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Spotted: Travel app, [App in the Air](#) has recently launched its own digital health passport. The intention is to make travel a bit more seamless while supporting access to covid vaccinations worldwide.

Every time that users upload their proof of covid vaccination to the app, it will donate an additional vaccine to a vulnerable country. This is taking place in partnership with [Gavi](#), which is a public-private global health partnership with the goal of increasing access to immunisation in poor countries.

“We want people to be able to freely and safely travel and recognise that vaccine requirements slow that down. Our first step is to acknowledge the inequalities throughout the globe surrounding access to COVID-19 vaccines, and act on it now to do our part to help not only our travellers but the communities they fly to,” says Bayram Annakov, CEO and Founder of App in the Air.

App in the Air currently has over six million monthly users. App features include the ability to track flight itineraries, hotel reservations, and travel requirements per destination. With the latest vaccination and testing update, the app allows users to upload PCR tests and vaccine cards digitally ahead of trips, with real-time alerts notifying travellers if they need to upload a test for their specific destination. The user gains access to a personal QR code, similar to the app’s boarding feature, where the digital health passport will easily scan for travel requirement approvals in the airport. The health passport also includes assistance finding and booking test appointments.

However, arguably the best feature is a \$10 donation made to Gavi.org for every vaccine uploaded, with a limit of up to five vaccine certificate uploads per household. Each \$10 donated to Gavi.org pays for one vaccine dose to a person in need. App in the Air will donate up to a maximum of \$25,000 USD to Gavi.org.

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Takeaway:

In many poorer nations vaccines have been scarce. There is not only an ethical imperative to resolve this but also a scientific one – to deter new mutations from developing. A recent [report by the UN](#) about AVAT and COVAX, who have donated over 90 million doses to Africa, highlighted how the majority of the donations to-date have been ad hoc, provided with little notice and short shelf lives. They [said](#) that having to plan at short notice, and ensuring the uptake of doses with short shelf lives is aggravating “the logistical burden on health systems that are already stretched.”