COVAX program

- COVAX is the vaccines pillar of the **Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT)** Accelerator
- The ACT Accelerator is a ground-breaking global collaboration to accelerate the **development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines**.
- COVAX is **co-led by Gavi**, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) and WHO.
- Its aim is to accelerate the development and manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines, and to guarantee fair and equitable access for every country in the world.

**Why we need COVAX**

- Developing a vaccine against COVID-19 is the most pressing challenge of our time - and nobody wins the race until everyone wins.
- The global pandemic has already caused the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives and disrupted the lives of billions more. As well as reducing the tragic loss of life and helping to get the pandemic under control, introduction of a vaccine will prevent the loss of US$ 375 billion to the global economy every month.
- Global equitable access to a vaccine, particularly protecting health care workers and those most-at-risk is the only way to mitigate the public health and economic impact of the pandemic.

**Objectives of COVAX:**

- Doses for at least 20% of countries' populations
- Diverse and actively managed portfolio of vaccines
- Vaccines delivered as soon as they are available
- End the acute phase of the pandemic
- Rebuild economies