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Dear Editor,
I read with considerable consternation the Article titled "Travel restrictions violate international law". I beg to advance the proposition that while balancing human liberties with savi

This is more relevant in conflict zones that are affected by COVID-19. Travel restrictions need to be in place for conflict zones.

The conventional narrative has focused on developed nations. However developing nations and conflict zones have also been disproportionately affected. In this article, I want to b
A recent article has highlighted the plight of refugees and migrants during the current COVID-19 crisis [1]. Another recent study has looked at the effect of social isolation measure
Africa and in the Middle East.
However there are considerable challenges that need to be overcome if social distancing measures are to be effective in impoverished nations that are also in conflict zones. I outli

1. There is a need for peacekeepers, aid workers and healthcare workers to have continued access to conflict zones. However this needs to be balanced with the unfortunate reality
adequate precautions while attending to people in conflict zones.

2. Public transport are usually overcrowded and in many developing nations this is the only mode of transport for a livelihood. Developing economies, especially those ravaged by c

3. Managing migration of refugees fleeing from conflict zones. As developed nations go into border shutdown, they should try to provide assistance to refugees fleeing conflict zon

4. Trust deficit in doctors and healthcare workers. Doctors were attacked during the Ebola crisis highlighting a trust deficit [4]. Many lessons have been learnt from the Ebola crisis i

5. Existing diseases and epidemics. The Democratic Republic of Congo and other regions in Africa have been ravaged by a deadly measles epidemic [4, 6]. This highlights the need

Conflict zones cause armies to come into close contact with each other and cause displacement of people. They can also cause breakdowns in public health infrastructures and o

In places like Syria, where the civil war has raged for many years, living conditions in refugee camps can enable faster spread of the virus. It can be very difficult to implement socia

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prioritize saving human lives.

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