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# COVID TREATMENT QuickStart — CONSORTIUM —

## 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**

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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](https://covidquickstart.org).

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