COVID-19 and the Developing World: A Letter to Our Donors

COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) is the latest in a long line of global infectious diseases, such as SARS, MERS, and Ebola, that have required urgent action by governments, international organizations, and donors. As the world grapples with this unprecedented crisis, we are seeing the full extent of the impact on health systems, economies, and societies.

In March 2020, as the virus began to spread, we saw a rapid increase in the number of cases in many countries. The World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic on March 12, 2020. Since then, the number of cases has continued to rise, with more than 111 million confirmed cases worldwide as of January 2021.

As the situation evolved, we saw a range of responses from governments and donors. Some countries imposed strict lockdowns and travel restrictions, while others took a more relaxed approach. Donors provided significant support to affected countries, including funding for health systems, social safety nets, and economic stabilization programs.

In 2020, we saw a marked increase in the number of people affected by the pandemic. According to the United Nations, the number of people living in poverty increased by 116 million in 2020, and the number of people facing acute food insecurity rose by 13 million to 270 million.

As we look ahead to 2021 and beyond, we know that the recovery will be long and challenging. The pandemic has highlighted the fragility of our global systems and the need for greater investment in health and social protection. We must ensure that the lessons learned from this crisis are put into action to build a more resilient and equitable world.
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