

# REIMAGINING AND REDEFINING GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTH IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND

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Moderators: Dr Laura Haywood and Malvikha Manoj

#### Agenda:



Presentation by Dr. Els Torreele: Global health leadership in response to COVID-19: 'The good, the bad, and the ugly'



Key results from the IWG survey to young public health professionals on reimagining global leadership for health



Case examples of COVID-19 responses from selected WHO regions based on IWG members' lived experiences, with a focus on what worked and what did not work

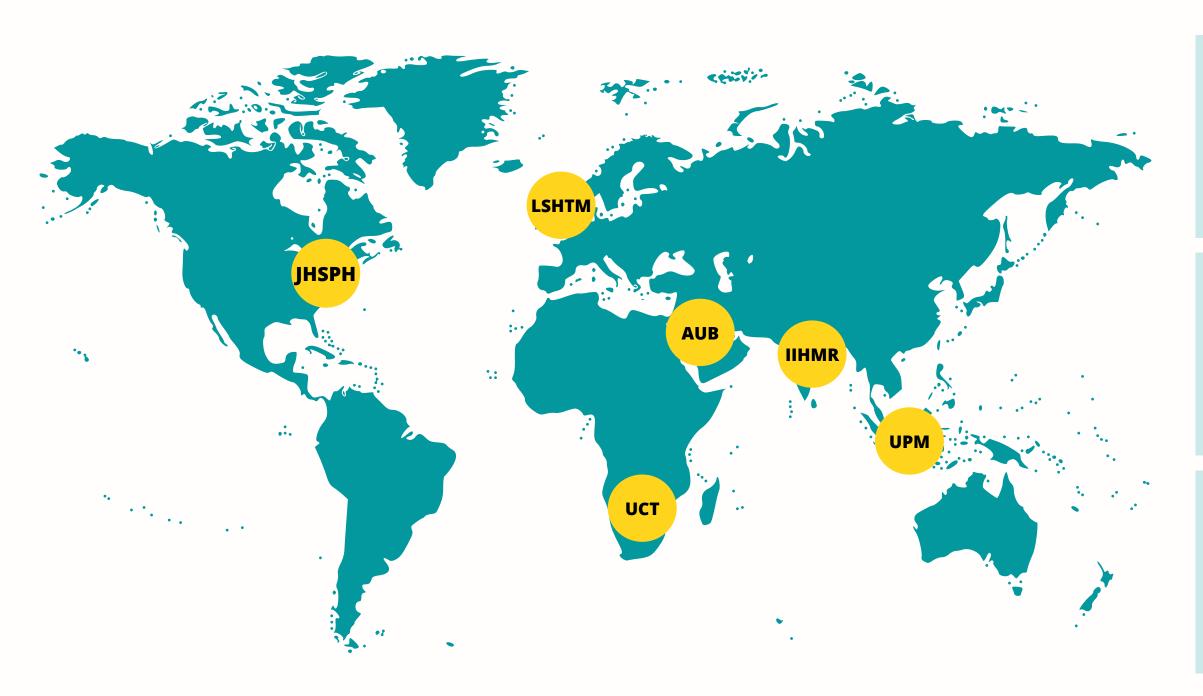


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# Diversity across gender, geography, age and language

#### Gender

71% Female, 29% Male

#### Geography

Members from 13 different countries of origin, currently residing in 9 different countries

#### Language

20 Languages spoken, including Tamil, Malayalam, Marathi, Armenian, Punjabi, Nepali, South African Sign Language, Swahili, Malagasy & Portuguese



# GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19: 'THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY'



Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Els Torreele

Visiting Scholar - UCL Institute for Public Policy & Innovation





Speaker: Dr Mabel Aoun and Dr Magali Collonnaz (Acknowledgement of contribution: Bronte Davies)



#### **Purpose**

To understand the opinions of young public health professionals in reimagining global health leadership, and to gauge their thoughts on what such a reimagination would look like.

#### **Survey diffusion**

- IWG members
- IWG social media
- IWG 6 core institutions
- Social media engagement through HSG, WHO Alliance for HPSR, etc.



#### **Target population**

Emerging public health and global health professionals



#### Responses

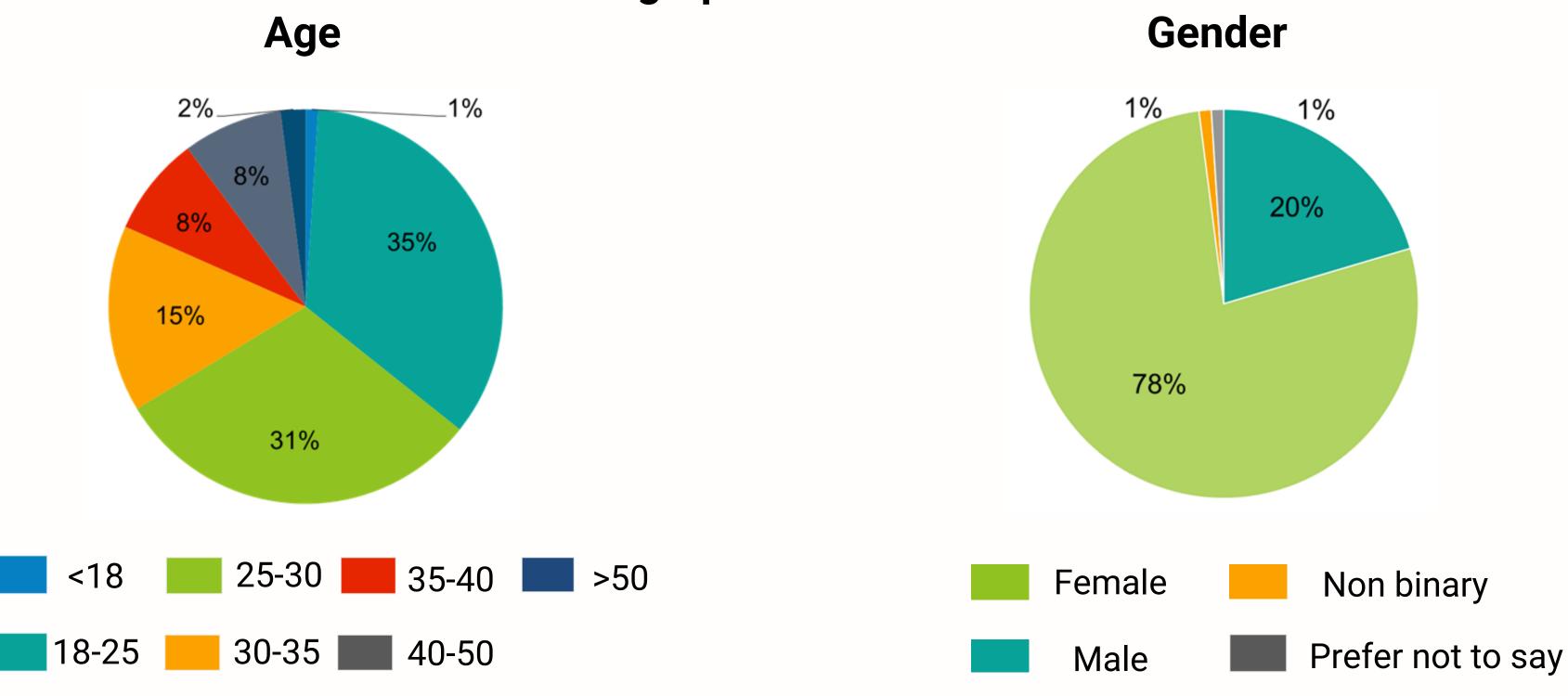
98 responses collected



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Speaker: Dr Mabel Aoun and Dr Magali Collonnaz

