

FIVE QUESTIONS ON COVID VACCINES EVERY GOVERNMENT SHOULD RESPOND TO THEIR CITIZENS

A GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION FOR CONCERNED CITIZENS

Vaccines and treatments for the pandemic are the most relevant public discussion of 2021. It affects, directly or indirectly, every single person on planet Earth. Governments talk and talk about transparency every day. This is the moment to walk the talk.

How can you contribute to better secure justice, integrity and transparency in the most challenging global vaccination campaign ever? It's simple.

Ask your government five simple questions.

Let us know the response and if they don't answer, let us know too.

FIVE SIMPLE QUESTIONS EVERY GOVERNMENT SHOULD ANSWER TO THEIR CITIZENS

- 1 Which vaccines has the government of "the name of the country" acquired?

- 2 How many doses of each vaccine have been secured?

- 3 When will the vaccines be delivered to everyone in "the name of the country"?/ When will I be vaccinated and which one will I get?

- 4 How much is the government of "the name of the country" paying for a dose of each one of the vaccines secured?

- 5 Has the government of "the name of the country" a single website with all the information on the vaccination plan including timelines, coverage, financial resources and contracts?

Now, if you want to help everyone in the globe, you can exercise your right to know, by requesting information to your government. Here, a universal model to demand better information from governments both on the COVID-19 vaccine and its treatment.

English version (EN)

GLOBAL MODEL FOR ACCESS TO INFORMATION REQUEST ON VACCINES AND TREATMENTS AGAINST COVID-19

This is a global baseline model for civil society organisations, academia and media to request information on vaccines and treatments against COVID-19 to governments around the world. The questions are indicative and can be adapted to national legal frameworks and realities.

Date of submission DD-MM-YYYY

Authority head - Name of government official
Authority summoned - Name of government entity
Country - Name of country

INFORMATION PETITIONER

[Organisation legal name], through [Name of representative] as a representative, requests the following information to be shared regarding the outcomes of the negotiations carried out to access vaccines or treatment against the COVID-19, according to the applicable legislation [where it applies].

INFORMATION REQUEST

Please provide the following information regarding any formalised agreement to access vaccines or treatment against the COVID-19:

1. Indicate the name of vaccine or treatment, and identify the supplying entity (whether it is a company, a group of companies, government, research institution, international organisation or mechanism).
2. Indicate the total value of the agreement (pre-tax, in case it applies), the number of doses secured, the price per unit/dose, and the currency of the agreement.
3. Indicate the date when the agreement was formalised and what is the expected date of delivery.

4. Indicate the government authorities involved in the agreement and the names and position of the lead government official(s).
5. Identify international organisations involved in the negotiation or preparation of the agreement to access treatment or vaccines.
6. Provide a copy of the full agreement and supporting documentation.
7. Indicate the plan for distribution, access and selection criteria, and vaccination schedule.
8. Indicate the controls and mechanisms to keep a record of the vaccines applied, its recipients, and the available stock.

LEGAL BASIS - NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Indicate the legal basis or rationale, if national legislation or regulation demands you to justify the request. Cite the articles and corresponding laws which support the legitimacy and legality of the request.

LEGAL BASIS - INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND AGREEMENTS

In case there is no active access to information law or regulation in the country, refer to international conventions or mechanisms endorsed by the government, as well to resolutions from international organisations related to this right (see Annexe 1 for further references).

MEANS FOR COMMUNICATION

According to the established regulation, the information request must be responded no later than XX days after its submission. The answer should be sent by email to the address name@domain.org, as well as to the following postal address: [complete postal address].

Name and signature of the representative

ANNEXE 1. INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL INSTRUMENTS

Global	The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 19 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 19
America	The American Convention on Human Rights, Article 13 American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, Article IV
Africa	African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, Article 9 Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam
Asia	Asian Human Rights Charter ¹
Europe	European Convention on Human Rights, Article 10

¹ The Asian Human Rights Charter was created in 1986 by the Asian Human Rights Commission by a group of jurists and human rights activists in Hong Kong. The Charter is described as a “people’s charter,” because no governmental charter has been issued to date.