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Dear James,

Sub-Saharan Africa and COVID-19 vaccines

In our report, *The UK and Sub-Saharan Africa: prosperity, peace and development co-operation*, published in July 2020, we concluded that:

292. Access to a vaccine for COVID-19, should one be successfully developed, must be available on the basis of need. The Government should continue to work with international partners—including through Gavi, the Vaccines Alliance and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness—to ensure any such vaccine is made available to developing countries, including those in Sub-Saharan Africa.¹

We would be grateful for an update on the work the UK has undertaken to date to ensure that countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have access to COVID-19 vaccines. What is the UK's strategy for supporting the region, including sharing knowledge and products and assisting with capacity and institution-building to support the response to the crisis?

Yours, as ever

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¹ <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld5801/ldselect/ldintrel/88/88.pdf>