#### **Demographic information**

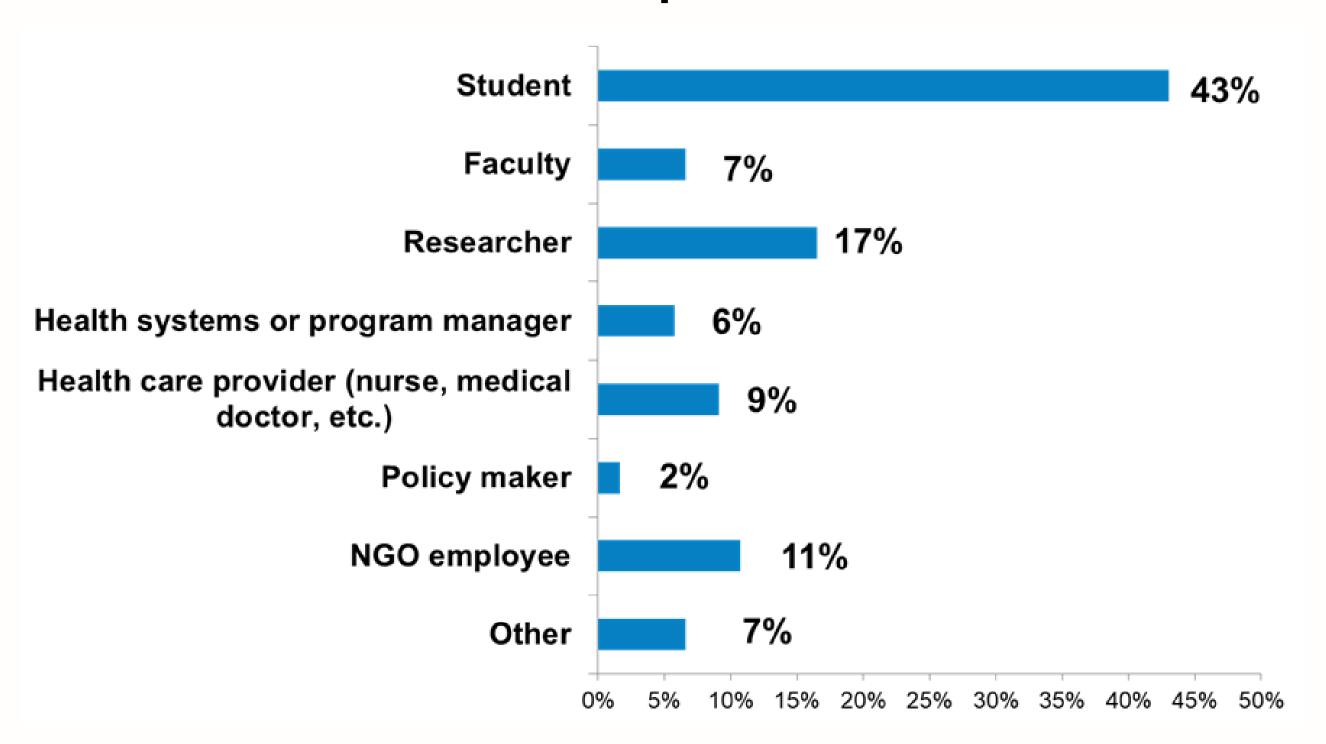




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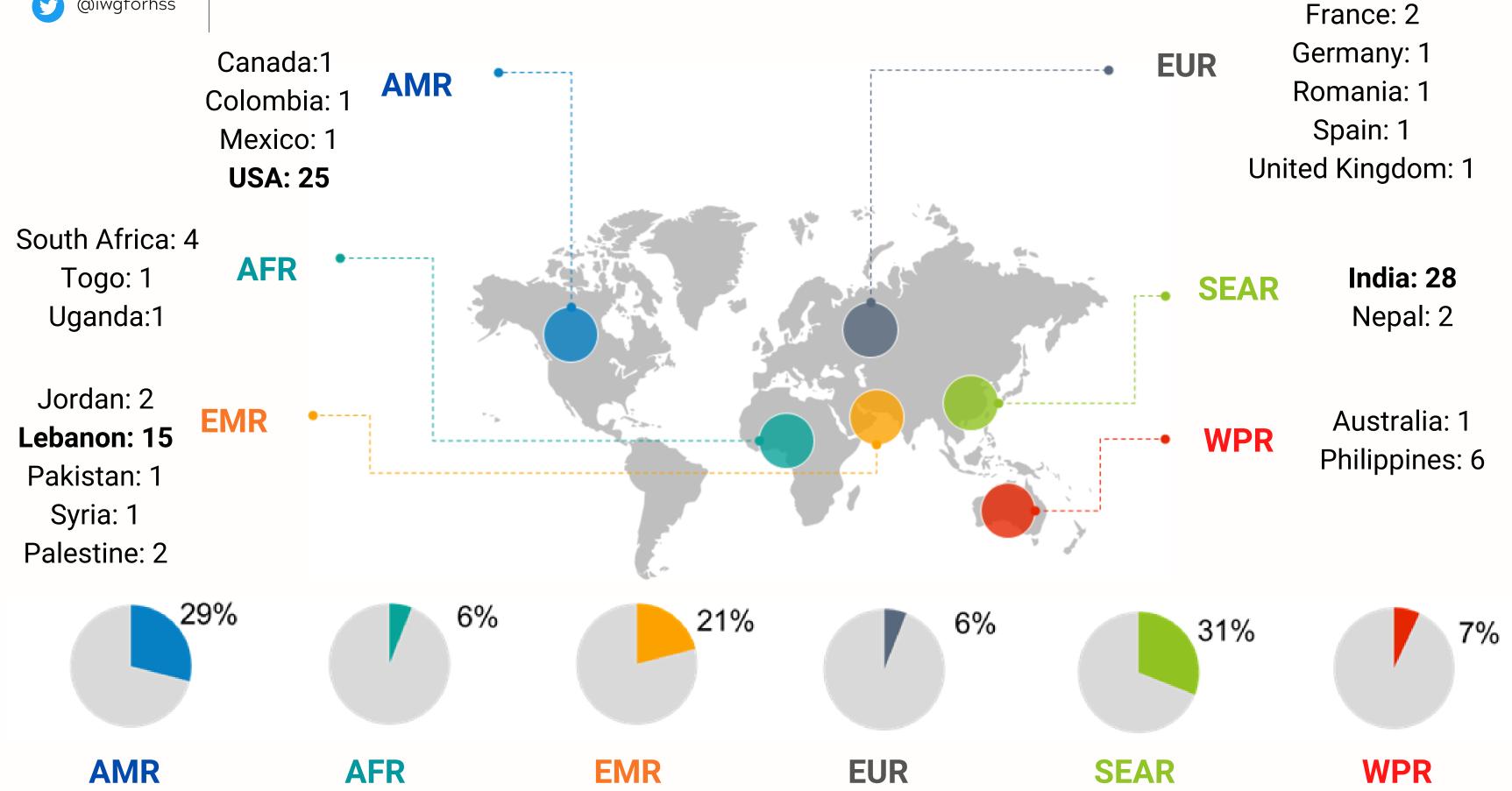
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#### Occupation





