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## Building pandemic-resilient schools through vaccination and hygiene campaigns

### Turning vaccines into vaccinations in Malawi, South Sudan, and Zambia

Using schools and their central positions in communities as entry points, the goal of the Fit for School Initiative for Africa is to reach target groups rapidly and comprehensively through vaccination and hygiene campaigns, while increasing pandemic resilience. German development cooperation strengthens existing school health programmes and national vaccination strategies; implements school-based campaigns on vaccination motivation and hesitance reduction; launches video and

social media campaigns with Viva con Aqua; and initiates international learning and exchange between African Countries. Built on the Fit for School Initiative for Africa in 2021, additional new partners have been identified for hygiene training activities and vaccine education. It is envisioned to reach 500,000 school children and teachers via in-person activities, extensive open online courses, and social media campaigns on WASH and vaccination.

## Pandemic situation in in Malawi, South Sudan, and Zambia & national response

While COVID-19 cases are still being reported in Malawi, South Sudan, and Zambia, all three partner countries have reopened schools. Though water sources and handwashing are prerequisites for a good hygiene management in schools, the availability of handwashing facilities varies. In response to the pandemic, schools upgraded their WASH profile or were equipped with temporary solutions. All governments have released specific guidelines for pandemic preparedness in schools and vaccination with varying levels of implementation.

## Project Profile

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## Germany's Last Mile Initiative

The project described above is part of the German Last Mile Initiative. The initiative wants to rapidly increase global COVID-19 vaccine coverage and up-take. To that end, it will offer technical and financial support to low-income countries that amounts to 850 million EUR of funding. A major part of these funds will go to multilateral agencies collaborating through the Access-to-COVID-19-Tools-Accelerator (ACT-A). Complementary to this

multilateral engagement, and as part of the Last Mile Initiative, **Germany provides 224 million EUR for bilateral projects and direct support for vaccination campaigns. Of this, 174 million EUR are budgeted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).** 50 million EUR are contributed by the Foreign Office. Overall, Germany is providing more than 1.3 billion EUR in 2022 to help end this pandemic.

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