



**TOGETHER
WOMEN RISE**

Collective action for global gender equality



RISE Advocacy Chapter with RESULTS January Webinar

January 18, 2022

Mission & Vision

Together Women Rise's Mission

Together Women Rise cultivates the collective power of community to achieve global gender equality.

OUR VISION

Together Women Rise envisions a world where every person has the same opportunities to thrive regardless of their gender or where they live.

RESULTS Anti-Oppression Values

The RESULTS logo consists of the word "results" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, positioned inside a red speech bubble shape that points downwards.

RESULTS is a movement of passionate, committed everyday people. Together we use our voices to influence political decisions that will bring an end to poverty. Poverty cannot end as long as oppression exists.

We commit to opposing all forms of oppression, including racism, classism, colonialism, white saviorism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, and religious discrimination.

At RESULTS we pledge to create space for all voices, including those of us who are currently experiencing poverty. We will address oppressive behavior in our interactions, families, communities, work, and world. Our strength is rooted in our diversity of experiences, not in our assumptions.

With unearned privilege comes the responsibility to act so the burden to educate and change doesn't fall solely on those experiencing oppression. When we miss the mark on our values, we will acknowledge our mistake, seek forgiveness, learn, and work together as a community to pursue equity.

There are no saviors — only partners, advocates, and allies. We agree to help make the RESULTS movement a respectful, inclusive space.

Find all our anti-oppression resources at: <https://results.org/volunteers/anti-oppression/>

Welcome & Introductions

- 2022 will be 3rd year of Together Women Rise Advocacy Chapter
- Personal advocacy goals this year





Pandemic response



Appropriations



Nutrition Legislation



Global Fund Replenishment

Let's Write LTEs: EPIC

Engage: Something snappy

Problem: What is the challenge

Inform about the Solution: How we can address the problem

Call to Action: Direct call to take action by the reader



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Let's Write LTEs

COVID is about national security

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The coronavirus' omicron variant has emerged. It appears that those who are fully vaccinated and boosted enjoy a measure of protection from severe illness.

However, until we get many more people vaccinated, especially in sub-Saharan Africa and other undeveloped parts of the world, it's quite likely that other variants will emerge. Current vaccines may offer much less protection against one of these future variants.

This is a national security issue. We won't be safe until everyone is safe. If a variant as deadly as delta and as transmissible as omicron emerges, it would severely affect not just public health but also the global economy.

Congress needs to provide significantly more funding for global COVID-19 vaccinations, for everyone's sake.

- Craig C. Roshaven.



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Letters to the editor US must support global vaccine efforts

In 'Moderna morally obligated to do more in COVID fight,' guest columnist Joe Ingle details the COVID vaccine disparity created by vaccine manufacturers' greed. The Biden administration is pressuring Moderna, yet it still focuses sales on wealthier nations.

Meanwhile, less than 10% of people in Africa are fully vaccinated and many low-income countries are imposing new lockdowns due to the delta and omicron variants.

Fortunately, Dr. Peter Hotez, Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi, Texas Children's Hospital's Center for Vaccine Development and the Baylor College of Medicine are sharing technology for manufacturing their Corbevax vaccine, dubbed 'The World's COVID-19 Vaccine.' They hope the vaccine, proven effective in tests, will achieve low-cost scalability across the world.

Largely due to global vaccine inequity, variants continue to develop. This threatens health and economic stability globally, including in the United States. Whether with the Moderna, Corbevax or other vaccines, we are all morally obligated to do more in the global COVID fight. Congress should support more global efforts. Otherwise, COVID will mutate, infect, spread and kill ... repeatedly.

Anne Child, Oak Ridge



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Regarding “Editorial: Houston-made Corbevax vaccine welcome news in pandemic,” (Dec. 31): Kudos for your editorial that says it all about Dr. Maria Elena Bottazzi and Dr. Peter Hotez and their team at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children’s Hospital who have produced a much needed “gift from Texas to the world.”

The team has developed an inexpensive yet effective vaccine that can provide the billions of doses that will be needed to vaccinate the 6 billion people in low- and middle-income countries, and finally end the COVID pandemic — truly “a gift from Texas to the world.”

Production of the vaccine is underway, and the formula is open for all manufacturers to use.