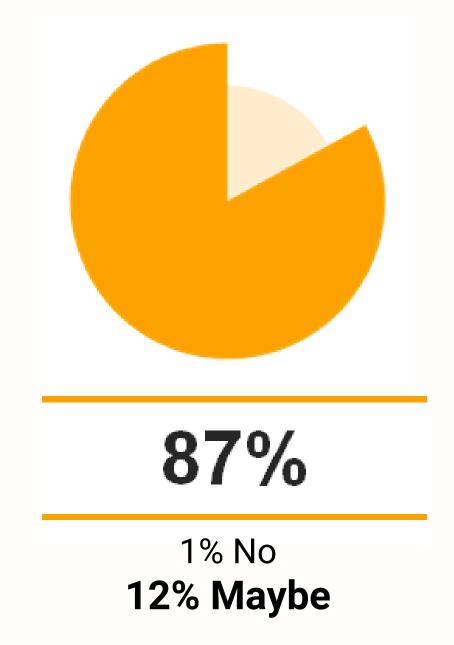
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# Do you think that there is a need to reimagine global health leadership?



# What is your current level of trust in global health organizations and leaders?



Mean: 2.9 / 5

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 5

Standard deviation: 1.0



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#### **IWG SURVEY OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS**

Speaker: Dr Mabel Aoun and Dr Magali Collonnaz

#### Why should we reimagine global health leadership?

#### THE CURRENT FAILURE

#### THE CHANGE NEEDED

# OF HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES

- Underrepresentation of LMICs in decision-making
- Inequity in funds' allocation

#### INCLUSIVE DECISION-MAKING

- LMICs, Women, diversities
- · Equitable representation
- Collaboration between countries
- Multidisciplinary

#### BIASED LEADERSHIP

- Political influence
- Pharma influence
- · Donors' driven decisions

SUSTAINABLE FUNDS

- Research
- Technology

#### MISMANAGEMENT

- Data
- Human Resources and funds
- Bad choice of priorities
- · Indecisiveness, late responses

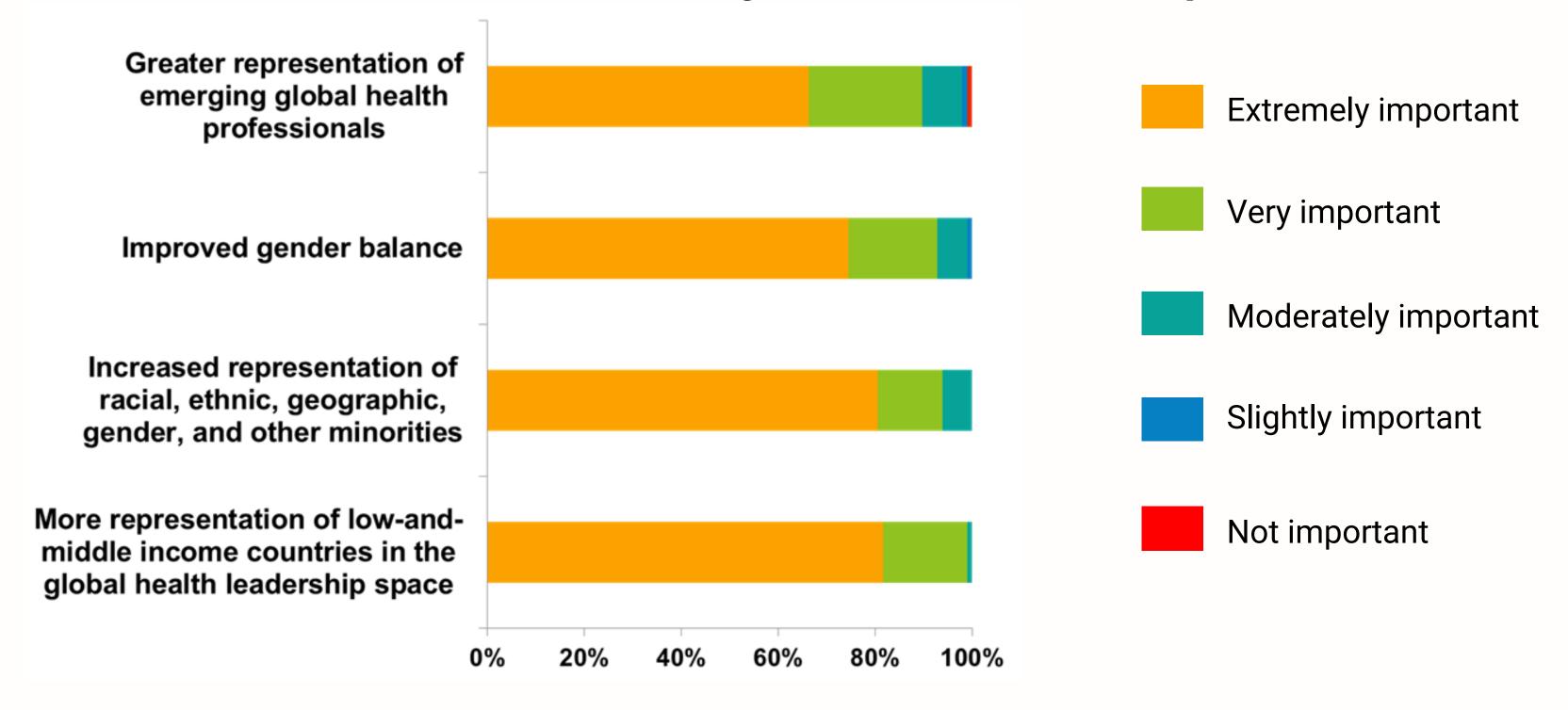
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- Training of more public health professionals
- Good communication to the public
- Update of policies



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# How should we rethink global health leadership?



