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Nairobi, Kenya | January 28, 2021: The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Grant to Expand Access to COVID-19 Testing and Tracing in Africa

The Rockefeller Foundation has announced a new grant of US\$12 million to the Africa Public Health Foundation to help expand the geographic coverage of testing and strengthen contact tracing for COVID-19 in Africa.

This funding will support a broader effort to accelerate equitable access to testing technologies, increase testing of asymptomatic persons and reduce community transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the sub-Saharan Africa region. To date, more than three million COVID-19 cases have been recorded in Africa, with the current daily average of new cases in the second wave surpassing that of the first wave.

Testing and tracing remain two of the strongest public health interventions for containing COVID-19 on this continent of about 1.3 billion people. Yet, only a little above 29.2 million tests have been reported since the beginning of the pandemic. By scaling up testing and tracing, health authorities on the continent will have access to more reliable epidemiologic data to advise governments, businesses and the public on how to better manage the pandemic and mitigate its socioeconomic impact.

Through its initiative, the Partnership to Accelerate COVID-19 Testing (PACT), rolled out in August last year, Africa CDC is establishing partnerships across the globe to mobilize technical, material and financial resources to support its Member States in expanding testing, tracing and treatment for COVID-19. This fund will contribute to the implementation of PACT across the continent.

The grant will also help increase access to testing in urban and rural areas, strengthen community level contact tracing, enhance data infrastructure and accelerate screening and case finding in high-risk populations.

Partners: *The Rockefeller Foundation, Africa CDC, Africa Public Health Foundation*

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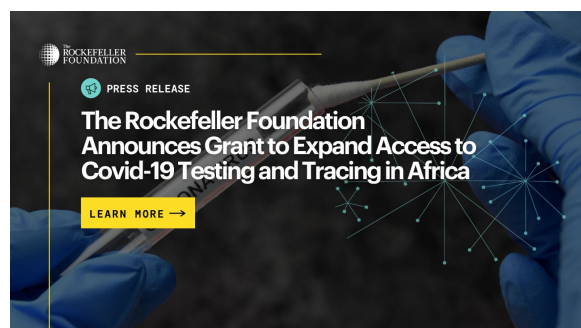
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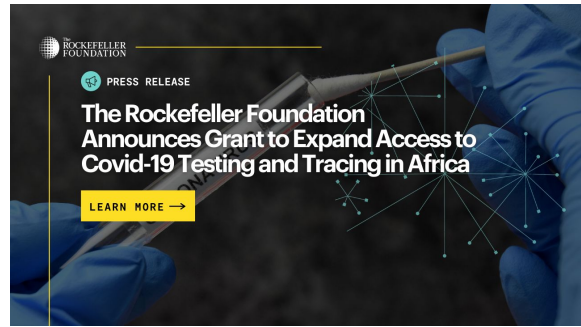


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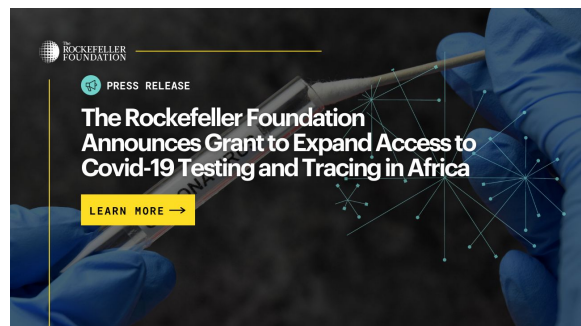
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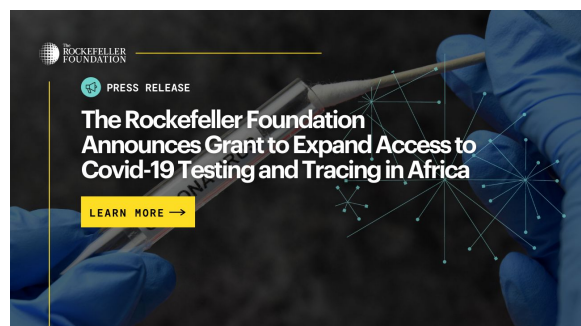


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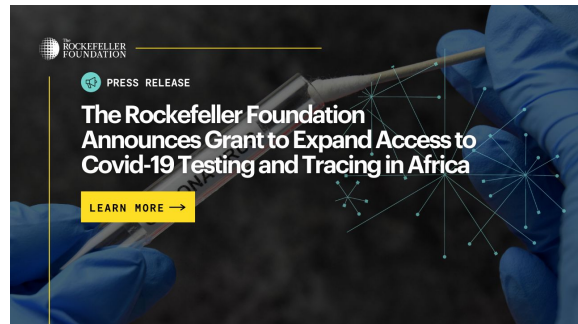


