

Global Vaccine promises \$5 million to develop Ebola vaccine

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The global vaccine alliance GAVI says it will donate \$5 million toward developing the leading Ebola vaccine, hoping that it will be approved by a regulator by the end of 2017.

If the vaccine is given the [green light](#), GAVI says it will then create a stockpile to help stamp out future outbreaks of the [lethal disease](#). The vaccine's producer, Merck & Co. Inc., says it will ensure that 300,000 doses are available from May for use in advanced trials and emergency use.

In a statement on Wednesday, GAVI CEO Dr. Seth Berkley said "the world is still worryingly underprepared for potential future health threats."

In 2014—during the biggest-ever outbreak of Ebola—GAVI pledged to spend \$300 million to buy Ebola vaccines for poor countries.

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