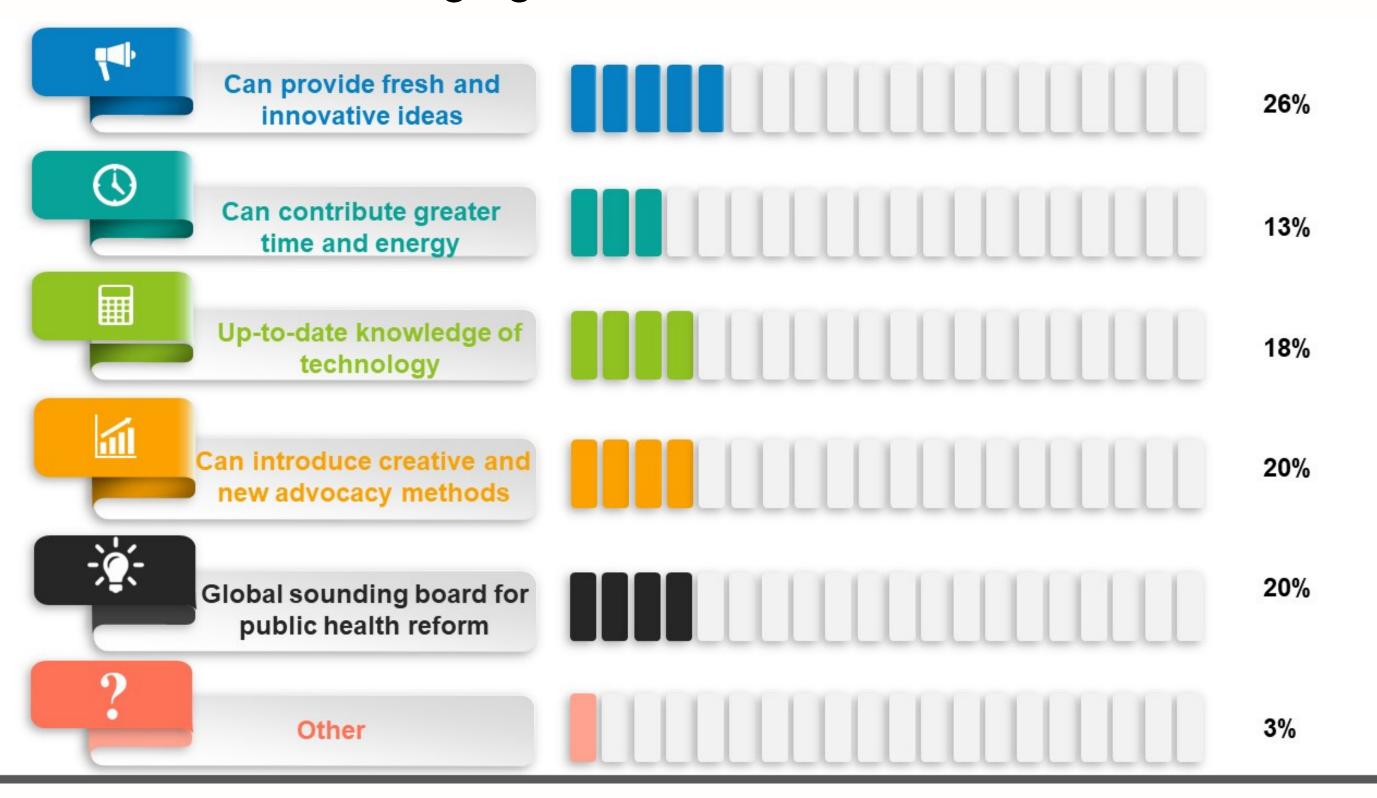


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### IWG SURVEY OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS

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#### **Role of Emerging Global Health Professionals**





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#### What key competencies should we expect from a 'good' global health leader?

1

Knowledge

2

**Communication skills** 

**Collaboration skills** 

#### **Innovative**

- Medicine / Public Health
- Politics / Economics
- Marketing
- Local culture / field
- Health diplomacy
- Management

- Health and risk communication
- Dynamic
- Patient
- Advocacy skills
- Negotiation skills

- Team player
- Open to other opinions
- Listener
- Mentor
- Team manager
- Multidisciplinary approaches

- Visionary / Foresight
- Tech-savvy
- Strategic thinker
- Critical thinking
- Not afraid of change
- Problem solving skills
- Open-minded



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#### What key competencies should we expect from a 'good' global health leader?

Promoting equity and social justice

values

Strong moral Focus on accountability & transparency

Other skills

- Ethically driven
- Inclusive mind-set
- Advocate for minorities
- No tolerance for discrimination

- Empathetic
- Kindness
- Compassion
- Humility
- Stand up for their values

- Not influenced by powers
- Honest / Reliable / Trustworthy
- Unbiased
- Admit their mistakes

- Efficient
- Passionate
- Brave
- Self-awareness
- Realistic





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If you were able to draft a call to action to reinvent global health leadership, what would be your specific ask?

REDISTRIBUTE POWER THROUGH DIVERSE REPRESENTATION IN LEADERSHIP,

LMICs, youth, gender, new researchers, people of colour, everyday citizens

opportunity to empower

accessibility, transparency, collaboration, collective action & addressing issues together to avoid siloed approaches

community-based, hands-on engagement with lived experiences to ensure all voices are being heard

transdisciplinary, humancentered, participatory, feminist approaches HOLD LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE TO BUILDING TRUST AND SOLIDARITY ACROSS GLOBAL NETWORKS THAT SHOULD SERVE TO ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

prioritise people over profit

AND PROTECTION OF CITIZENS FROM CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EXPENDITURE.

including comprehensive health promotion and resource prioritisation for health technology using media platforms



#### **KENYA**

Speaker: Nadine Nanji

African Region Team: Bronte Davies, Lynn Bust, Nadine Nanji, Philip Dambisya

#### Important statistics:

- Population: 53,771,296 million people
- No UHC coverage
- As of 2020, Kenya had the **third largest economy in Sub-Saharan Africa,** coming behind Nigeria and South Africa
- Kenya has made improvement in key health indicators
- Intend to obtain UHC
- Efforts are based around the PHC policy

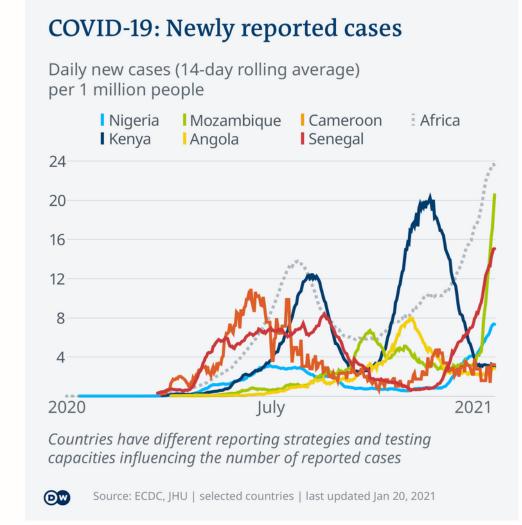


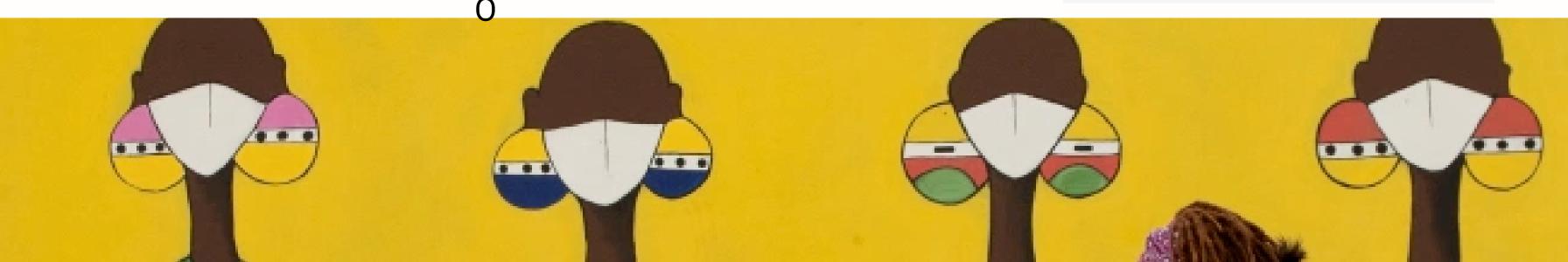




# OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Kenya faces coordination and planning issues across most of their health systems
- COVID-19 measures not implemented at the county level
- Lack of information
- Issues with data regarding COVID-19 lockdown and curfew
- Not enough intensive care units
- KEMSA supplied PPE kits and masks
- Full lockdown just imposed







