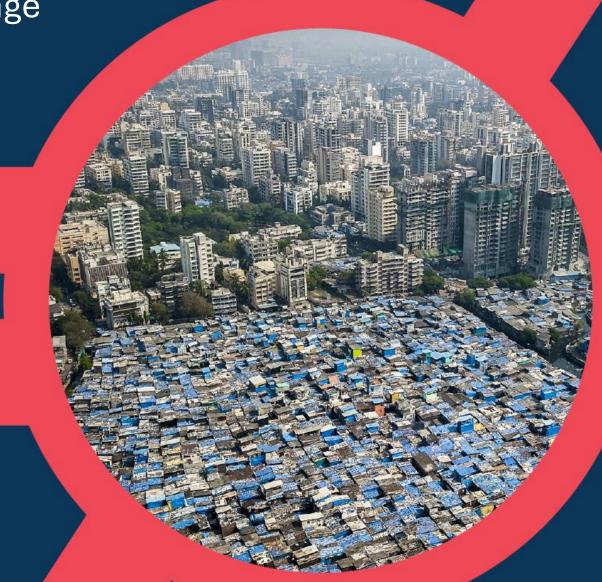
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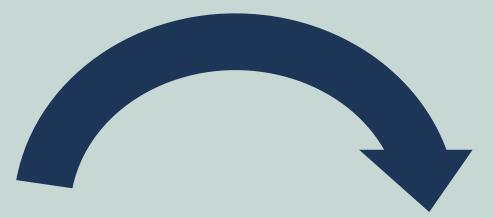
Building true health security in a global age





The inequality—pandemic cycle

Inequality disables effective pandemic response



Inequality

Within countries across multiple dimensions
Between countries in access to finance and
technology

Pandemics

Outbreaks are more likely to become pandemics Pandemics are longer, deadlier and more economically disruptive





Pandemics increase inequality between people and between countries

Inequality drivers of the cycle





Inequalities WITHIN countries

The social determinants of pandemics

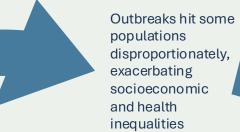
Silos undermine effectiveness, trust and mobilization of communities

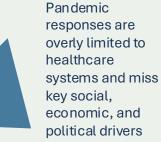




Addressing the social determinants of pandemics

Social determinants like education and housing make populations more Inequalities in the social determinants enable outbreaks to thrive and grow while undermining response





Recommendation to break the inequality-pandemic cycle

Invest in the social determinants of health and use social protection mechanisms to reduce socioeconomic and health inequalities and build societal resilience in order to prepare for, and respond to, pandemics

or less healthy and

resilient

Inequality in power, money and resources; racism and structural discrimination and criminalization

- During a pandemic, including AIDS today: Surge social protection during health crises through a ready system ready to reach everyone, including those often excluded and made vulnerable, as one part of a multisectoral outbreak response capable of addressing social determinants.
- To make the world safer from future pandemics: Make societies healthier and stronger with strategic action on the social determinants of health, which cause broad health inequalities and increase vulnerability to pandemics when they occur.



Multisectoral and community-led responses to increase efficacy, trust and inequality-responsiveness

Health services alone often cannot reach the most vulnerable or address the social determinants of pandemics Low trust in institutions by those most affected

Insufficient action by sectors outside health to address the inequalities fueling the pandemic

Strong efforts to prevent and fight pandemics are disabled by contexts of high and rising inequality

Recommendation to break the inequality-pandemic cycle

Build greater trust, equality, and efficiency in pandemic response by investing in multi-sectoral response and communityled pandemic infrastructure in partnership with government

- During a pandemic, including AIDS today: Shift funding and measurement of pandemic impacts and preparedness and responses to include community-based and led organizations to reach those unreached by public and private health services. This should accompany, not replace, universal public services.
- To make the world safer from future pandemics: Establish multisectoral governance structures for pandemic response that include multiple ministries as well as community organizations, rights groups and scientific leadership



BETWEEN country inequalities and the impact of pandemics

Inequalities in the global financial architecture

Unequal access to pandemic science and technologies





Interrupting international economic inequalities

Insufficient fiscal space in those countries

Inability to address the social and medical determinants of pandemics in some countries, leaving these countries ill prepared

When pandemics hit, lack of "surge" capacity for effective and equitable pandemic response.



Lack of capacity in some countries allows pathogens to spread globally

countries

High rates of debt and low revenue collection among some countries Recommendation to break the inequality-pandemic cycle

Remove the debt and financing financial barriers in the global economic order to allow all countries sufficient fiscal capacity to address the inequalities driving pandemics

- During a pandemic, including AIDS today: As a first step, put in place an immediate debt repayment standstill for distressed countries facing pandemics to 2030, pausing austerity measures, then move to comprehensive debt restructuring following the recommendations of the Jubilee Commission Report.
- To make the world safer from future pandemics: Create standby financing facilities in the Global North and South for countries working to prevent or respond to a pandemic, including the automatic issuance of International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights. Reorient international policies to address insufficient fiscal space and over indebtedness to stop the inequalitypandemic cycle.



pandemic science

Speeding access to pandemic science and technologies



Slow and inequitable roll out of scientific breakthroughs



Avoidable spread of viruses, variants, resistance, and mortality

Recommendation to break the inequality-pandemic cycle

Build local and regional production alongside a new governance of research & development capable of ensuring the sharing of technology as public goods needed to stop pandemics

- During a pandemic, including AIDS today: Put far more serious global funding behind coordinated regional production for the pandemics of today like HIV and TB to create the pull-mechanism for technology transfer.
- To make the world safer from future pandemics: Automatically waive global intellectual property rules on pandemic technology when a pandemic is declared. Create an R&D model for the long term that treats pandemic health technology as public goods using innovative mechanisms like prizes instead of patents, increasing funding and expanding Southern-led efforts.



Inequality harms health: pandemics and their social determinants

