

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

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This paper informs about the efforts of sub-Saharan Africa in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. It stands out in separating science from politics, medical practice from business—ranging from the pharmaceutical industry, vaccine and sanitizer production, safety kit production, and mask manufacturing to social behaviour. It also draws attention towards the need to distinguish public health practices from untested behaviours. Separating prevention practices that are distinct to nations, societies, and cultures, the authors have pointed towards the emergency response to COVID-19. They also allude to the genetic variations in sub-Saharan Africa as a factor which may have conferred resistance to COVID-19. This suggests that it is important to recognise regional genetic factors in pandemic management. The paper also points towards sub-Saharan Africa's propensity to build capacity for manufacturing vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics to address public health crises. Public health authorities in sub-Saharan Africa, seemingly, have given a model for addressing the emerging and re-emerging infectious disease outbreaks in the future globally.