#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- **Data collection and dissemination processes:** There is a need for efficient data tracking and visualisations tools which can help with collecting the needed data and detecting outbreaks earlier
- Community health systems: utilising the community more
- **Broadcasts and health communication**: This particularly pertains to health broadcasts on COVID-19 that have been held by the Ministry of Health
- Vaccine rollout issues: not enough administered





#### REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP

- Focus on community health systems
- More support with public health measures
- Combatting COVID-19 stigma on recovered cases
- Utilising informal health systems
- Using faith leaders and healers through communities and congregations
  - They are trusted and valued gatekeepers and often more accessible than the biomedical sector





#### **BRAZIL**

Speaker: Dr Luana Araujo

Region of the Americas Team: Alexandra Jamison, Catherine Villaneuva, Joseph Milward,

Lauren Tejkl, Malvikha Manoj, Nuria Gallego Marquez

#### **STRENGTH IN NUMBERS**

• Population: 220 million people

• **Upper LMIC**: 8th economy in the world

• Largest free of charge public health system in the world

• Over 160 million people covered by free PHC

#### **Brazilian National Constitution – 1988**

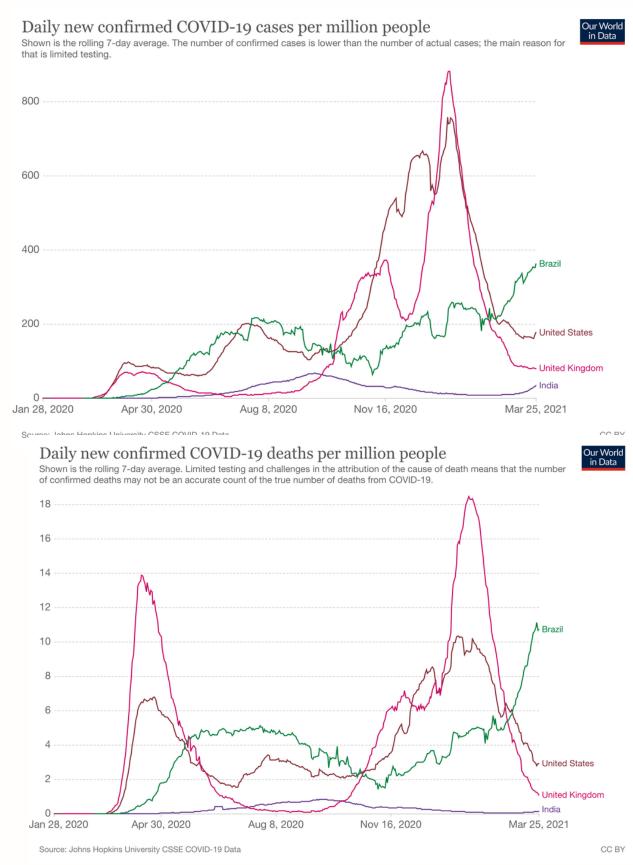
"Article 196. Health is a right of all and a duty of the State and shall be guaranteed by means of social and economic policies aimed at reducing the risk of illness and other hazards and at the universal and equal access to actions and services for its promotion, protection and recovery."





# OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Speed. Slow and misguided.
- Misorientation. Science denial at all levels of governance.
- 2022. Pandemic response as a political dispute weapon
- Pandemic response cornerstone. Hospitalcentrism x PHC - rejecting our expertise





#### LESSONS LEARNED

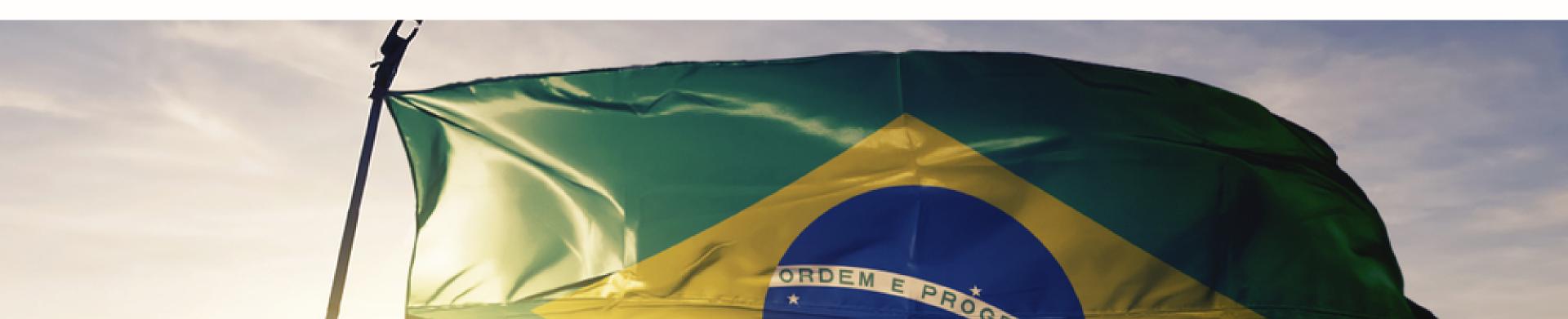
- **UHC is not enough!** Access is key, but access to nothing is still nothing. The way the tools are used is as important as having them
- **Health systems have no boundaries**. Meeting health needs is different from allowing and reinforcing the production of health
- Tailoring is key. One-for-all is a myth. Public health demands creativity, courage, and a deep understanding of both problems and available resources





### **REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP**

- Reducing the gap between governance and ground level. Creating leadership at every level through education
- Tailoring goals, methods, and actors. Leadership as the power of listening, processing, and nurturing actors of change
- Consonance of objectives. Leadership is the tool for creating progress across communities through the identification of common goals and methods





### **LEBANON**

Speaker: Ghiwa Nassereddine Eastern Mediterranean Region Team: Jana Sakakini, Lara Abou Ammar, Mabel Aoun, Nagham Faour

