

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

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This article highlights the events and mistakes that were made during the COVID-19 pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa and the lessons that can be learned in the aftermath, as well as how it could prepare us for future pandemics. It is well-written and reads smoothly. Some of my comments are:

-‘Some individuals (including the first author) missed their international flights because of late or expired COVID-19 rapid antigen test results.’ **I do not see how this is relevant.**

-Moreover, when aiming to prevent or control future epidemics and pandemics, evidence-based decisions should be left in the jurisdiction of public health professionals.“—**Why only ‘public’ health professionals?**

-“The impact of the pandemic on children in the region underscores the need to prioritize preventive health services, including vaccination and malaria control, in order to safeguard vulnerable populations.” **Why malaria in particular?**

The discussion section is brief and has many statements that should be elaborated on more, particularly this one:“*The pandemic has also revealed the importance of so-called ‘systems thinking’ in COVID-19 recovery to deliver sustainable development for African women and girls.*”

Thank you for the opportunity to review this work.