

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

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The authors' idea for writing the article is interesting and valuable from the point of view of providing impetus to decision-makers for the future and to other players involved in society. It might seem that the conclusions sent out by the authors are well known, but the title itself suggests some interesting insights. Well, when the Covid-19 pandemic occurred, various decision-making centres at the time made various decisions for which I was in favour in order to increase the safety of society and to reduce the speed of the spread of the virus, especially as, in the initial phase, we had no effective way of treating and preventing contagion.

It is quite easy to criticise decisions taken after a long period of time, particularly when the visible effect of those decisions is not clear. Contrary to what the authors write, the experience of the Spanish flu was not firmly embedded in the DNA of power. I wrote an article about this a few years ago, pointing out that if we remembered how decision-making experiments during the Spanish flu influenced its spread, then we would be much wiser. And then the level of medical knowledge was much lower. Therefore, the authors very rightly singled out some general problems and referred to what was taken and how it should have been taken from the point of view of the passage of time.

The attractiveness of the article is enhanced by the combination of the competence of its authors. We are not dealing here with a free narrative by journalists or social activists, but with competently drafted reflections in separate areas, reinforced by reference to the views of others, listed in the list of sources. Such a narrative is devoid of strong evaluative elements and can therefore be considered a balanced assessment of the phenomenon described in the article. Therefore, I believe that the article is valuable, at the right substantive level, logically structured, with well-chosen arguments justifying the authors' positions.

Normally, when reviewing scientific articles, I expect the authors to define the purpose of the article, the research methods used, and any prerequisites that might indicate that the results obtained can be considered reliable. This article does not contain these elements, but I do not lack them. Therefore, I evaluate the presented article highly positively and recommend it for publication without changes. I congratulate the authors and the editors for taking on this subject.