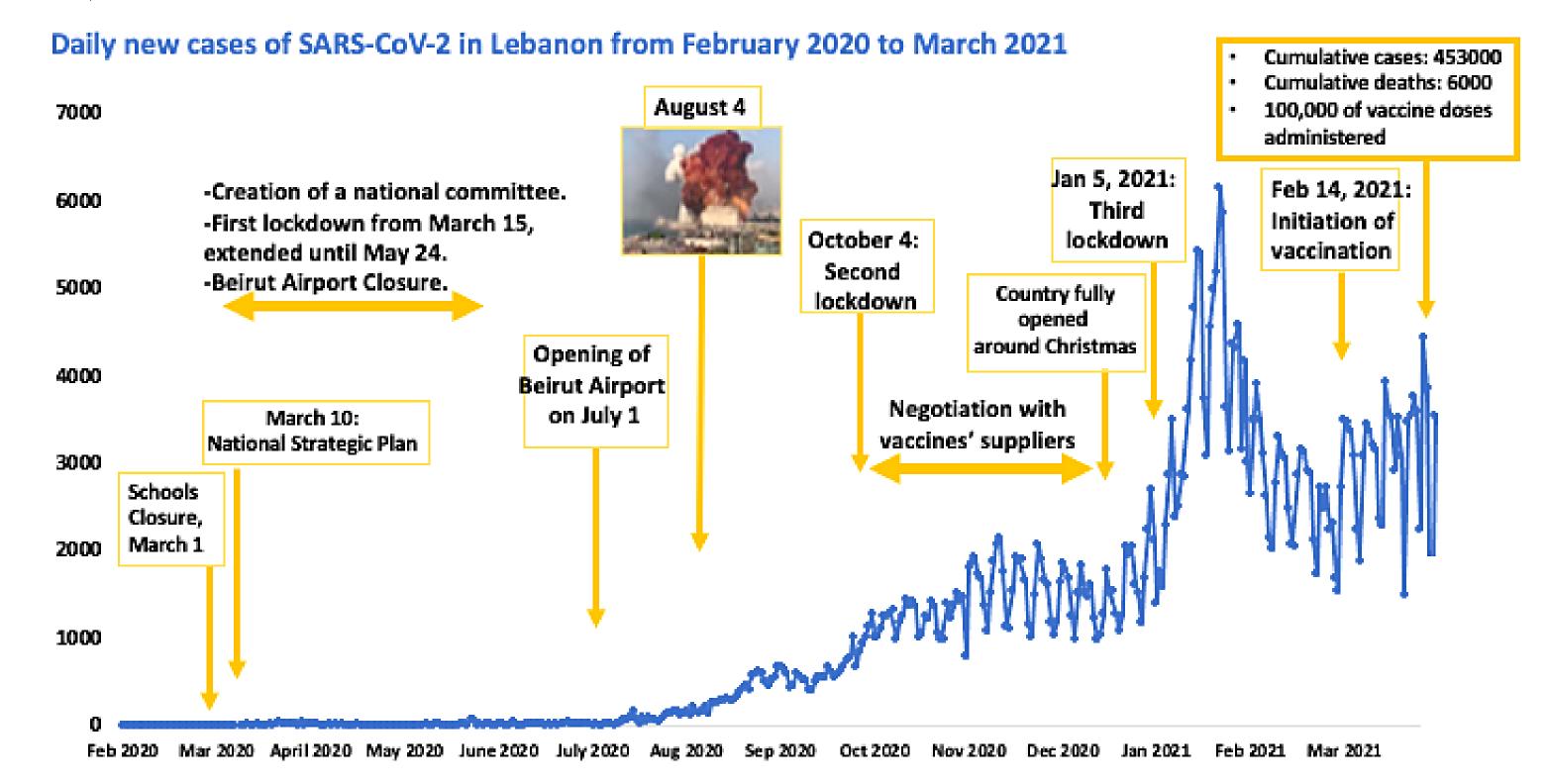
- Lebanon is home for 6,800,000 inhabitants including refugees
- The health-care system is 80% private and 20% public
- Lebanon is currently passing through the worst economic collapse of its history with a 138% inflation rate reported by end of 2020







# OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19





### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Support decentralized systems
- Engage the community in actions, policies and advocacies
- **Invest** in technology more frequently
- Prioritize collecting, reporting and maintaining data
- Integrate the vulnerable population in deliverable action plans and emergency responses





### REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP

#### We aim for a leadership framework that revolves around being:

- Accountable and transparent
- Collaborative and equitable
- Evidence and needs-based





#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

Speaker: Meena Tafazzoli

European Region Team: Laura Haywood, Magali Collonnaz, Joy Muhia, James Coughlan, Meg McCarty, Roubitha David

#### THE UK BEFORE COVID-19: POLITICAL TRENDS PRECEDING THE PANDEMIC





# OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Disease Containment



Evidence-Based Policy



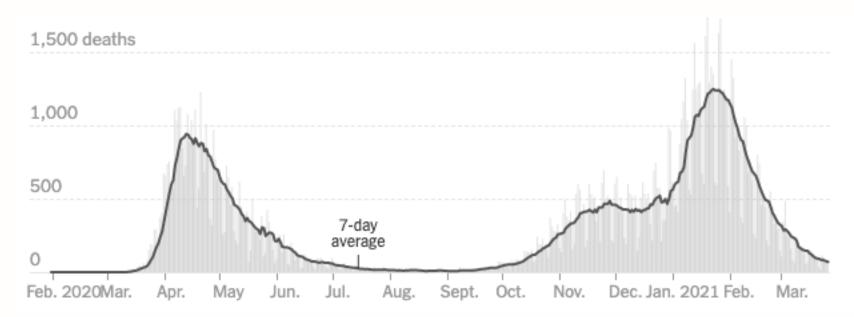
Policy Communication



Vaccine rollout



Daily deaths from COVID-19 in the UK







#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Act fast to prevent the spread
- Prioritize a strong NHS
- Policy not based in evidence can be deadly
- Social determinants impact health



Ethnic minorities' higher risk of dying from Covid-19 is linked to where they live and the jobs they do, rather than their health, figures for England and Wales suggest.

The Office for National Statistics found all ethnic minority groups, other than Chinese, are more likely to die from it than white people.

Black African men and black Caribbean women had the highest risk.





#### **REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP**

- Global collaboration for a pandemic
- Build public trust by communicating clearly, honestly, and frequently
- Create policy with evidence, not cronyism
- Rethink "tradeoff" between health and economy



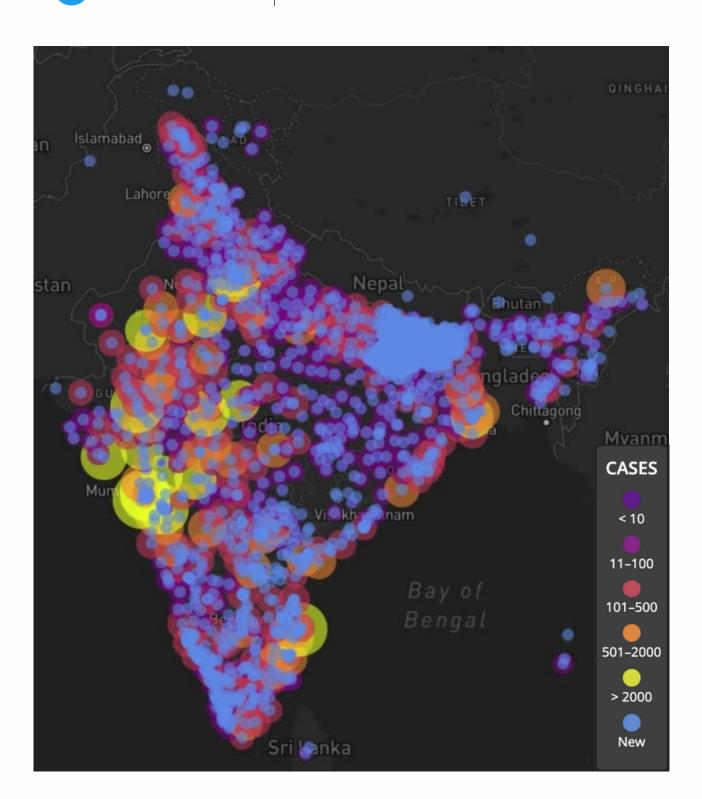


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### **INDIA**

#### Speaker: Siddharth Srivastava

South East Asia Region Team: Swati Singh, Satbir Kaur, Utkarsha Telang, Sudipta Ghoshal, Pushpak Mahajan & Rishabh Singh

