

FFWPU USA: 5th Sunhak Peace Prize Awarded to Covid Pandemic Responders

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(L) Hon. Jose Manuel Barroso and (R) Dame Prof. Sarah Gilbert

The 5th Sunhak Peace Prize ceremony, held during World Summit 2022 on Feb. 11, honored laureates for significant achievements in promoting peace and development, as well as Covid-19 pandemic response. Dame Prof. Sarah Gilbert of Oxford University and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, were recognized as the 2022 laureates alongside summit co-chair and Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen, who received the Founder's Award.

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"The values that resulted in this vaccine being made available align with those of the Universal Peace Federation," said Dr. Sarah Gilbert, a vaccinologist and one of the creators of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. "This vaccine was made for all of us," she said. "It is a very great honor to receive the Sunhak Peace Prize and to follow the prestigious laureates who have received the award in previous years."

Prof. Gilbert shared how she had spent years in vaccinology fighting known diseases but also preparing for a future "Disease X." On Jan. 1, 2020, when she read an article about a terrible new respiratory sickness in China, she rushed to organize a response. The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine for Covid-19 was ready for its trials within a few weeks - and today, 2.5 billion doses have been produced for use in 170 countries. Low-income countries pay little to nothing for the vaccines, she said, per an agreement that this vaccine must be available to all people. With additional vaccines now widely available, she said, "we can look forward to our lives going back to normal."

Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO of [Gavi](#), the Vaccine Alliance, explained how his organization coordinated the COVAX facility to ensure that developing countries could get vaccines as easily as wealthy ones. The goal was "an equal chance for a healthy future," said Dr. Berkley, adding that COVAX has delivered a billion Covid-19 vaccine doses to 144 countries.

"It is a great honor and privilege to receive this [Sunhak Peace] prize on behalf of Gavi," said Dr. Berkley in his video acceptance speech. He later shared his appreciation of the prize [in a tweet](#) with his 80,000 Twitter followers. Dr. Berkeley, who specializes in infectious disease epidemiology and global health, said, "a healthier society is a wealthier society, and from this prosperity comes stability and peace."



(L) Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and (R) Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen

Cambodia Prime Minister Sen has actively engaged with various international peace forums and peace initiatives, including UPF, leading efforts to promote global collaboration toward peace. He received the Founder's Award from Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, summit host and co-founder of UPF, for his great leadership in sustainable development in Southeast Asia.

"I'm profoundly moved and touched to have been selected as a laureate," said Prime Minister Sen. "Thank you for recognizing my work in ending the long civil war and building long-lasting peace in Cambodia... our leaders played a crucial collective role to build and promote peace."

"But most importantly," he continued, "as the Sunhak Peace Prize slogan expresses, let's make the world better for future generations."

Hon. Jose Manuel Barroso, former president of the European Commission and chair of the Sunhak Peace Prize Selection Committee, shared congratulatory remarks to the laureates alongside former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

The biennial Sunhak Peace Prize was established in 2013 by Dr. Moon to honor the legacy of her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. "Peace is concrete action, not a vague dream," she said during its inauguration. "We must think of all the world's problems as our own and have a pioneering spirit to solve them." Laureates are chosen for their extraordinary service to global peace in one of three areas: sustainable human development, conflict resolution, or ecological conservation. They receive a medal, plaque, and a cash prize.

You can learn more about the Sunhak Peace Prize [here](#).



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Peace is Possible with God



The *World Summit 2022 for Peace on the Korean Peninsula* program concluded Feb. 13 with global encouragement, advice, and prayers for renewed efforts to unite the Korean Peninsula and end the last division of the Cold War.

“Despite your difficult circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic, I trust that you, our global leaders, will achieve peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula with your commitment and devotion,” said Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation ([UPF](#)) and host of the summit.

The [three-day program](#), streamed live from Seoul, featured 85 world leaders who spoke about the importance of peace on the peninsula. In her address, Dr. Moon explained that building one family under God is the key to bringing about a world of freedom, equality, and peace. The summit – sponsored by UPF and the Royal Government of Cambodia – drew participants from some 160 nations, including 157 nations with diplomatic ties to North and South Korea. Dr. Moon shared that when all humanity comes together as the sons and daughters of God, then we can “achieve world peace and unification in our lifetime,” she said.

