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ABSTRACT

This undergraduate thesis examines the Indonesian government's digital diplomacy role in securing vaccine doses at the international level. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, all global political and economic activities are knocked down. In anticipation to mitigate the virus transmission, in-person meetings between state actors are reduced and highly impact multilateral-based cooperation. Without the requirement of face-to-face meetings, the practise of digital diplomacy becomes a good alternative way for all governments to keep connected and coordinate with each other related to the COVID-19 handling. As the leading digital diplomacy actor in the Indo-Pacific, the Indonesian government actively participates in multilateral virtual meetings, most precisely the global vaccine alliance for COVID-19, named COVAX. This research shows that the Indonesian digital diplomacy role in the COVAX Engagement Group is significant; it is shown by the numbers of COVID-19 vaccines received by Indonesia through the COVAX AMC scheme.

Keywords: Digital Diplomacy, the Indonesian government, COVAX, Vaccine

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