**COVID Vaccinations in Developing Countries**

COVID-19 presents huge challenges for developing countries. How can we help?

**Response to India’s COVID Crisis**

***Friends of Vellore Victoria (FOVV)*** have launched an urgent appeal for the Christian Medical College and Hospital (CMC) at Vellore in the south of India. CMC needs to:

* scale up the number of COVID and ICU beds (daily cost per patient $150; ICU more)
* oxygen tanks ($80)
* life-saving drugs (Remdesivir, Tociluzimab)
* portable oxygen concentrators ($1660)
* vaccinations: 2 x $5 per jab plus needles, syringes, and manpower to run the program

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| **Post Cheque or money order to**:  Treasurer  Friends of Vellore Victoria  62 Roberts Street  KEILOR EAST VIC 3033 | **Direct transfer or deposit to:**  Friends of Vellore Victoria  Bendigo Bank  BSB: 633000 Account: 139185151 |

For tax deductible receipts, send details to:

[fovvsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fovvsecretary@gmail.com)

**International Vaccination Programs**

**MatchMyJab**

<https://covid19responsefund.org/en>

COVAX (COVID-19 Global Access) is a global project designed to get vaccines into developing countries. When you have your COVID shot, make a donation.

* The suggested amount is $50 a time but they will accept any amount
* The money goes to a central fund for distribution according to need.
* All money goes to vaccination programs

The COVAX consortium includes 160 governments, UNICEF, WHO, Gavi, Vaccine Alliance, World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Alternative weblinks include:

<https://www.gavi.org/donate> OR <https://covaxamc.ctdonate.org/index:payment.html>

**Political Action**

**Micah Challenge: *End COVID for All***

<https://www.micahaustralia.org/end_covid_for_all>

Christians taking political action to urge the Australian government to:

* Provide vaccines to our neighbours in developing countries
* Provide money to help roll-out vaccination programs in these countries
* Stop blocking the manufacture of vaccines in developing countries
* Make vaccine patents more accessible in all countries