



COVID-19 Disaster and Vaccination Fund (COVID-19 DVF)

COVID-19 DVF is accounted separately from the General Fund of IIW. The Fund will be audited by an external auditor who shall render a report thereon indicating the Gross Receipts and Disbursements.

The IIW bank account to deposit the funds into is;

Bank name: NatWest Branch: Stockport Underbank
Account name: INT INNER WHEEL
Sort Code: 01-08-38
Account No: 54997992
BIC: NWBKGB2L
IBAN: GB96NWBK01083854997992

WHY was it set up?

At the time of the April 2020 International Inner Wheel (IIW) Governing Body 2019/2020 meeting (on Zoom), the Covid19 pandemic was sweeping the world with many thousands of deaths, borders closed and with long term ramifications yet to be seen. To that end, a Covid19 Disaster and Vaccination Fund is being started to raise money to help with the immediate effects of the pandemic and to help with a long-term solution in the spirit of (than) IIW President Phyllis Charter theme “Together We Can”. Many governments, NGO’s and private persons donated a lot of money for the developing a vaccine. But IIW Governing Body 2019/2020, decided that IW will be more helpful **in distribution** of the vaccine worldwide. The worldwide situation is still extremely serious with renewed waves of the virus sweeping Europe and other countries around the world. Thus, the criteria of the proposed fund are still extremely valid.

TO WHOM will the vaccine be distributed?

Some governments have already announced that they will provide free vaccines for all vulnerable groups. But many countries will have no such chance. The raised money from the COVID-19 DVF will be used to save lives by ensuring safe vaccinations **for disadvantaged people** anywhere in the world where it is unaffordable or not readily available. The funds raised will be distributed to organizations chosen and vetted by the IIW Executive and the Governing Body. These could be regional, national or international, but they will all be working against Covid-19 and its effects.

HOW will the people in need be chosen?

The IIW Governing Body will create a Committee that will be responsible in creating guidelines for the disbursement and allocation of funds and vaccines coming from the COVID-19 DVF. The President and Treasurer will automatically become ex-officio members of the Committee by virtue of their positions. **Each IW country will make proposals** and suggest to whom the vaccine is necessary to be distributed. All proposals will be discussed by the Committee and approved by the IIW Governing Body. Each country with an approved proposal will take an active part in the distribution of vaccines and control of implementation with its organizational experience and structures.

The COVID-19 DVF Committee shall submit an annual report showing the total amount of donations received from the members and the total disbursements made from the fund.

HOW will the money for the COVID-19 DVF be raised?

Our suggested target of fund raising is **£500,000!** Worldwide it is very achievable. Imagine! if every Inner Wheel member donated **£1** we would be well on our way to reaching our goal, especially if we promote the fund, not only to Inner Wheel members in our clubs, but to the wider public by all means available, including social media. We are aware that there have been many calls on members for donations in the past year with so many disasters in the world and in our local regions. Therefore, the **£1** per member is completely voluntary and purely a suggestion.

A hash tag has been created and been distributed already. It is, however, attached again to this letter with helpful hints on its use.

WHEN it will happen?

The distribution of the vaccine will start immediately, when there is **an approved, safe and efficient vaccine available**. But we should be ready with fund raising for that time!

It is envisaged that the fund will run until 31 Dec 2021 in the hope that a vaccine will be close to being readily available. If needed, the period will be extended.

You are encouraged to engage with this wonderful project- **THE FIRST IW GLOBAL PROJECT**, to join with your sisters worldwide, in the true spirit of Inner Wheel.

With the joint themes of Immediate Past President Phyllis - “Together we Can” and the running President Bina – “Lead the Change”, what a wonderful opportunity we have - to be “**Changemakers**” together, to help disadvantaged people worldwide to fight this virus.

IIW Executive Committee and Governing Body 2020/2021