

WHO says G-7 vaccine pledge falls far short of what's needed



Geneva, June 16 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization has warned that the coronavirus is spreading faster than the global distribution of vaccines.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was responding to a pledge by leaders of the G-7 to donate one billion vaccine doses to middle- and low-income countries. He pointed out That's just 613 million new doses on top of previously pledged aid.

Tedros Adhanom told reporters: "This is a big help, but we need more, and we need them faster. More than 10,000 people are dying every day. During this press conference alone, more than 420 people will die. These communities need vaccines, and they need them now, not next year."

The Geneva-based World Health Organization says 11 billion doses are needed to fully vaccinate 70% of the world's population.

In other news, COVID-19 infections are surging in at least 14 African nations, where confirmed cases rose by 26% in the first week of June. Just 0.6% of Africa's 1.3 billion people are fully vaccinated.

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