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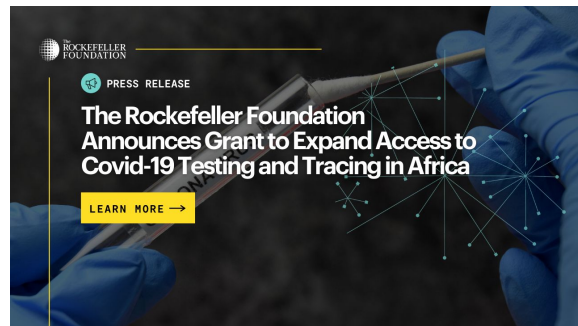


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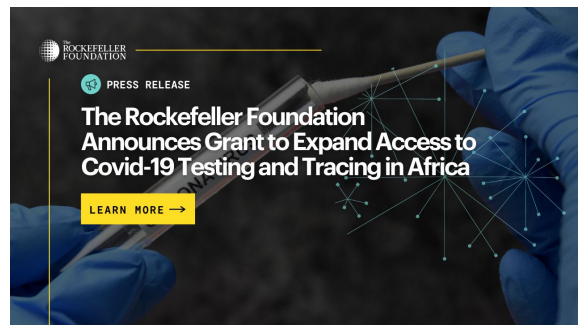
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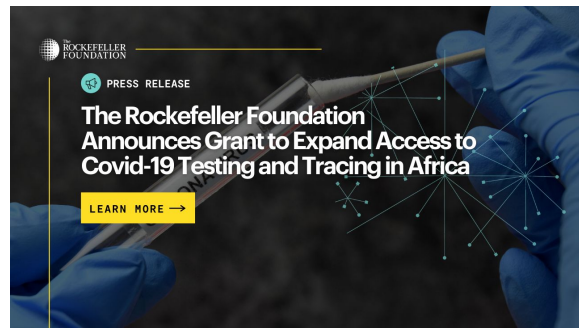


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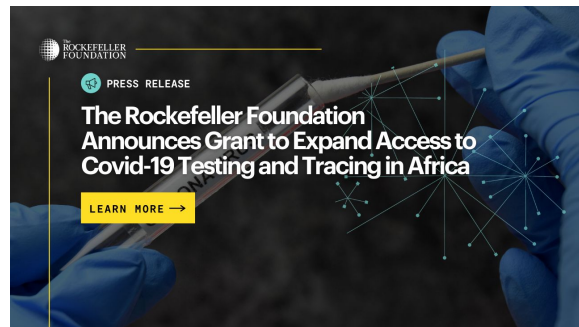


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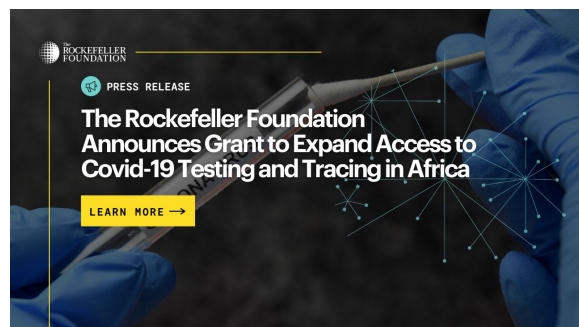


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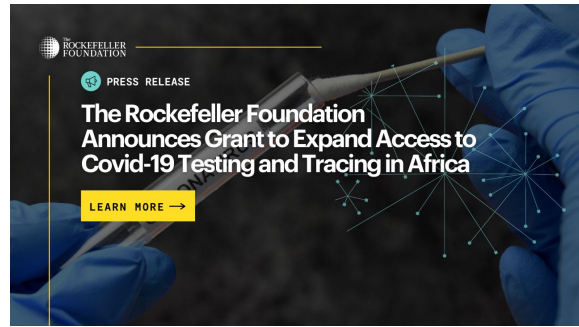
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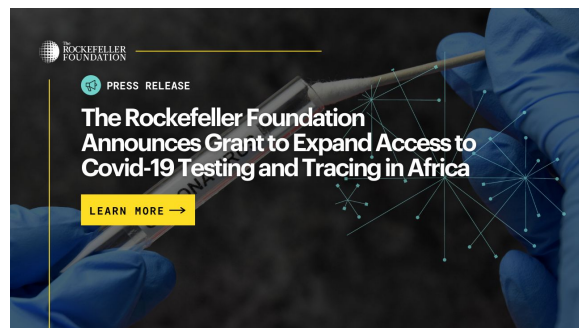


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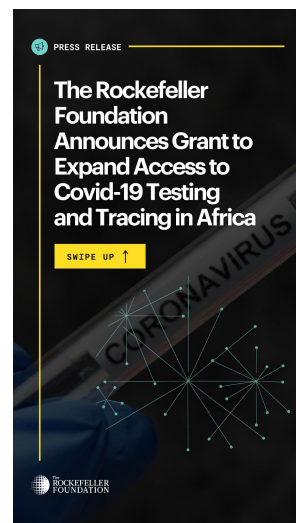
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