The two doctors and their team have done their part to end the pandemic without any financial benefit to themselves. It is now time for the rest of us to take action. Our country must do more to expand vaccine manufacturing and access. It is the right thing to do, and also in our own best interest.

If we fail to provide vaccines to people living in low-income countries, we hurt our own prospects of getting rid of COVID-19 in the process. Call or write President Joe Biden and our members of Congress and urge them to follow our Texas example and show strong leadership in vaccine equity to bring an to end this pandemic.

Claudia Morgan, Houston



Let's Write LTEs



As our hospitals fill again with the unvaccinated and immunocompromised, the Omicron variant has proven once again that the only way out of COVID-19 is to ensure that everyone has access to vaccines and other life-saving tools.

And though anyone in the US who wants to be vaccinated can be, that is not the case for people living in low- and middle-income countries. Five and half million people have died of COVID-19 globally and the pandemic has had severe corollary effects that have dramatically increased global poverty.

With US leadership, the world has set a global goal of vaccinating 70% of the population by September 2022. This would save lives, slow the incubation of variants, and allow economies to recover. This is a great goal, but it also requires funding to get the job done. The estimated cost of reaching the goal is \$63 billion. The US fair share of that would be \$17 billion. The President must request the \$17 billion vaccine supplemental and Congress should include in the final fiscal year 2022 spending bill.

The only way out of COVID is leadership. We're counting on the President and Congress.



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- What are your personal reasons for caring about this issue?
- What is happening in your community and/or what are people talking about that you can use as a link to this issue?



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Grantee Spotlight



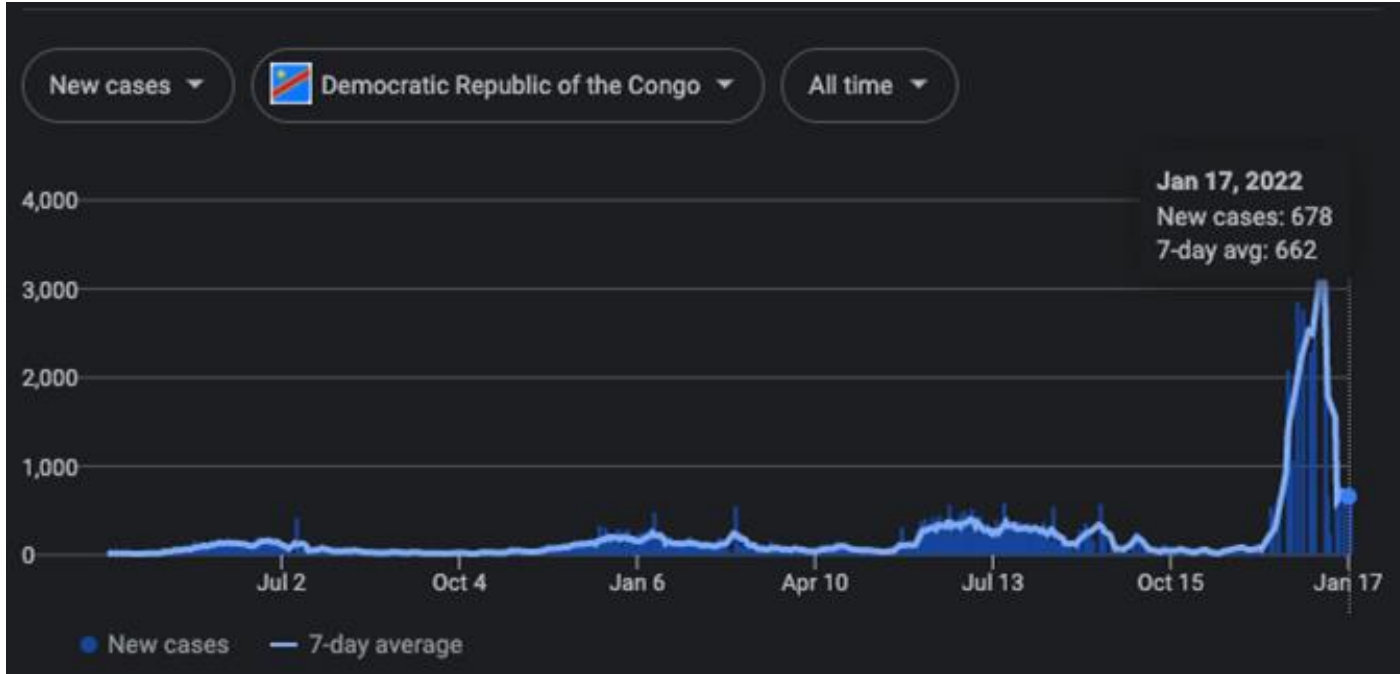
When COVID-19 forced the DRC into a lockdown, thousands of people in Kalebuka lost their jobs, leaving already poor people in a desperate situation. Simultaneously, the lockdown included the closure of all borders, causing **food prices to skyrocket by 500 percent** in some cases. Recognizing the dangers, and the immediate needs of the community, Malaika began an emergency food distribution that included basic food items such as maize and beans, as well as hygiene items to help curb the spread of COVID-19. Mama Ya Mapendo members sewed thousands of masks to include in the distribution. Throughout lockdowns, Malaika distributed emergency bags to 7,791 people while also setting up handwashing stations throughout the area and conducting outreach about the virus and prevention.



