



**COVID-19
RESPONSE
VACCINES**

UN SYSTEM-WIDE COVID-19 VACCINATION ELIGIBILITY

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PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

1. This document complements the [UN System-Wide Covid-19 Vaccination Framework document](#) and lists the categories of individuals who are eligible to receive Covid-19 vaccinations through the framework. As presented in the Framework, the UN programme is intended to supplement and complement national vaccination programmes and the COVAX initiative. As such, UN personnel, eligible family members and other eligible individuals are expected in the first instance to receive vaccinations through the respective host country national programmes when available, and individuals not explicitly covered in this document would be expected to be covered by those national vaccination programmes. Based on supply of vaccine and changing conditions in countries, this document may be updated as appropriate.
2. The categories of eligible personnel described in this document are the result of three distinct workstreams:
 - a. A Human Resources workstream led by the Office of Human Resources of the Department of Management, Strategy, Policy and Compliance in the Secretariat, and coordinated through the CEB HR Network.
 - b. The Group of Friends, chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco and supported by the Uniformed Capabilities Support Division within the Department of Operational Support, who made recommendations relating to the eligibility and administration of vaccine for uniformed personnel.
 - c. An INGO workstream, led by the World Food Programme, reviewing eligibility and administration issues for that community.

CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

3. The UN System-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme intends to support the following categories of individuals - who are serving and/or residing in the duty stations in which the UN System-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme will be carried out:
 - a. UN System¹ personnel:
 - i. Staff members²,
 - ii. UN Volunteers,
 - iii. Interns,
 - iv. Consultants and Individual Contractors, and

¹ A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) governs the arrangements amongst participating organizations. Participating UN System entities include the signatories of the MOU.

² Including Junior Professional Officers (Associate Experts); technical cooperation experts on non-reimbursable loans; and personnel provided to the organizations by governments or other entities responsible for the remuneration of their services.



- v. Other personnel holding a direct UN contract³;
- b. Eligible family members: spouses/partners and dependent children recognized under the staff regulations and rules of the respective UN system organizations, who are authorized to reside at the duty station with the staff member or who reside at a location where the UN is running a vaccination campaign.
- c. Accompanying eligible family members of non-staff personnel as defined by the UN system organizations' staff regulations and rules and policies, who are authorized to reside at the duty station with such personnel or who reside at a location where the UN is running a vaccination campaign.
- d. Military and police personnel deployed by the United Nations and accompanying eligible dependents (including troops of AMISOM)⁴.
- e. All individuals in receipt of a pension or disability benefit from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) or from the IMF Staff Retirement Plan (SRP), or the World Bank SRP who have established their normal place of residence in a country where the UN System-wide COVID-19 Vaccination Programme is carried out. One spouse of eligible Retirees living in the same household is also eligible.
- f. All personnel of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) that are engaged by UN system organizations in the implementation of their respective mandates, and the accompanying dependents of those INGO personnel, provided they are sponsored and validated by a participating UN organization⁵.
- g. All personnel of national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are engaged by UN system organizations in the implementation of their respective mandates, provided they are sponsored and validated by a participating UN organization⁶.
- h. Personnel of key institutional contractors⁷ providing support in the countries concerned.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

4. This document defines all categories of individuals eligible to receive vaccine through the Programme and does not limit eligibility based on age and therefore includes children under the age of 18. The UN Medical Directors (UNMD) group will determine if and when specific vaccine types administered through the Programme are authorized for children under the age of 18, based on the advice of WHO and/or other stringent medical authorities. For information about the current vaccine suitable for children, see the [UNMD recommendations for utilization of Moderna vaccine](#).

³ For example, UN personnel holding a service contract.

⁴ More details on uniformed personnel are included in the Group of Friends recommendations, which discusses both in-theatre vaccination and pre-deployment considerations.

⁵ Participating UN Entities have discretion to determine the nature of the implementing or operational relationship when sponsoring INGOs, and assume the responsibilities of sponsorship whether the relationship is formal or informal. More information on INGO sponsorship can be found here: https://www.un.org/sites/un2.un.org/files/ingo_guidance.pdf

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⁷ Examples of Key Institutional Contractors may include those providing aviation services, key life support functions (e.g. food and fuel) and security. Personnel of such contractors must be validated by a sponsoring UN Organization