

PANDEMIC PROBLEM OVERVIEW

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There is no question that the COVID-19 epidemic has worsened significant economic and social problems worldwide. The pandemic's catastrophic impacts have not been spared on young people in the Philippines, particularly the most vulnerable youngsters. Many of the problems that the continent's children were already confronting have been made worse by the COVID-19 epidemic.

Critical problems that need to be addressed by our governments include disrupted educational systems, decreased access to necessities like food and shelter, increasing poverty, and exposure to abuse, exploitation, and violence. In light of the flaws in the health systems that the pandemic has highlighted, they are also dealing with vaccination access, uptake, and distribution. However, these administrations have not yet addressed escalating worries about authoritarianism, the misuse of COVID-19 funding, or the distribution of monies intended for investments in health, education, and infrastructure development. Corruption is preventing adolescents and other marginalized populations from experiencing an inclusive and durable recovery, as seen by the lack of openness and accountability throughout the epidemic.

Youths, who make up around half of our population, have demonstrated a strong desire to take the lead in pandemic recovery efforts across the continent. While some young people are continually innovating to satisfy the growing demand for vital items, many young people have demonstrated themselves as active agents in the battle against COVID-19 by volunteering as frontline staff in critical services. Getting young people to step up their contributions to the African recovery agenda by leading a network of local

catalytic solutions backed by regional advocacy and policy influence is a challenge for everyone. Therefore, adolescents must be included in all rehabilitation efforts on the continent.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the danger of significant disease outbreaks and the lack of country readiness to combat them. Large-scale illness outbreaks known as pandemics pose significant hazards to people's health, well-being, and economy. Just as COVID-19 has shown, a swiftly moving infection that spreads over the world has the ability to kill tens of millions of people, disrupt economies, and undermine national security. Fast-moving, catastrophic epidemics might be caused by a number of variables, including urbanization, climate change, and a lack of access to clean water and sanitary facilities.

COVID-19 has triggered a global shock wave with serious health, economic, and social repercussions that will have an ongoing impact on many nations.

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