

## Singapore government contributes additional \$10 M to pandemic fund

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**To strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capabilities globally**



Minister for Health Ong Ye Kung has announced Singapore's contribution of an additional \$10 million to The Pandemic Fund. The additional contribution will match Singapore's initial contribution in 2022, bringing the total to \$20 million. It reflects Singapore's continued commitment to strengthen the global health architecture in preparation for the next pandemic.

The Pandemic Fund was established in 2022 to provide dedicated long-term financing to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response capabilities globally, in particular in low- and middle-income countries, so as to build a stronger global health system.

Ong suggested an increased focus in two areas to maximise the impact of The Pandemic Fund. These are global surveillance, and enhancing the abilities of less developed countries to prepare for and respond to future pandemics, especially in upgrading manpower capabilities.