



VACCINE ACCESS TEST

Score Summary: Ireland

The world is racing to find safe and effective vaccines against COVID-19. And when we do, these vaccines must be made available to everyone who needs them regardless of nationality or wealth. This is the fastest way to end the pandemic. So we want to know: **do world leaders' actions move us closer to, or further from, an equitable outcome?** The Vaccine Access Test provides a framework to answer this question based on the following metrics:

- **Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A):** Has this country provided financial support to the ACT-A?
- **Multilateral Leadership:** Has this country advanced multilateral cooperation to advance equity?
- **Policies:** Will this country's policies help ensure COVID-19 vaccines are accessible to all on a global scale?

Each metric is worth up to 3 points with a possible 9 points total. **Here's how Ireland stacks up.**

METRIC	SCORE	RATIONALE
ACT-A 	2	Ireland has contributed €123 million to ACT-A.
Multilateral Leadership 	1	Ireland has joined the COVAX facility as part of Team Europe but has not led any efforts to promote global vaccine equity leadership.
Policies 	1	Ireland has not implemented policies that align with WHO's Solidarity Call to Action; Ireland has published guidelines on domestic allocation that prioritizes the most-at-risk including healthcare workers and other frontline workers.

Total Score: 4 out of 9

Ireland's actions so far have proven a dedication to equitable outcomes, but have not gone far enough.

Ireland has shown its commitment by pledging financially to the ACT-A but its contribution remains below the level needed to reach its fair share. Through joining the COVAX facility as Team Europe, Ireland has demonstrated its commitments to multilateralism. Ireland has announced a domestic prioritization plan that puts the most-at-risk first.

Ireland can improve its score by:

1. Increasing its contributions to ACT-A to reach its fair share of \$170 million
2. Demonstrating leadership on vaccine equity. As part of Team Europe Ireland has delegated vaccine procurement to the EU. Ireland can improve its score by pressing for European deals with pharmaceutical companies to be more transparent and by calling for procurement contracts to align with the WHO's Allocation Guidance. These steps will ensure initial supplies are not monopolized by Ireland or the EU



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