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Indonesia receives $500M from World Bank for vaccination programme

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The World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors have approved a loan of $500 million to expand Indonesia's efforts to respond to the threats posed by COVID-19, strengthen the preparedness of its health system, and support the government’s free vaccination programme.

The new financing uses a results-based approach to encourage the use of government systems, and augments previous financing that has supported the government in expanding its capacity for patient isolation, increasing the availability of critical care beds, scaling-up testing capacity, and strengthening public risk communications, surveillance and pandemic preparedness.

"In addition to supporting the government's free vaccination programme to reach Indonesia’s entire adult population, this financing will help Indonesia’s health system become more resilient and strengthen our surveillance through testing and tracing of new COVID-19 cases, including genomic surveillance for new variants," said Budi Gunadi Sadikin, Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia.

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This new financing focuses on three result areas: improved health service delivery; stronger surveillance and quality control in laboratories; and better communication and coordination for emergency response and vaccine delivery. The financing will help improve the readiness of hospital and health service delivery systems and maintain essential, non-COVID health services – with special attention being paid to the needs of women and vulnerable population groups.