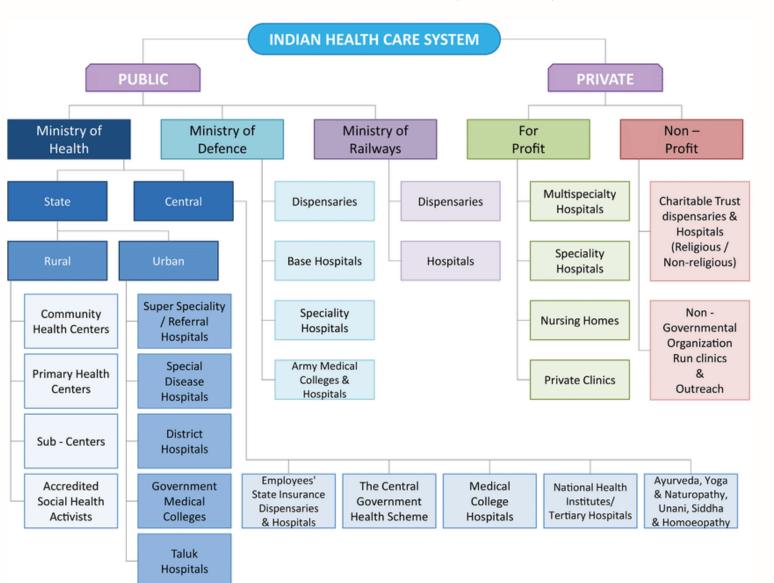


COVID-19 Cases: 11.9 million (Third highest in the world)

COVID - 19 related deaths: 161,000

**Population:** 1366.4 Million

**% of GDP spent on Health Sector:** 1.5% (2018-19)









# **OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

A complex response surrounding variegated epidemiological, sociopolitical, and systemic vulnerabilities











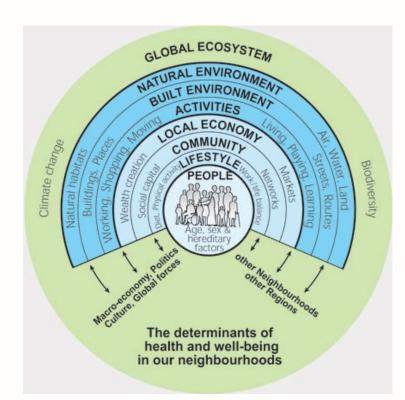




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### **LESSONS LEARNED**

For cultivating stronger and more resilent health systems











Separating Public Health Functions from health service delivery is critical



Cultivating trust as a social capital is key

Health Promotion approaches need to be prioritized over curative care



Disease Surveillance Systems need to be actively strengthened







### **REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP**

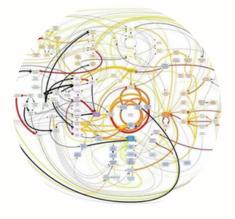
For the next pandemic



People Sensitive and Citizen Participatory Approaches

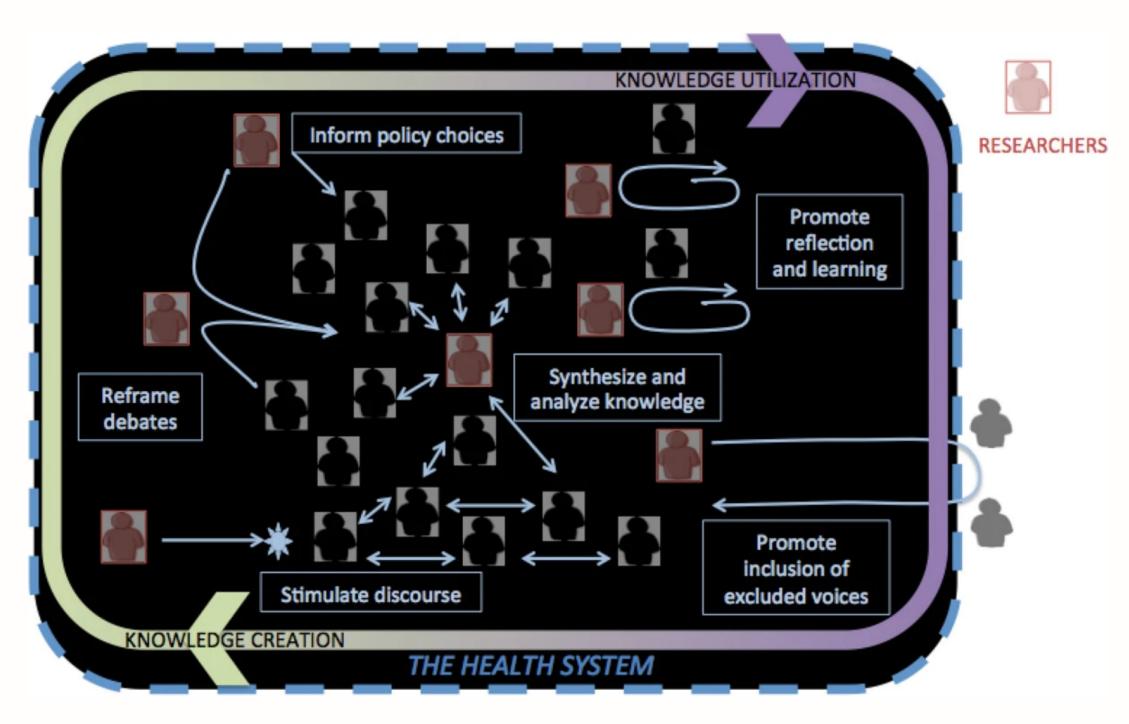
Applying Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) framework(s)

for policy planning and implementation





**De-Centralized decision making** 



#### Health policy and systems research: A dialogic practice

**Source:** Sheikh, K., George, A. & Gilson, L. People-centred science: strengthening the practice of health policy and systems research. Health Res Policy Sys 12, 19 (2014)



### **PHILIPPINES**

Speaker: Pauline Camille Baladjay

Western Pacific Region Team: Ghelvin Aguirre, Karen Azupardo, Tricia Kaye Palola, Kristel Faye Roderos, Reiner Lorenzo Tamayo



