



Seventy-third World Health Assembly Statement Analysis: Vaccination

From 18-19 May 2020, WHO held its annual World Health Assembly, where Member States and Non-State Actors were invited to submit statements under agenda item 3 Address by WHO Director-General devoted to the COVID-19 pandemic response.

41% of Member States

included a reference to “vaccination”, “vaccines” or “immunization” in their statement



“...international organizations and other stakeholders need to combine efforts to provide people with safe, effective and affordable vaccine, tests and treatments.”
– Kazakhstan Member Statement



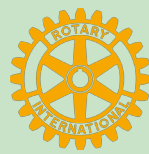
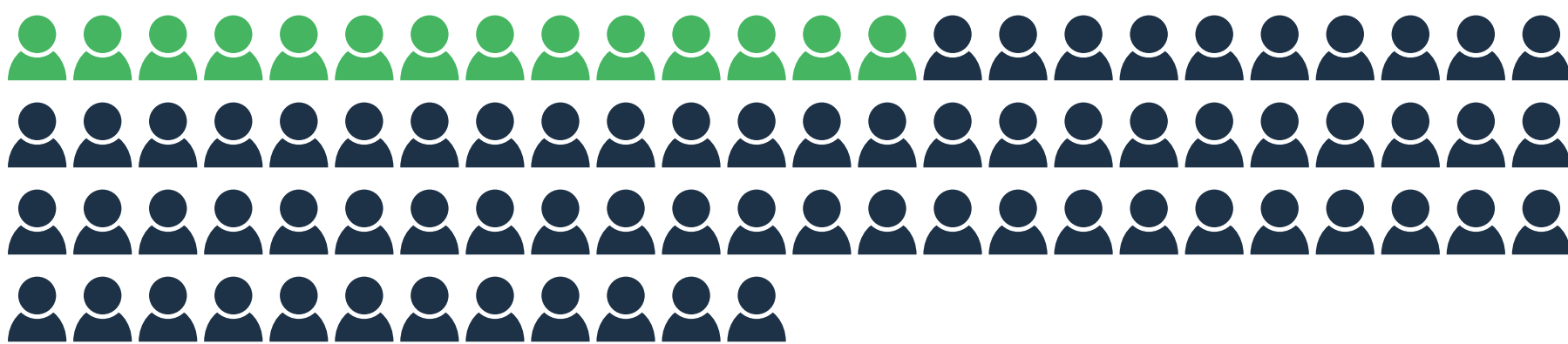
“It is our shared duty to contribute to the rapid development of a vaccine and to commit to making it globally accessible and fairly distributed.”
– Norway Member Statement



“The severity of this global tragedy forces us to consider treatments, medical technologies, and an eventual COVID-19 vaccine as global public goods, which must be accessible to all in a timely manner.”
– Peru Member Statement

17% of Non-State Actors

included a reference to “vaccination”, “vaccines” or “immunization” in their statement



“We call on all stakeholders to monetize existing pledges, and ask for continued support so we can optimize global public health resources to best meet the current extraordinary demands and to resume full immunization activities when and where possible.”
– Rotary International Statement



“Save the Children welcomes the resolution tabled by the EU which must prioritise the removal of financial and non-financial barriers to health and nutrition services, the integration and promotion of good nutrition and food security, and commit to access to vaccines and therapeutics for all.”
– Save the Children



International Federation on Ageing



Vaccines 4 Life

Older people and adults with chronic disease are at high risk of not only COVID-19 but also diseases where vaccines are available, such as influenza and pneumonia. The International Federation on Ageing encourages Member States and Non-state Actors to engage in the discussion on vaccination and COVID-19.