

МОНГОЛ УЛСЫН ЗАСГИЙН ГАЗАР

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- 1. How did you design your COVID-19 vaccines strategy? What were your main considerations in doing so? In particular, how are you prioritizing populations for COVID-19 vaccines and why? Where do you anticipate procuring/ accessing vaccines from?
- ✓ According to recent research government plans to vaccinate approximately 60% of the total population to overcome this pandemic without any difficulty. Vaccination is planned for the most at-risk groups of the population which began on 23 February.
- √ Vaccination priority groups includes:
 - Response Team,
 - · Continuous Operations,
 - · Trade and Service Sectors,
 - · Educators of all levels,
 - people aged 50-64 and people with disabilities,
 - · people over 65 and transplant recipients,
 - · people aged 18 to 25,
 - people aged 26 to 49.

- ✓ A total of 509,740 doses of the vaccine came from India, China, Russia, Korea and COVAX:
 - AstraZeneca 164,000 doses
 - Sinopharm 300,000 doses
 - Sputnik V 20,000 doses
 - Pfizer 25,740 doses

- 2. What are your estimates of costs for providing coverage, and what are the main cost drivers? How is your country/ does your country anticipate financing the vaccine coverage [external assistance, domestic health spending]? What challenges do you anticipate with planning and financing COVID-19 vaccine coverage?
 - ✓ The current 509,740 doses have all come through donations and a \$ 50.7 million soft loan from the World Bank.

As a result of this investment we planned to purchase these vaccines from Russia and China.

- Sinopharm 900,000 doses
- SputnikV 1,000,000 doses

- 3. What challenges do you anticipate with implementing the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out? How does the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out affect your country's national immunization program and access to other essential services?
- ✓ We were anticipating financial challenges of immunization, yet we found a way to fund it through World Health
 Organization soft loan and others.
- ✓ It was difficult for hospitals to obtain funding because the number of people seeking medical care was reduced, except for essential services. We tried to keep our essential service and immunization program as same as before the pandemic.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION