



**THE
PEOPLE'S
VACCINE
ASIA**

Who we are

- Formed in April 2021
- We are a loose alliance of organizations in Asia united by the PVA Asia Charter, facilitated and initiated by the People's Vaccine Alliance
- There are around 150 organizations who identify with PVA-Asia
- The active members in the region are: SAAPE, Asia Dalits Forum, Oxfam, ActionAid, APCASO, Amnesty, 350, FIA-Asia, Africa Japan Forum, Asia Catalyst, APMDD, AER, MTAAG, GCAP-Asia, etc



The PVA Asia Charter

- Everyone on the planet should get safe, effective **free vaccines**.
- All countries should prepare transparent vaccination plans which must prioritize the people in urgent need
- Facilitate Technology transfer and open sharing of vaccine science, technology, and know-how through at least two routes
 - Developed country-governments must support the proposal in the WTO Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (WTO TRIPS) for a temporary waiver of IP rights
 - Pharmaceutical companies and rich countries should be compelled to join WHO's COVID-19 technology access pool (C-TAP) initiative



The PVA Asia Charter

- WHO and UN agencies must take the lead in securing and providing the necessary technical support to ensure a quick and safe rollout of vaccine programmes.
- We appeal to each vaccine-producing country to shift away from their 'me first' policy and stop the hoarding of COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics
- We call upon developed country-governments in Asia Pacific, specifically Japan, Singapore, Australia and South Korea to take political leadership in our region to rally and support the TRIPS waiver in WTO



- We call upon global development bodies and platforms, UN agencies, government, and pharma companies to work out a distribution plan for vaccines priced at-cost, and support countries in investing in production capacity, procurement, and strengthening health systems.
- Governments should invest and work with all stakeholders including CSOs in creating vaccine awareness, including correcting misinformation and managing fears around vaccination, and providing quality, public post-inoculation support to encourage people to get vaccinated.



- Many developing countries in Asia have historically failed to invest in the public health system, leaving them weak at this time of crisis. Governments must prioritize investing in public health to cope with this crisis and build well-funded public systems to prepare for future challenges



- The additional investment in health should not be at the cost of other public services such as water and sanitation, and decent housing, or result in additional financial and economic burdens on people



Our Objectives

- Gain significant victories in the region to support the demand for a TRIPS Waiver and the sharing of technology and know-how (i.e. # of Asian governments to come out in support; # of Asian governments to stop blocking; actions directed towards big pharmas, #of people reached and engaged, #of organizations in support of #peoplesvaccine, etc)
- Bring public attention to our call for governments to prioritize investing in public health to cope with this crisis and build well-funded public systems to prepare for future challenges.
- Bring to the fore the stories and voices of peoples and communities in Asia



How?

Specifically target Asia/Pacific governments that block the waiver, and push all governments in the region to publicly support the waiver

Bring out examples of manufacturing capacity in the Asian region, where they are located, and why they are able to produce quality drugs/vaccines

Popularize the call for a #peoplesvaccine through

- Popular-education / awareness-raising activities (how?)
- Production of popular-education/awareness-raising materials

Where possible, initiate national level advocacy and campaign activities - i.e. petitions targeting national governments; public actions on dates of significance



- Bring to the fore the stories and voices of peoples and communities in Asia
- Maximize/use social media/traditional media to achieve the above
- Mobilise influentials, celebrities, opinion-makers from Asia to speak in support of our demands
- Initiate mobilization activities offline and online during dates of significance.



How you can support

Join

Join the PVA Asia Regional Assembly on August 31, and join the planned national assemblies in your countries

Join

Join global days of actions (September 16 Global Day of Action against Germany, UNGA actions)

Follow

Follow #peoplesvaccine and @people_vaccine

Help

Help popularize the issue, our calls and demands

Help in

Help in story-gathering - we need stories of frontliners, of those affected by COVID economically, lack of access to vaccines, etc etc