Cambodia Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen and Hon. Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, served as co-chairs of the summit. “Despite our ardent aspirations and various efforts, we have not been able to make a lasting breakthrough for peace on the peninsula,” said Mr. Ban, before applauding the tireless work of Dr. Moon and UPF. They offer a “robust platform,” he said, which can be built upon to bring

significant advancement toward peace.

Among the distinguished speakers, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari expressed his support of the efforts toward reunifying the Korean Peninsula, noting his country's cordial relations with both Koreas in trade, commerce, education, cultural exchange, and technology transfer.

Former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe, cited "trust and honesty" as crucial elements in discussions to advance peace on the peninsula, stating, "I have great trust in the word 'hope.'" Former U.S. President Donald Trump emphasized the need for international support to bring about lasting peace, as he recalled becoming the first U.S. President to stand on North Korean soil during his meetings with leader Kim Jong-un in 2019.

"We have planted seeds of peace and cooperation," said Mr. Trump, "and now we must let them bloom and grow, just like a giant tree. To waste that chance would be a profound tragedy." Countless people of goodwill around the world are "working, striving, and praying for a Korea that is safe, prosperous, flourishing, united and finally at peace," he said.

"Korea can eventually become a shining example to the world of how peace can arise from conflict," added former Philippines President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in her remarks.

The summit also featured the [Sunhak Peace Prize](#) ceremony, where Dame Prof. Sarah Catherine Gilbert of Oxford University and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, were honored as the 2022 laureates for their contributions during the Covid-19 pandemic. The biennial award, established by Dr. Moon in 2013 to honor the legacy of her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, recognizes laureates for their extraordinary service to global peace in sustainable human development, conflict resolution, or ecological conservation.

Political, civic, and faith leaders representing more than 70 nations offered their support and practical advice during the summit. Many world leaders invoked faith in God to resolve humanity's crises as well. "What is impossible for us is possible for God," said former Paraguay President Federico Franco. "Prayer continues to be the best defense we have for the return of peace in the Korean Peninsula."

"Cambodia was also a victim of the Cold War and grand power politics, but positive engagement helped it find unity," said Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen. Dr. Yun Young-ho, co-chair of the World Summit 2022 executive committee, noted "a heavenly unified Korea is a prerequisite for a heavenly unified world," he said.

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THE COVID-19 VACCINE RACE

PRE-CLINICAL

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

IN USE

PHASE 4

194
vaccines

are being explored in **lab experiments and animals**

38
vaccines

are undergoing safety tests in **healthy young individuals**

44
vaccines

are being tested in **broader groups of people**

39
vaccines

are in large international trials to **test their impact on COVID-19**

23
vaccines

are **currently being offered to the general population**

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are being **monitored** in the wider population after being approved

