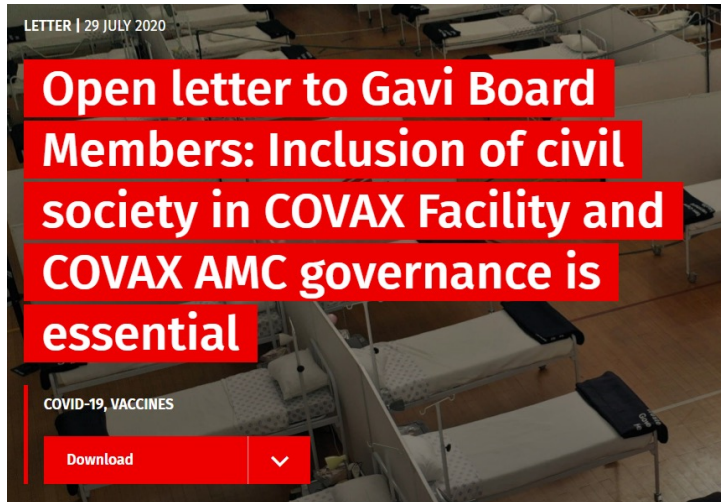
1. **Select desired outcomes** appropriate in local context/constraints
2. **Put in place operational partnerships** pre-disaster (where possible)
3. **Use DMF** (design and monitoring framework)
4. **Specify funding** and contractual arrangements (PAM)
5. **Simplify business processes** to engage grassroots CSOs
6. **Monitor and report** on the volume and number of CSO contracts
7. **Support capacity building** of CSOs and government officials

Good news: All of these are part of current ADB practices and/or included in OP6.





Roles that CSOs/communities can play in immunization



COVAX welcomes appointment of civil society representatives

30 Oct 2020

By COVAX

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COVAX vaccine roll-out



Last update: 25 March 2021 16:30 CET

COVAX has so far shipped over 32 million COVID-19 vaccines to 60 participants

- Iraq receives 336,000 COVID-19 vaccines through the COVAX Facility
- 132,000 doses of AstraZeneca vaccines arrive in South Sudan

