



READY2RESPOND

OUR VISION

A world prepared to respond effectively to influenza and emerging respiratory pathogens.

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

In addressing downstream data and capabilities gaps, we help low- and middle-income countries advance their influenza and COVID-19 policies, and we create the conditions for increased and sustained access to vaccines.

Ready2Respond is a unique global collaboration of partners from the public, private and nonprofit sectors committed to augmenting low- and middle-income countries' (LMICs) readiness to respond against influenza and emerging respiratory viral pandemics.

Who we are:

Ready2Respond was created in 2019 by global health experts determined to find solutions to the challenges countries face in planning and implementing seasonal influenza vaccination programs – with the mission of assuring the world's readiness to respond to the next pandemic through transformative change in vaccine access and immunization policy with a focus on LMICs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored our lack of global readiness, and the inextricable link to global health security. In response Ready2Respond broadened its mandate to include vaccines for COVID-19 and other respiratory pathogens with pandemic or large epidemic potential.

Why we exist:

Between 291,000 and 646,000 people worldwide die from seasonal influenza related respiratory illnesses each year,¹ and the impact of an influenza pandemic could be far greater.

While vaccination remains the greatest tool for limiting illness and death, many countries still lack the vaccine delivery systems to keep their populations safe.

- Influenza programs not only reduce the number of deaths and illnesses each year, but they are also a mechanism to strengthen overall preparedness for epidemics and pandemics.
- Countries in which seasonal influenza vaccination programs were present before the 2009 influenza pandemic were better able to import and use vaccines much faster than countries without such programs.²
- Early data shows that having a seasonal influenza vaccination program in place has reinforced an efficient COVID-19 response.³

1 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6815659/>

2 R. Porter, S. Goldin, K. La Fond, L. Hedman, M. Ungkuldee, J. Kurzum, E. Azziz-Baumgartner, C. Nannei, J. Bresee, A. Moen. 2020. Does having a seasonal influenza program facilitate pandemic preparedness? An analysis of vaccine deployment during the 2009 pandemic. *Vaccine* 38. 1152-1159. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/31839465>

3 Documented communication from the Partnership for Influenza Vaccine Introduction (PIVI).

Ready2Respond is:



Expert-led: A Strategic Advisory Group made up of world-renowned seasonal influenza and pandemic preparedness experts from Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America supports a coordinated, deliberate approach.



Action-oriented: Our activities are prioritized based on countries' needs, identified through a survey performed in 109 LMICs. Expert Working Groups, made up of Ready2Respond partners, provide technical advice to ensure targeted projects lead to lasting change.



Evidence-based: We mapped the current stakeholders working on seasonal influenza and/or pandemic influenza preparedness along the seasonal influenza value chain to identify program, policy, technical and funding gaps.



Collaborative: We work with and through partners to enable LMICs to strengthen their national vaccine deployment systems. This approach fosters cross-sectoral thought-leadership, promotes best practices and reduces duplication of effort with other initiatives.

Objectives:

1. Build the case for investing in influenza vaccination readiness.
2. Accelerate access of seasonal and COVID-19 vaccination programs as tools to grow adult vaccination programs and to bolster pandemic preparedness.
3. Lower vaccine usage barriers through coalition building at country or regional level.

Our Intended Impact:

1. Influenza preparedness is a top priority within LMICs public health programs.
2. Faster and increased access to new adult respiratory vaccines in LMICs.
3. LMICs are better prepared to deploy vaccination programs against a future pandemic.

Partners include, but are not limited to:

