





COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE INITIATIVES





Aim

Enhance cooperation, collaboration, coordination and communication for COVID-19 response

Goals

- Prevent severe illness and death from COVID-19 infection in **Member States**
- ► Minimize social disruption and economic consequences of COVID-19

Objectives

- ► Coordinate efforts of Member States, African Union agencies, World Health Organization, and other partners to ensure synergy and minimize duplication
- ► Promote evidence-based public health practice for surveillance, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and control of COVID-19

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AFRICA TASK FORCE FOR CORONAVIRUS (AFTCOR)

Steering committee comprising representatives of public health and research institutions, ministries of health, non-government organization, Africa CDC staff, multilateral and bilateral organizations, United Nations entities

Objectives

- ▶ Discuss and achieve consensus on complex technical and policy
- ► Promote coordination of data
- Effectively transmit critical information to key decision-makers in Member States
- ► Identify urgent needs for training or other capacities within Member States

6 working groups

- Surveillance/point-of-entry screening
- health care facilities
- ► Clinical management of severe
- ► Laboratory diagnostics and subtyping
- ▶ Risk communication and community engagement
- Supply chain and stockpiling

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PARTNERSHIP TO







collection, analysis and sharing

- ► Infection prevention and control in
- infections

ACCELERATE COVID-19 TESTING IN AFRICA (PACT)

To mobilize partnerships, experts, community workers, supplies and other resources to enhance COVID-19 testing, tracing and treatment in a timely manner and to minimize the impact of the pandemic in Africa

#TestTraceTreat

TEST, to diagnose cases

TRACE, to identify cases and their contacts

TREAT, to provide supportive care in symptomatic cases

Key targets

- ► Conduct 10 million COVID-19 tests by end of October 2020 (New target is 20,000)
- ► Deploy 1 million community health workers across Africa by end of 2020
- ► Train 100.000 healthcare workers to support COVID-19 response in
- Establish a continent-wide procurement platform for laboratory and medical supplies

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- ► One-stop online marketplace for the procurement and supply of COVID-19-related diagnostics, medicines and medical equipment for Africa
- ► Immediate access to vetted manufacturers, suppliers and procurement strategic partners in Africa and across the globe.
- ▶ Unique interface that enables volume aggregation, quota management, payment facilitation as well as logistics and transportation to ensure equitable and efficient access to critical supplies for governments and partners in Africa

https://amsp.africa



CONSORTIUM FOR COVID-19 CLINICAL VACCINE TRIALS (CONCVACT)

An African initiative with African priorities and interests, to accelerate progress on COVID-19 vaccine trials in Africa through partnerships with relevant institutions and networks.

Objectives of CONCVACT

- ► Facilitate the start and successful completion of clinical trials for at least six promising COVID-19 vaccine candidates
- Strengthen enablers of highquality vaccine clinical trials on the continent
- Support the development of vaccine clinical trial sites/ cohorts across all African sub-regions
- Accelerate post-trial regulatory approval, rollout and uptake of safe and efficacious COVID-19 vaccine
- Foster Africa-based vaccine manufacturing capacity

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Promoting harmonized, standardized and coordinated entry and exit requirements for African Union Member States through digital solutions

- Protecting borders and travel
- Protecting economies and livelihoods
- Protecting schools and schoolchildren
- Trusted testing with digitized, secure, standardized, tamperproof transcontinental validation of COVID-19 test results for border entry and exit controls

Access the Africa CDC COVID-19 Travel Pass at:

www.africacdc.org/trusted-travel



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