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Current state of COVID-19 in DRC

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In November, only 10% of Sub Saharan Africa had their 1st Vaccine.

They already face Malaria, Cholera and Ebola.



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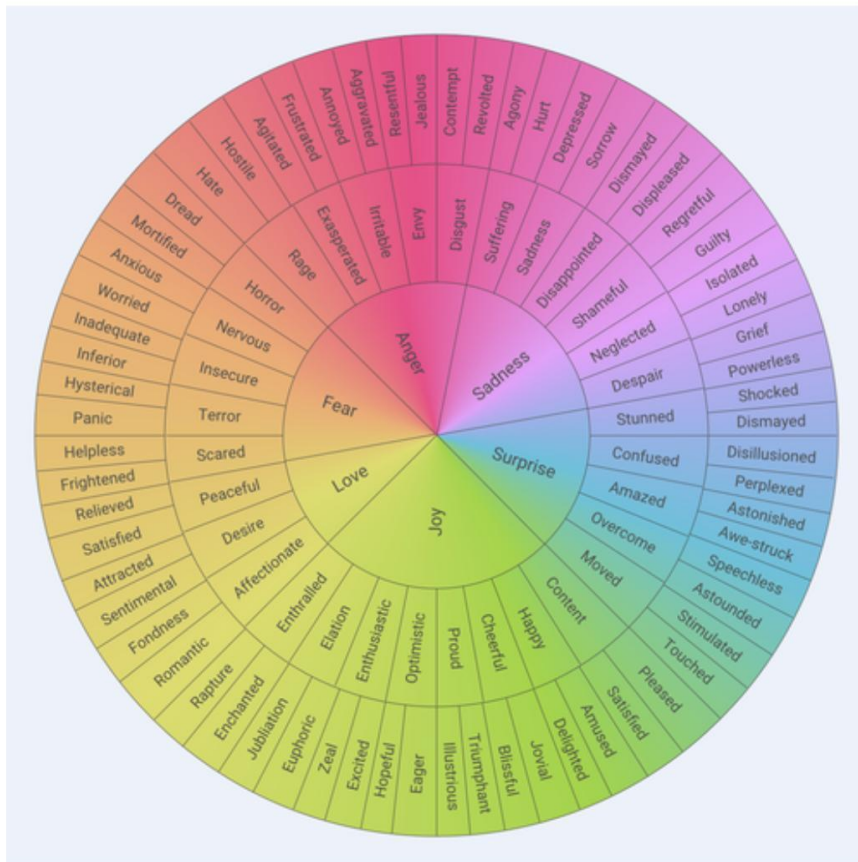
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How has COVID affected you?



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Vaccine Equity



- **Vaccine LTE Action:**
\$17 billion supplemental spending request
- Targeted Congressional meetings

Upcoming Events



- Advocacy Orientation:
January 27th at 8:30 PM ET
Invite a friend who wants to take action!

Upcoming Events



- 2022 Monthly Webinars:
3rd Tuesday at 8:30 PM ET
Next Webinar: February 15

Invite others to take action with you!

Impact Partnership Grants Fund Collaborative Approach to Gender Equality



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Happy New Year!

Let's keep doing great work together!