



## Richer Nations have Lower Trust in Vaccinations

- Richer and more developed nations appear to have a lower trust in immunisation than those in the developing world, a major new study has found.
- As per survey, the people in Europe have the lowest levels of trust in vaccines.
- The people living in high-income countries have the lowest confidence in vaccines, a result that ties in to the rise of the anti-vaccination movement, in which people refuse to believe in the benefits of vaccination or claim that the treatment is dangerous.
  - France has the lowest levels of confidence, as one third (33%) of people do not agree that immunisation is safe.
- Globally, 79% of people agreed that vaccines are safe and 84% said they were effective.
- Bangladesh and Rwanda had the highest levels of confidence in vaccines, with almost 100% in both countries agreeing they were safe, effective and important for children to have.
- The spread of measles, including in the US, Philippines and Ukraine, is one of the health risks associated to low confidence in vaccines.
  - An estimated 169 million children missed out on the vital first dose of the measles vaccine between 2010 and 2017, according to a UN report issued in April, 2019.

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