

# COVID-19 Technology Access Pool

The recent launch of the World Health Organization's (WHO) COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) will be remembered as a milestone in global health.

Originally proposed by the Government of Costa Rica, C-TAP aims to bring together know-how, data and licencing of medical technologies needed to bring the [COVID-19](#) pandemic to an end. Included in this are therapeutics, vaccines, intellectual property and clinical trial data, as well as gene sequencing data and other important information.

The pool was launched on 29 May 2020 by WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and President of Costa Rica, Carlos Alvarado Quesada, with the support of 37 countries, including the Netherlands, Malaysia and South Africa. A [Solidarity Call for Action](#), launched alongside C-TAP, calls on others to join and express their commitment to the pool, as HAI has already done.

Health Action International (HAI) is proud to support WHO's Solidarity Call to Action to make the response to COVID-19 a global public good. Only through the cooperation of all stakeholders, whether government, private sector or civil society, can we hope to bring this pandemic to an end. Now is not the time for profiteering and protectionism, but unity and collaboration in the public interest. The COVID-19 Technology Access Pool is an essential part of this approach. HAI will advocate for it in the strongest terms.

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HAI's statement of support for the Solidarity Call for Action.

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The launch of the COVID-19 technology pool will be remembered as a milestone in global health. For the first time, governments will come together to share the necessary know-how and data to effectively respond to the pandemic. The pool must be a repository of information and knowledge for all technologies developed with public support and funding, whatever form that may take. By supporting the COVID-19 pool, governments of all countries, regardless of resource level and geographic location, choose to be on the right side of history by ensuring equitable access to the tools needed to end this and future crises. We expect leaders to step up and join all the others who have already given their backing to the call from Costa Rica and the World Health Organization.

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El lanzamiento del Pool Covid19 (instrumento para la gestión mancomunada de tecnologías sanitarias relacionadas con COVID-19) será recordado como un hito en la salud mundial. Por primera vez, los gobiernos se unirán para compartir los conocimientos y saberes necesarios para responder de manera efectiva a la pandemia. El Pool será un repositorio de información y datos asociadas a aquellas tecnologías desarrolladas con apoyo y/o financiamiento público; sea cual fuera la forma que pueda tomar. Apoyando el Pool Covid19, los gobiernos de todos los países, independientemente de su nivel de ingresos y ubicación geográfica, eligen estar en el lado correcto de la historia al garantizar un acceso equitativo a las herramientas necesarias para poner fin a esta y futuras crisis. Esperamos que los líderes den un paso adelante y se unan a todos aquellos que ya han respaldado el llamado de Costa Rica y la Organización Mundial de la Salud.

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Le lancement de la plateforme des technologies COVID-19 (Pool Covid19) restera gravé dans les mémoires comme une étape importante pour la santé mondiale. Pour la première fois, des gouvernements se réuniront pour partager le savoir-faire et les données nécessaires pour répondre efficacement à une pandémie. Le Pool doit être un référentiel d'information et savoirs pour toutes les technologies développées avec le soutien et le financement publiques, quelle qu'en soit la forme. En soutenant la Pool Covid19, les gouvernements de tous les pays, indépendamment de son revenu et la situation géographique, choisissent d'être du bon côté de l'histoire en garantissant un accès équitable aux outils nécessaires pour mettre fin à cette crise, et aux crises futures. Nous attendons des dirigeants qu'ils se mobilisent et se joignent à tous ceux qui ont déjà exprimé son soutien à l'appel du Costa Rica et de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé.

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De lancering van de COVID-19 Technology Pool zal de geschiedenis ingaan als een mijlpaal voor de gezondheid wereldwijd. Voor het eerst werken regeringen samen en delen essentiële kennis en data die nodig zijn om effectief op de pandemie te kunnen reageren. De pool heeft als doel een verzamelplaats te worden van informatie en kennis over alle technologieën die zijn ontwikkeld met publieke steun en financiering, in welke vorm dan ook. Door de COVID-19 pool te ondersteunen kiezen regeringen van alle landen, ongeacht hun middelen en geografische locatie, ervoor om aan de goede kant te staan door te zorgen voor eerlijke toegang tot de instrumenten die nodig zijn om de huidige en toekomstige crises te beëindigen. Wij verwachten van regeringen dat ze opkomen voor onze rechten en zich aansluiten bij hen die de oproep van Costa Rica en de Wereldgezondheidsorganisatie al hebben gesteund.

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*HAI's statement of support (in four languages) for COVID-19 Technology Pool prior to its launch.*

To discuss this pool further, we co-hosted a World Health Assembly (WHA) side event along with Knowledge Ecology International, Medicines Law & Policy, Pharmaceutical Accountability Foundation, and Wemos before it was launched. This event saw speakers from 10 different organisations including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health in Costa Rica.

Watch a recording of the full event here:

The launch of the WHO COVID-19 pool in May was a historic moment. Now, the pool needs the support of all stakeholders to ensure medical technologies for COVID-19

are global public goods accessible to all.