

# Review of: "We Don't Have a Health Problem, We Have a Village Problem"

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The article "We Don't Have a Health Problem, We Have a Village Problem" addresses current health paradigms. Notable aspects include: 1) emphasizing that health is not only medical but also political and deeply social, highlighting the importance of environments (beyond food and services), community, and social fabric in addressing health issues and the widespread sense of loneliness in society; 2) mentioning the importance of addressing root causes so that solutions are no longer mere palliatives; 3) describing the relevance of developing a mechanism to support the creation of a culture of care within communities that supports and guides people, providing a sense of belonging; and 4) conveying the value of collective action initiatives through which communities take responsibility for each other and their local resources as part of a contextualized and sustainable solution.

While I recognize the value of bringing this topic into the discussion, from my perspective, the article's main limitation is that it expresses a perspective centered on the Global North, overlooking structural inequalities, deep social justice issues, weak economies, and corrupt governance systems that exacerbate the flaws in healthcare systems in developing countries. This makes community building and the possibility of connecting, trusting, and caring for others as strategies to strengthen health a particularly difficult challenge for the inhabitants of low-income countries, who spend most of their time working long, poorly paid hours and are lagging in terms of the most basic and conventional healthcare services. Therefore, the discussion should shift from criticizing the healthcare system to questioning the long-term viability of the current dehumanized economic system on a global scale.