Quick Start Milestones

Ministry of Health Zambia Receives 1,000 donated courses of Paxlovid From QuickStart Consortium

Quick Start delivered its first shipment of the COVID-19 oral treatment PAXLOVID™ to Zambia in late December 2022. The Zambia Ministry of Health received the 1,000 donated courses of the treatment and is already
Existing PAXLOVID™ supply in Rwanda will soon be bolstered by a donation order through Quick Start and the governments of Kenya, Laos, Malawi, and Nigeria are expected to receive shipments in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events

COVID Treatment Quick Start Learning Network Meeting: COVID Testing and High-Risk Populations

15 February 2023
8:00-9:00 am EST // 2:00-3:00 pm CET // 4:00-5:00 pm EAT // 6:30-7:30 pm IST

Please join us for the COVID Treatment Quick Start Learning Network on 15 February. During this meeting we will address:

- Snapshot of the COVID-19 Pandemic in LMICs and an update on the generic drug market; and
- A discussion on LMIC approaches to COVID-19 testing as countries prepare for the arrival of antivirals.

The Quick Start Learning Network aims to:

1. Provide a platform for learning and collaboration amongst a diverse set of stakeholders on COVID test-and-treat implementation;
2. Share successes and lessons learned in development and implementation of COVID test-and-treat programs globally to enable rapid dissemination of good practices;
3. Address shared challenges across test-and-treat programs to accelerate implementation; and
4. Inform operational research priorities and provide pathways for dissemination of emerging evidence and insights.

Did you miss our first learning network? On 7 December 2022, diverse speakers and participants collectively acknowledged the necessity of
mechanisms to complement continued access to vaccines for long-term COVID management. Presenters shared their key lessons learned at both the country and regional levels. Access the event summary and recording.

The COVID Treatment Quick Start Learning Network will meet monthly and is open to all.

### Market News

**The World Health Organization:** [The WHO Therapeutics and COVID-19: living guideline contains the most up-to-date recommendations for the use of therapeutics in the treatment of COVID-19.](#) (13 January 2023)

**PR Newswire:** [Hetero's 'Nirmacom' is world's first generic version of COVID-19 oral drug 'PAXLOVID' to receive WHO Prequalification](#) (27 December 2022)

**The World Health Organization:** [Emcure's molnupiravir prequalified](#) (26 December 2022)

**Bloomberg:** [Clinton-Backed Initiative Ships Covid Drugs to Africa](#) (19 December 2022)

**The Global Fund:** [C19RM Extension, Reinvestments and Portfolio Optimization](#) (6 December 2022)

### About Us

The COVID Treatment Quick Start Consortium brings together Duke University, Americares, the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), and COVID Collaborative as implementing partners, with support from the Open Society Foundations, Pfizer and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The consortium supports governments to introduce and scale up access to new and effective COVID-19 oral antiviral therapies in high-risk populations. Learn more: [covidquickstart.org](http://covidquickstart.org).