Statement by Oxfam, on behalf of the People’s Vaccine Alliance, at the UNICEF Board 7.9.21.

- Congratulate Executive Director for successfully leading UNICEF since 2018.
- Recognise the huge problem we have with vaccine supplies for the developing world, including today’s announcement that COVAX is once again failing to secure its projected vaccine supplies - with a shortage this time of up to 500 million doses.
- Recognize UNICEF’s key global role, over the past 40+ years, as the largest vaccine buyer in the world and UNICEF’s key leadership role in the COVAX initiative and the response to Covid-19.
- Call on UNICEF to use its pivotal role in the vaccine market to help strengthen regional and national vaccine production capacity.
- Call on UNICEF to use its considerable influence with governments, the private sector, civil society organizations to publicly call for:
  - Commitments from governments and pharma companies immediately to share the knowledge, technology, and intellectual property to make safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, tests and treatments.
  - UNICEF should join the Director General of the WHO in publicly calling for all nations to support the proposal by South Africa and India for a temporary waiver of intellectual property on all Covid-19 vaccines, treatments and technologies to facilitate the increase in vaccine production in developing countries.
  - Investments in a global vaccine manufacturing program of scale and urgency to end the pandemic, supported by whole-of-government efforts to source and produce materials and train personnel, with regional manufacturing hubs around the world. For example a $25 billion commitment can produce eight billion additional doses of mRNA vaccine in one year.