COVID-19 DATA

AS OF MARCH 19, 2021

648,066

TOTAL CASES

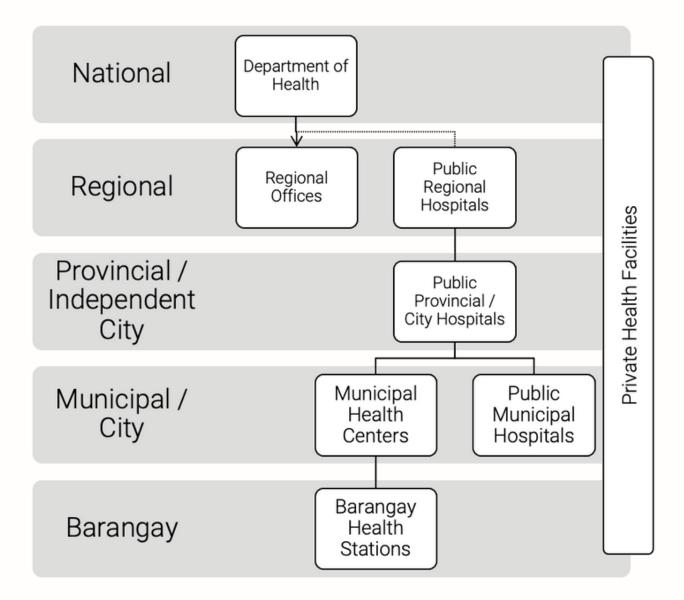
73,264

**ACTIVE CASES** 

1.99%

86.07%

D I E D RECOVERED







# OVERVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Emerging Infectious Diseases

#### National Action Plan











March - June 2020

July - September 2020

October 2020 - present

#### Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

- Prevention & containment
- Socioeconomic recovery
- Health risk management & vaccinations



### **LESSONS LEARNED**



Leadership & Governance



Health Financing



Human Resource



Service Delivery



Medical Products & Technology



Multiperspectivity compromising decision-making and operations Raises challenge for future healthspending

Lowered health system capacity

Magnified existing inequities

Delay in care = poor health outcomes

Poorly coordinated care systems





### **REIMAGINING LEADERSHIP**

- Build resilient health systems
- Understand and reduce inequities
- Invest in health information system and public health
- Leverage community participation and ensure public trust
- Develop evidence-informed policies



# RECAP: HOW CAN WE REIMAGINE GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP?

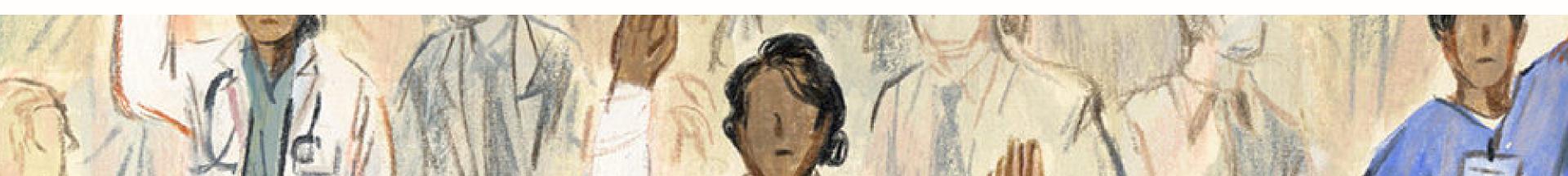
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# How governance of global health institutions needs to change

- LMIC equity and representation
- Gender equity and representation
- Build trust with the public
- Improve transparency
- Prevent "vaccine nationalism"

# How priorities of global health institutions need to change

- Access to medicines and technology
- Invest in pandemic prevention
- Focus on social determinants
- Focus on mental health
- Focus on migrant health





# ACTIVITY: CO-CREATING A VISION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Moderators: Joy Muhia and Meena Tafazzoli

THE STATUS QUO TODAY IN REGARDS TO \_

KEY ELEMENT OF GLOBAL HEALTH

IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE

DESIRED OUTCOME IS ACHIEVED BY PROPOSED SOLUTION





## **EXAMPLE: CO-CREATING A VISION** FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

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THE STATUS QUO TODAY IN REGARDS TO

**TUBERCULOSIS MORTALITY** 

IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE ENVISION A WORLD WHERE

TB ERADICATION IS ACHIEVED BY DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS

**IMPROVING TB** 





# ACTIVITY: CO-CREATING A VISION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Moderators: Joy Muhia and Meena Tafazzoli

Break out into groups

1 minute

Fill in the blanks to build a vision statement

10 minutes

**Share back!** 

5 minutes



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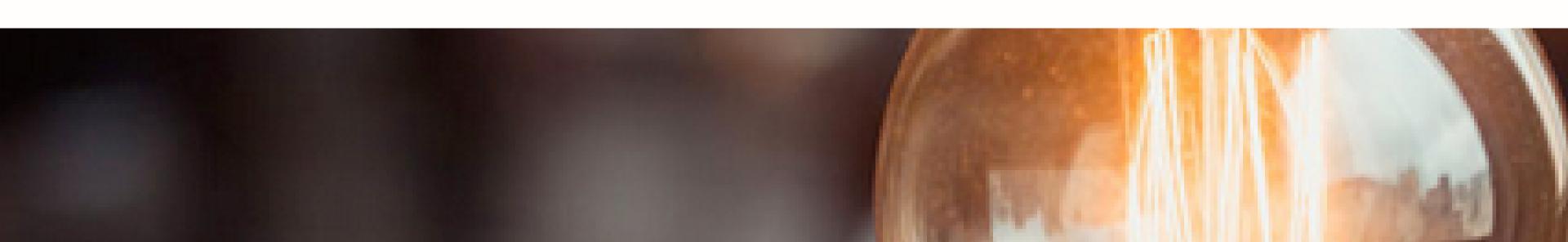
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### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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And a special shoutout to the HSG Planning Team: Bronte Davies, Camille Baladjay, Catherine Villaneuva, Ghiwa Nasser Eddine, Joy Muhia, Kristel Faye Roderos, Laura Haywood, Luana Araujo, Lynn Bust, Mabel Aoun, Malvikha Manoj, Magali Collonnaz, Meena Tafazzoli, Nadine Nanji, Nuria Gallego Marquez, Philip Dambisya, Siddharth Srivastava, Sudipta Ghoshal, and the rest of the IWG team.

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### **TOPIC: ACCESS TO MEDICINES AND TECHNOLOGIES**



# 1. WHAT IS NOT WORKING WELL TODAY IN REGARDS TO ACCESS TO MEDICINES?

2. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR ACCESS TO MEDICINES TO BE IMPROVED?

3. WHAT ARE SOME ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO MEDICINES?

### **TOPIC: LMIC EQUITY AND REPRESENTATION**



# 1. WHAT IS NOT WORKING WELL TODAY IN REGARDS TO LMIC REPRESENTATION?

2. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR LMIC REPRESENTATION TO BE IMPROVED?

3. WHAT ARE SOME ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE LMIC REPRESENTATION?

### **TOPIC: GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH**





2. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH TO BE IMPROVED?

3. WHAT ARE SOME ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH?