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Short Description (250 Characters):

The pandemic exposed stark inequalities around the world, especially in terms of vaccine access, leading to the deaths of untold thousands in the global south. Amid ongoing challenges, activists and scientists continue to push for broader healthcare equity, navigating patent barriers to ensure fairer access to essential medicines.

Long Description:

At the beginning of the pandemic, we reported on the extreme inequality of the vaccine rollout to low income countries. Their access was hindered because of a patent system imposed globally. At the time, activists tried to pass TRIPS, which would have waived all patents related to COVID. Not just for vaccines, but for all therapeutics and protective equipment.

But as the world moved on from COVID, so did the efforts for equity. The TRIPS waiver failed to provide access to medicines, and poor countries never received the vaccines they were promised.

What comes next is considering the global south, and by extension all of our vulnerability to the next pandemic, where profit takes precedence over public health and human life. But the global south's fight will not be stopped. On today's show we look back at the failures of the early pandemic and at new initiatives led by scientists and activists to circumvent patents and create broader access to medicines.

Learn more about the story and find the transcript on radioproject.org.

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Featuring:

EPISODE FEATURES: Fatima Hassan, Human rights lawyer and founder of Health Justice Initiative; Piotr Kolczynski, EU Health Policy & Advocacy Advisor for The People's Vaccine Alliance; Achal Prabhala, Researcher and coordinator of the AccessIBSA project; Petro Terblanche, Managing Director of Afrigen Biologics and Vaccines

MAKING CONTACT: This episode is hosted by Salima Hamirani. It is produced by Anita Johnson, Lucy Kang, Salima Hamirani, and Amy Gastelum. Our executive director is Jina Chung.

For More Information:

- [Access IBSA](#)
- [The People's Vaccine Alliance](#)
- [Afrigen Biologics Vaccines – An Avacare IDC Health Company](#)
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