Increasing access to medical oxygen:
Action to ensure sustained gains

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A look back: The ACT-A Oxygen Emergency Task Force –
A highly effective joint effort born at the peak of the COVID-19 crisis

The ACT-A Oxygen Emergency Task Force was launched on 25 February 2021.

Chaired by Unitaid the Task Force has brought together UN, donor, regional and NGO partners to assess the oxygen needs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs)

Achievements:

• **Mobilized US$ 1 billion** to expand sustainable oxygen access in LMICs, of which US$ ~400m worth of oxygen supplies procured and US$ ~600m awarded to countries for oxygen systems investments.

• **Brokered ground-breaking agreements** with the world’s two biggest medical oxygen O2 suppliers, **securing price reductions** for bulk Liquid O2 (15%) and filled cylinders (10-50%).

• **Directly helped over 100 countries** by carrying out catalytic interventions to upgrade treatment facilities and HR capacity; shaping oxygen markets; and assessing O2 needs.
Transition from the ACT-A Oxygen Emergency Task Force to the Global Oxygen Alliance (GO2AL): Major shifts

- Capital investment
- Product specific
- Ad hoc/crisis mode
- COVID-19
- In the spotlight

- Implementation of investments, operations
- Cross cutting/systems
- Mature, inclusive and planned
- Costed national oxygen roadmaps embedded in health sector plans
- Pushing harder to keep on the political agenda

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GO₂AL will interface with the established *Lancet Oxygen Commission and its oxygen access collaborators network (OAC)* during its tenure until Sept. 2024, with *ad hoc stakeholder engagement groups (SEGs)* as needed (industry, donors, researchers) and any other initiatives, as necessary.
Objectives and deliverables of GO2AL

- Investment consolidation and sustainability
- Procurement, supply and market shaping
- Country mapping and planning
- Advocacy and demand generation

Monitoring and Evaluation based on aligned, aggregate KPIs

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