

**Question for written answer E-001786/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: COVID-19 and global health programmes

The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted clear shortcomings in our ability to manage global pandemics. Global health programmes, such as the Global Fund and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, are playing a key role in the COVID-19 response and are crucial to guaranteeing global health security, but will only be able to continue to do so if they are swiftly implemented and properly funded.

Considering the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on global health, is the Commission planning to speed up implementation and increase funding for the above-mentioned global health programmes as part of its efforts to tackle global challenges?