

## Opportunities for PAHO Member States (MS) and Territories to engage in the COVAX Facility through PAHO and its Revolving Fund (RF)

## **How is PAHO facilitating access to COVID-19 vaccines through COVAX Facility?**

- PAHO MS as a bloc and the PAHO Revolving Fund as the technical cooperation procurement arm of the facility for all self-financing and COVAX Advanced Market Commitment supported countries in the Region of the Americas.
- Preparing MS for introducing COVID-19 vaccines when available, mobilizing the overall technical cooperation package (plans/forecast; logistic/cold chain, support national regulatory processes and post-marketing surveillance) and developing harmonized regulatory approaches in support of national immunization programs.
- Advocating for flat prices, minimal returns, transparency, inclusive governance, and sustainable financing, and leveraging existing systems and consolidated demand for negotiating power.
- Establishing a transparent strategic procurement management system in collaboration with UNICEF Supply Division to access vaccine doses from the COVAX Facility for MS.
- Strategic sourcing of associated supplies (i.e., syringes), services (i.e., freight) and other innovations.

## How does PAHO continue to strengthen the supply chain in the Pandemic?

- For the past 40 years, the PAHO RF has been the technical cooperation mechanism through which countries in the Americas access vaccines and supplies for National Immunization Programs.
- The RF is one component of PAHO's larger technical cooperation package across the Organization, including the entire supply chain.
- The RF will troubleshoot any vaccine supply disruptions in the global supply chain to ensure access and affordability of routine vaccines like seasonal influenza, measles containing vaccines and related products.
- Continue to:



Ensure reliable and harmonized vaccine demand planning



Engage in vaccine market shaping activities.



Secure Supply



Monitor stock information



Reduce operational



Provide financial credit availability



Digitize, transform, and continue to improve service to Member States



