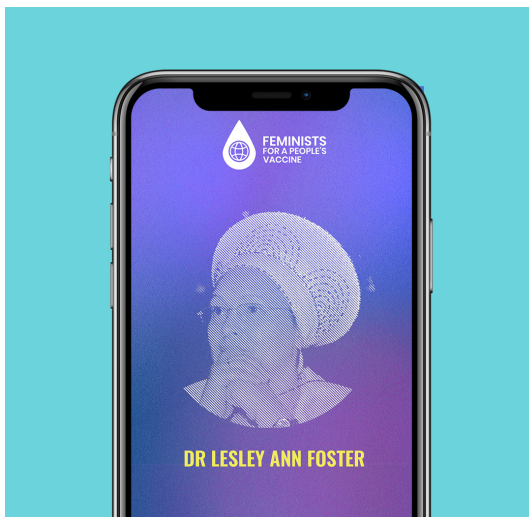




**FEMINISTS
FOR A PEOPLE'S
VACCINE**

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The Feminists for a People's Vaccine Campaign



FPV's message to Europe

Following the AU EU Summit and the WTO General Council Meeting, Dr Lesley Ann Foster, director of Masimanyane Women's Rights International, delivered a [message](#) to the WTO on behalf of the FPV Campaign.

FPV at the ECOSOC

The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (MGoSCM) and the FPV Campaign co-sponsored an Informal Spotlight Session during the UN's 2022 ECOSOC Partnership Forum.

[+ Watch the recording here](#)

Dig In

The Feminists for a People's Vaccine campaign has launched a new social media series to disseminate scientific research studies on the interlinkages between gender and Covid-19 called [Dig In](#).

GENDER & COVID-19

Under-reporting of COVID-19 cases among females in many countries, finds study

A [study conducted](#) by researchers in economics and health found that COVID-19 cases and deaths among women may be underreported in countries with higher gender discrimination.

The Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Women in India: A New Hope for Recovery Efforts

An [extensive large-scale study](#) by Dalberg illustrates how women from low-income households in India were disproportionately impacted by the crisis.

WAIT! PAUSE. IS THE PANDEMIC OVER?

Recent discourses have been claiming the pandemic is drawing to a close.

Better safe than sorry

In a recent [survey](#), almost 90% of experts contacted by Nature Journal think that the coronavirus will become endemic.

Meanwhile, a [study](#) published in ACS Infectious Diseases found that coronavirus variants are evolving to have higher infectivity and antibody escape. The cherry on top? It is all but certain the world's population will need a round of [second generation vaccinations](#) to overcome new variants.

But the Global North seems to think otherwise...

Europe and the United States appear to be done with Covid-19 as Omicron case numbers subside. Countries are lifting restrictions, despite "a stern warning" from WHO DG Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
+ [learn more here & here](#)

Remember! These same countries are doling out booster shots when the entire continent of **Africa has still only fully vaccinated 11% of its population.**

50 MILLION DOSES

are set to be destroyed by the EU by February 2022

INEQUITY IN NUMBERS

25 MILLION DOSES

more than the amount donated to Africa so far

Source: [People's Vaccine Alliance](#)



World Health Organization

Tedros's Visit to South Africa mRNA Hub

WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [visited](#) the newly established mRNA hub in South Africa on February 11. It was announced that six African countries, five countries in Asia, and Serbia were set to [receive technology transfer](#) as part of the hub's activities to expand vaccine manufacturing.

He was accompanied by and received strong support from African and European leaders. The [Geneva Health Files](#) cautions the EU's support as a diversionary tactic to divert attention away from the TRIPS Waiver.

Pandemic Treaty



While initially off to a rocky start, as the FPV campaign has [reported](#), the WHO Pandemic Treaty returned to the agenda in February.

The US has been involved in backdoor conversations and advocating for changes in the International Health Regulations (IHR),

[POLITICO](#) reported.

BIG PHARMA



Feeling the competition

German pharmaceutical BioNTech (Pfizer's partner) has tried to undermine the independent development of mRNA technology in Africa promoted by the WHO mRNA Hub, revealed a [BMJ investigative article](#).

BioNTech is looking to persuade governments to support their "[BioNTainers](#)" instead – an initiative that doesn't require tech transfer.

EU and Big Pharma Backdoor Dealings?

On February 4th, leftist MEPs [tabled](#) an inquiry into the disappearance and non-disclosure of alleged text messages exchanged between EC President Ursula von der Leyen and Pfizer's CEO Albert Bourla regarding a vaccine purchase deal.

As was reported in the previous FPV newsletter issue, the Commission has refused to make these messages public.



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION

Another push for the TRIPS Waiver

TWN launched a [joint-letter](#) addressed to WTO DG Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala with the support of other 200 national, regional and global organizations that urged the WTO to adopt a comprehensive TRIPS Waiver rather than a narrow version currently being pushed by Global North countries at the General Council meeting in late February, the [Geneva Health Files](#) reported.

Ministerial Conference

During the meeting, WTO members have agreed on 13-17 June 2022 as the new date for the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference. The Ministerial will have on its agenda the TRIPS Waiver and Least Developed Country status upgrade.

[+ Learn more](#)

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

AU-EU Summit

Leading up to the summit, which took place February 17-18, the European Union [held firm on its stance](#) against the TRIPS Waiver of which the African Union is a co-sponsor. However, President Cyril Ramphosa of South Africa [refused to budge](#) on demands for a Waiver.



AN EXPERT'S POINT OF VIEW

CAROL BARTON, Women in Migration Network, FPV Campaign Partner

The first UN General Assembly International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) will take place in New York from 17-20 May 2022, where progress made on implementation of the 2018 Global Compact will be assessed.

"The review comes at a precarious moment in terms of interlocking health, economic and climate crises, all of which are drivers of migration and have greatly impacted women in migration. The pandemic has made visible [...] the failure of a global migration policy that has primarily offered temporary and precarious migration pathways."

RECOMMENDED READS



**Sexual Politics in Times of Pandemic –
2021 Retrospective - Sexuality Policy**

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**COVID-19 and a 'Crisis of Care': A
Feminist Analysis of Public Policy
Responses to Paid and Unpaid Care
and Domestic work**

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**Revealed: US conservatives spreading
anti-vax misinformation to
unvaccinated Uganda - openDemocracy**

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**Human Rights in the Context of the
Pandemic: Impacts and Responses - Sur**

Journal Issue 31

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Labour fully accepting the Tory line on ending free testing, what the actual fuck.

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