

Vaccines: Doses, Distribution and the Great Divide

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The COVID-19 vaccine race is a scientific triumph. In just under a year, several vaccines have been tested, transported, and delivered to millions around the world. But as demand for vaccines outstrips supply, a 'pandemic within a pandemic' could turn into tragedy without these steps:

SYSTEMS

We have not done enough to prepare countries with fragile health systems for a pandemic. We need to build resilient health systems to avoid dangerous drops in routine vaccinations and procedures, especially for children.

SCIENCE

We have to trust the science, rely on data, and overcome vaccine hesitancy. Detecting and studying the new variants is essential to avoid epidemics within the pandemic.

SOLIDARITY

We have to lift trade barriers, share intellectual property rights and ramp up manufacturing plants on all continents. To speed up and scale up our global responses to COVID-19, humanitarian actors, governments and the private sector have to work hand-in-hand. The pandemic is not over anywhere until it is over everywhere.

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Quotes from the panellists:

"No matter how much it costs to stop this pandemic in every corner of the world, it amounts to nothing compared to the cost of not stopping it."

Dag-Inge Ulstein

Minister of International Development, Norway

"It is heartbreaking and painful to see what is happening in India. It is a lesson for all of us on how we can prepare better and build resilient health systems."

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan

Chief Scientist, WHO

"Working on a basis of social solidarity, we can quickly get a solution. We have also seen that if we allow vaccine nationalism, we run into a risk of complicating a pandemic that could have been contained."

Dr. Zweli Mkhize

Minister of Health, South Africa

"We have not done enough to prepare countries with fragile health systems for a pandemic. If we do not work together, we cannot reach everyone."

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