



VACCINE ACCESS TEST

Score Summary: Korea

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?
- **Deals:** Each deal this country has made to secure promising COVID-19 vaccine candidates is scored individually based on a set of metrics for how well they advance equity.

Each metric is worth up to 3 points and Deal Scores can earn up to 6 points. **Korea can earn up to 15 points.**

METRIC	SCORE	RATIONALE
ACT-A 	0	Korea has provided \$11m to the ACT-Accelerator, less than one third of its fair share.
Multilateral Leadership 	2	Korea has officially joined on to the COVAX Facility. Alongside other world leaders, President Jae-In called for a fair and effective vaccine allocation mechanism based on a set of transparent, equitable and scientifically sound principles.
Policies 	0	Korea has not implemented policies that align with WHO's Solidarity Call to Action. Korea does not have guidelines on domestic allocation that prioritizes the most-at risk.
Deal Score	0	Korea has completed 2 deals with pharmaceutical companies to secure a COVID-19 vaccine candidate, with a Deal Score of 0.

Total Score: 2 out of 15

The actions of Korea have proven some dedication to equitable outcomes, but the country has not gone far enough. Korea has shown its commitment by funding the ACT-A, officially joining on to the COVAX Facility, and calling for equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Korea can improve its score by providing greater financial support to the ACT-Accelerator, ensuring domestic COVID-19 allocation guidelines prioritize most at-risk populations, and ensuring procurement contracts align with the WHO's Allocation Guidance to ensure adequate supply for other countries.



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