

**Question for written answer E-003464/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Refusal to vaccinate refugees against COVID-19 following manufacturers' rejection of liability

According to Reuters and internal documents compiled by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (an international alliance established by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation), tens of millions of refugees worldwide have had no access to the COVID-19 vaccine because some major manufacturers have refused to accept liability for the risks associated with harmful side effects.¹ They report that the NGOs delivering the injections have refused to accept the required liability.

Conversely, some Chinese vaccine manufacturers and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) in the United States have agreed to compensate individuals suffering adverse effects as a result of their product. On 22 September 2022, Gavi CEO Dr Seth Berkley repeated his call for recalcitrant manufacturers to commit to their responsibilities.²

1. Can the Commission confirm that refugees are not receiving the vaccine doses applied for and administered by various European organisations under the COVAX programme operated by Gavi because the NGOs and some manufacturers have refused to compensate individuals for any adverse side effects suffered?
2. Which NGOs and manufacturers have refused to compensate refugees suffering harmful side effects from the COVID-19 vaccine?

¹ <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/refugees-lack-covid-shots-because-drugmakers-fear-lawsuits-documents-2021-12-16>

² <https://twitter.com/GaviSeth/status/1440780492324818945?s=20>