

Review of: "Post-Pandemic Reflections from Sub-Saharan Africa: What We Know Now That We Wish We Knew Then"

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Dear Oleribe,

This article is highly insightful and explores some crucial aspects of pandemic management, which should definitely be taken care of in the future. In my opinion, we want to find pragmatic approaches to translate those ideas into practice. Those approaches should be context-specific, multi-disciplinary, and trans-disciplinary, for encouraging collective decision-making.

- Political commitment is an indispensable component of any public health activity. In this context, we need to empower public health specialists who have sound scientific knowledge and administrative capability to make appropriate decisions and implement them at the district/city level. On the other hand, they need to be capable of advocating to politicians and people's representatives what should be done in each stage. Advocacy and communication by public health experts were largely lacking during Covid-19.
- Business industries have made important contributions to the development of different diagnostic, therapeutic, and protective equipment throughout the pandemic. Governments should have taken stringent control over business agencies regarding their production and use, but this was not the reality. This is another area where the governments of low- and middle-income countries should develop a policy decision.
- I absolutely agree that isolation and quarantine guidelines had to be developed considering the local context and maintaining due respect for local habits and traditions.

In conclusion, this article provided us with very useful messages that should govern us as we shape an appropriate strategy for our fight against anticipated future pandemics.