

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

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This is a good broad summary of the challenges with the domestic responses in Uganda and Nigeria. One theme that is present but cuts across all the observations is the impact of external “one-sized-fits-all” messaging from the media and from the WHO about prevention. The international nature of misinformation also aggravates the problem of conspiracy theories and subsequent population pushback.

I liked the example of the insurance companies; it is telling. That would be a domestic regulatory issue bolstered by policy guidance from the AU. In fact, the regulatory aspect of government appears to have been overwhelmed by the entrepreneurial aspirations of the population (as it was in the global “North” as well).

During the latter stages of the pandemic, vaccines were more available, and some targets for SSA were issued by the Africa CDC. The latter entity is not mentioned in the piece and should be. Were those targets realistic, achievable? In Uganda, Rotary mobilized a large number of its clubs to push for vaccine access...these efforts should also be included. This effort was Ugandan, not international per se.

In fact, the role of Rotary and other civil society service groups in assuring against misdirection of funding and combatting misinformation could be included to enhance this article.