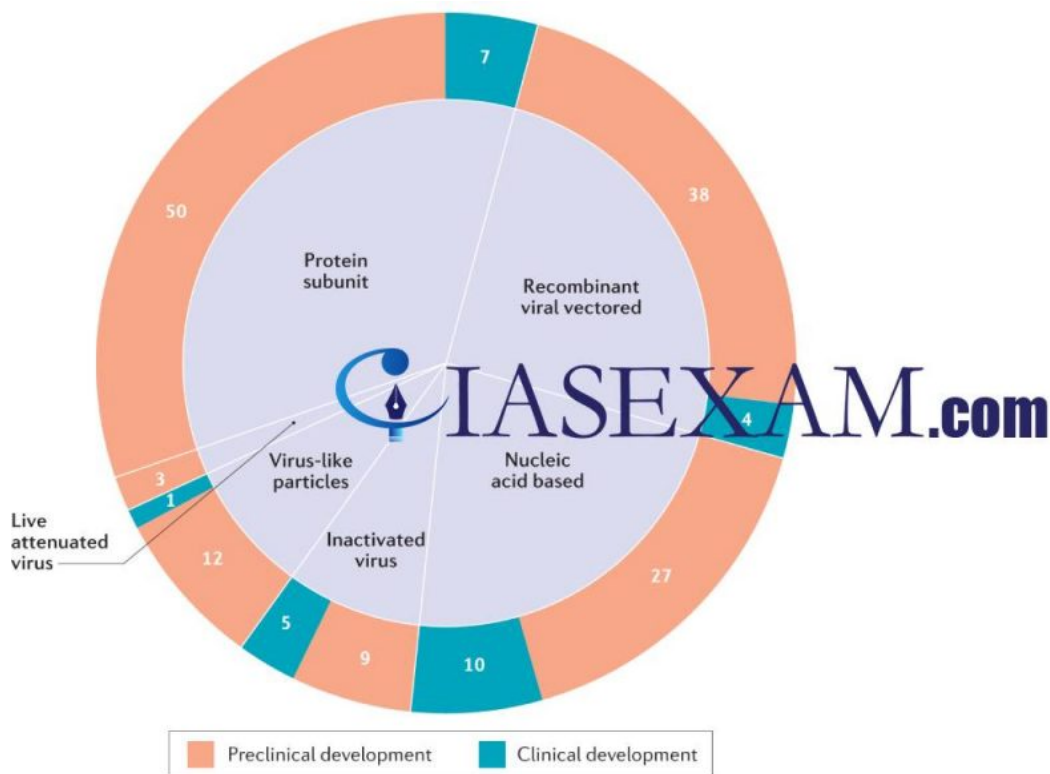


# US announces a 6-point action plan for WHO Vaccine Target

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Acknowledging that the world is “well below” the World Health Organization (WHO)’s target of vaccinating 70% of people in every country by September 2022, the United States (US) has unveiled a new six-point global action plan to tackle the “biggest barriers left” in the battle against the pandemic.

## Key Highlights

- The plan, announced by US secretary of state Antony J Blinken, involves six lines of effort.
- This includes first, increasing access to vaccines and addressing last mile delivery issues; two, strengthening the supply chain for vaccines and other critical supplies such as syringes, test kits and treatments; three, addressing information gaps that lead to low confidence in vaccines by tailoring messages for local audiences and pushing back against disinformation; four, providing more support to health care workers; five, making it easier to access treatments and therapeutics; and six, strengthening global health security for the next emergency by ensuring sustainable financing for pandemic preparedness and response.
- At a virtual Covid-19 small group minister meeting, Blinken said that a recent analysis found that while nearly 80% of people are vaccinated in upper, middle, and high-income countries, the number fell to less than 11% in low-income countries.

- Blinken said that the US will continue to provide vaccine doses through Covax. “To date, we’ve delivered over 435 million safe, effective vaccines free of charge with no political strings attached as part of our overall commitment to donate 1.2 billion doses by the end of the year. This includes our latest donation of 5 million Johnson & Johnson doses to the African Vaccine Acquisition Trust,” he said.

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