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Thank you for your messages regarding COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests. The UK Government has long supported affordable and equitable access to essential medicines and vaccines in the UK and for people living in the Global South, and we are at the forefront of global efforts to ensure equitable access to potential COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests.

On the 4 May, the UK Government co-led a virtual conference for the Coronavirus Global Response Initiative, which aimed to secure vital funds for COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatment, including for the poorest countries. The Prime Minister provided a video message and emphasised this is not a competition between countries, but the most urgent shared endeavour of our lifetimes.

During his message, the Prime Minister pledged £388 million of UK aid to drive forward the global race for COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests. This included £250 million to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations to develop a portfolio of COVID-19 vaccines that, once available, will be available to all. It also included £40 million to the Wellcome Therapeutics Accelerator and £23 million to the Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics, both of which are central to efforts to accelerate development and access to new treatments and tests. This funding, alongside our £1.65 billion pledge to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, will support the development, manufacture and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and tests for people in the Global South.

The UK's commitment for a globally available and affordable vaccine is clear. We are proud to work with the World Health Organisation and other international partners to ensure new vaccines, treatments and tests will be accessible to everyone, as quickly as possible, to end this pandemic.

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