

# 5 REASONS WHY

the EU should **immediately** use the **flexibility instruments** for the **global COVID response**

#1

**Because it is exactly what these budget lines were made for**



According to the Global Europe Regulations, contributions to ACT-A would be appropriate from both the Cushion and the Rapid Response Pillar. The COVID pandemic is a global crisis that requires a quick response and EU leadership.

#2

**Because that's where the money is**



The cushion and the rapid response pillar have been allocated €8.49 billion and €2.83 billion euros respectively for the period of 2021-2027, enough to meet the EU's fair share to ACT-A, contribute to the wider COVID response, and still have enough remaining for future urgencies.

#3

**Because "Global Challenges" thematic budget line is already overstressed**



The thematic budget line that could be used for health is sparse, with only €137.2 million for 2022 - far below what is needed for the EU to meet its fair share to ACT-A and other global health initiatives.

#4

**Because EU investments for global health in partner countries are insufficient**



The development budget has been geographised. As a consequence, thematic issues like health are neglected.

#5

**Because not doing so will cost much more**



COVID-19 threatens to reverse the progress made towards the SDGs and increases the risk for people living non-communicable diseases. The entire world suffers the longer this pandemic continues, and evidence shows it could cost the world 9.2 trillion in 2021 alone.