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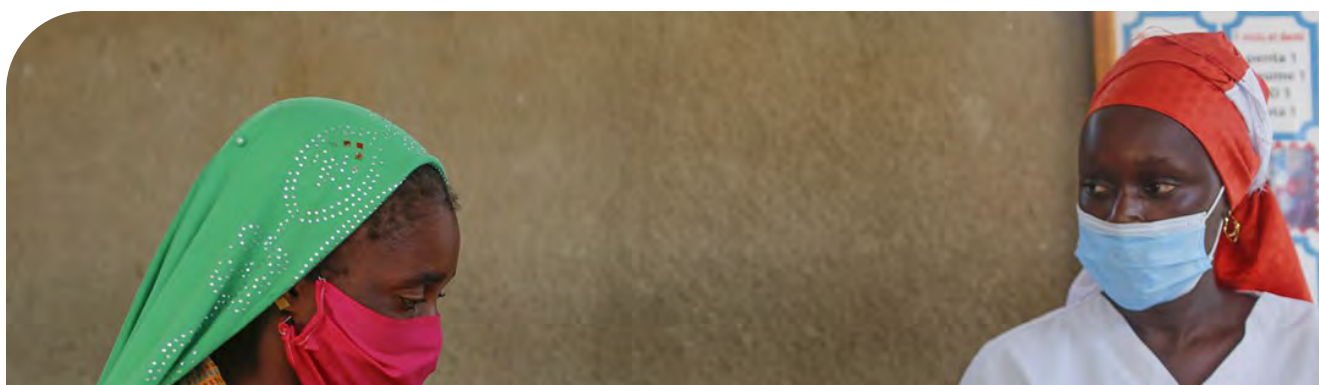
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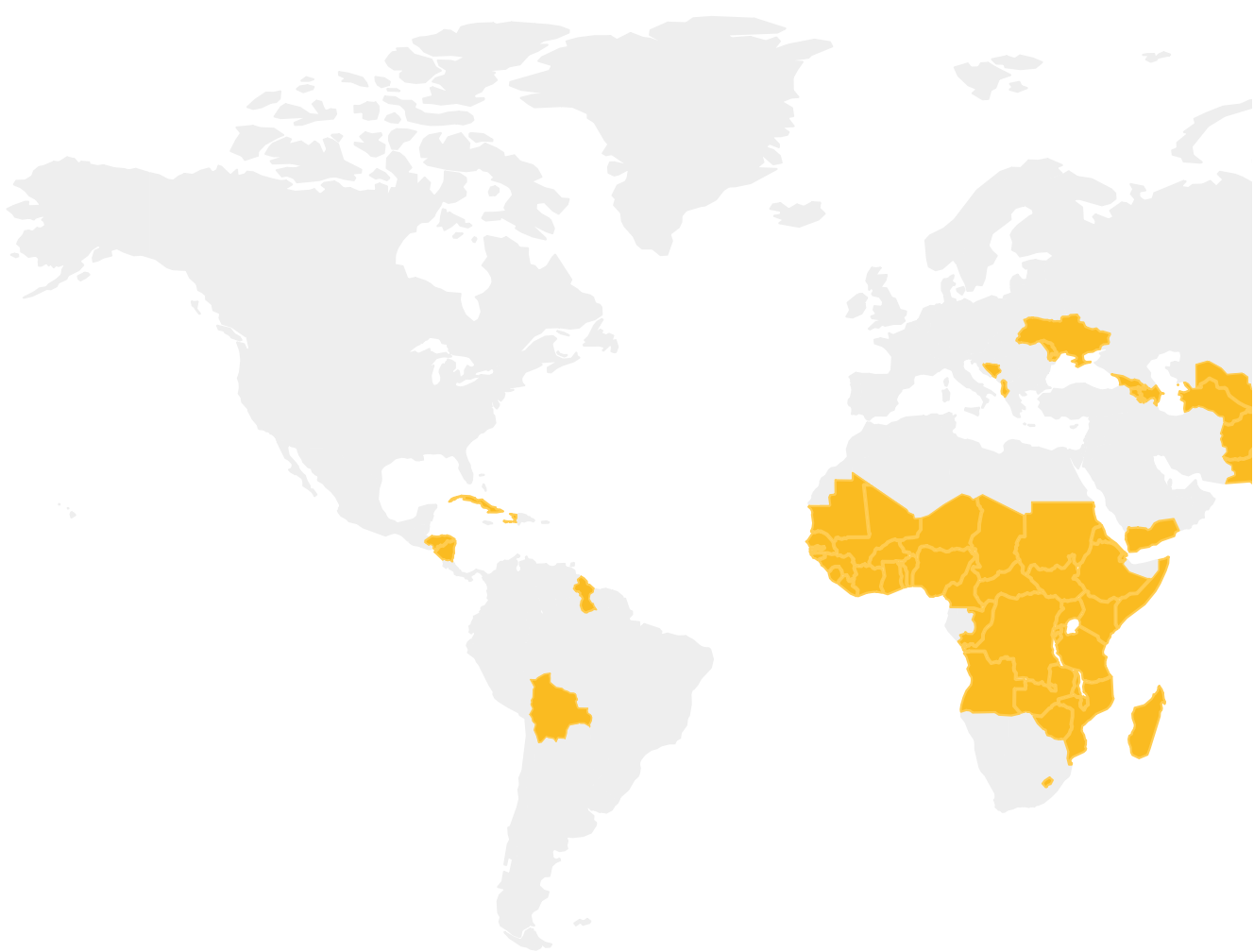
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million

children immunised



>15

million

future deaths
prevented



16

countries

transitioned from Gavi
support



>230

US\$ billion

in economic benefits



78%

of the world's
children

for countries (2000–2020)

reached by routine immunisation

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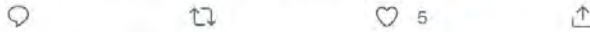
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Partners In Health announced that its founder, Dr. Paul Farmer, unexpectedly passed away today in his sleep while in Rwanda.

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