



## C-19 VACCINE INFO & ACCESS (VIA)

# COUNTRY PROFILE Malaysia

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## Key Impacts of COVID-19 on PLHIV and Key Populations.

- Livelihoods of many of our targeted key pops who rely on daily wages and lost those jobs/income sources or run small businesses that are forced to close.
- Experiencing isolation, depression, and some cases of attempted suicide
   & more frequent use of ATS consumption foremost is meth / syabu.
- Testing uptake for HIV/HCV at clinics may be affected by travel restrictions and even fear of going to clinics during this currently worsening pandemic.





- COVID-19 Vaccines approved and available.
  - -Prizer, AZ, SINOVAC, SINOPHARM, CanSino, J&J and Moderna.

USD 18.40 (to government)

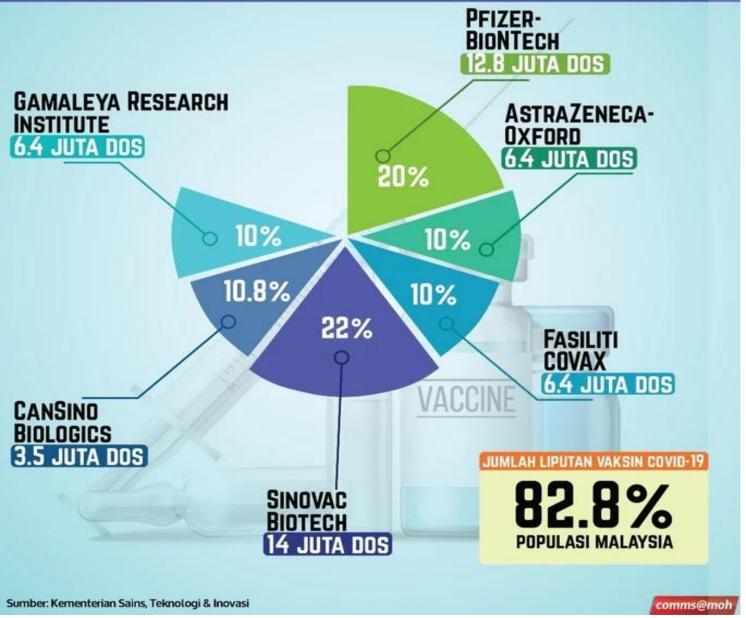
• USD 83.00 (public/private system) SINOVAC only.



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## **OUR OWN** Covid-19 vaccine

Malaysian experts are currently developing two types of Covid-19 vaccines

#### **INACTIVATED VACCINE**

- An initiative by the Institute for Medical Research, Universiti Putra Malaysia and Veterinary Research Institute
- Uses viruses that have been killed with **chemicals**, **heat or radiation** to trigger an immune response in our bodies
- A proven technology to work in people
- **■** Examples: **Sinovac**, **polio vaccines**

#### **mRNA\* VACCINE**

- A project by the Institute for Medical Research
- Uses a section of **genetic material** that provides instructions for our cells to make a specific protein that our immune system can identify and respond to
- A **new way** of developing vaccines
- **■** Examples: **Pfizer-BioNTech**, **Moderna**

Note: \*Messenger ribonucleic acid





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- 29.1% of population vaccinated (first dose)
- 50.1% of population fully vaccinated (2 doses)

Source: https://covidvax.live/location/mys

• Eligible for vaccination.

The vaccination programme rolled out in three phases:

- Phase 1 (Feb 26 April): Frontliners.
- Phase 2 (April August): High-risk groups.
- Phase 3 (May Feb 2022): Adults aged 18 and above.
- Adolescent, aged 12-18 is being left behind.





### Key barriers for PLHIV and key populations in accessing C-19 vaccines.

- a) Barriers are same as faced by all Malaysians they are waiting for their appts.
- b) Only those who are at AIDS stage have more barriers.
- c) They need to consult their ARV doctor before getting their vaccine shot.





## Specific issue relating to C-19 vaccine information and access.

- Unstable vaccine supply being placed advanced order by certain rich countries.
- CSOs letter demand Prime Minister to support TRIPs waiver in WTO.
- Prime Minister responded in video address at the Nikkei's Future of Asia conference in Tokyo. Malaysia become co-sponsor of TRIPs waiver proposal.
- Still needs to be done-Stop nationalism in Thailand halt export for South East region AZ plant supply.





- Recommendations on COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Information for PLHIV and Key Populations.
  - 1) Decentralization in primary healthcare available for jabs.
  - 2) Awareness campaign in rural area.
  - 3) Using simplify information in local language.
  - 4) Integration vaccination with the HIV/HCV screening.
  - 5) Tech transfer for local made.