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Enabling equitable access to healthcare in a pandemic: **The Lab2Jab programme**

With over 100 million infections and four million deaths worldwide, COVID-19 is threatening decades of progress in global health. With limited access to vaccines and stretched health care systems, many developing countries are struggling as they battle successive waves of COVID-19 infections.

Figures show that developed nations with only 13% of the world's population have ordered 60% of the available vaccine supply. Even with dose-sharing, according to the Africa Centre for Disease Control, it will take two to three years to vaccinate 60% of Africa's population, increasing the risk of new variants that could be resistant to the vaccines.

Where vaccines are available, in many developing countries getting them to the last mile remains a challenge. The capacity to transport the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine in ultra-cold chain fridges has meant that many countries cannot get it to their rural communities.

The battle for oxygen is another major setback that has led to the unnecessary death of thousands. The sharp demand for, and limited availability of, oxygen and ICU beds witnessed in India is now replicated in many other countries, as the delta variant continues to take hold.

For decades, Crown Agents have been trusted to deliver high impact projects in health. When COVID-19 first hit, we supported over 50 countries to achieve a timely supply of quality-assured PPE, diagnostic tests and other items.

Now, we have set up the **The Lab to Jab COVID-19 Response Facility to help make vaccines and access to oxygen available, while improving access to quality healthcare for over five million people living in disadvantaged communities in Africa, South America, Asia and the Middle East.** Our interventions not only contribute to the procurement and delivery of oxygen concentrators and vaccines, but also the training of health workers, community volunteers and the setting up of solar oxygen plants.

With your support, we can not only respond to the emergency, but strengthen the global health sector for a resilient future.

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