

Identifying impacts of COVID-19 on human development, peace and state building efforts in Africa

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~~Covid~~COVID-19 has continued to be an international crisis, with the wave of new variants. While many have ~~attributed it to~~focused on the public health issues, ~~covid~~COVID-19 ~~has remained resolute~~continues to transform our approaches to every sector in development, policies and engagements, ~~with T~~the impacts ~~of this pandemic on human development, peace and state building are~~ still ongoing since 2019 across every nation.

In Africa, a youth-dominated continent with considerable ~~illiteracy~~illiterate, many ~~private and public institutions~~private and public institutions have been forced to go digital ~~in both private and public institutions~~in both private and public institutions. ~~The~~This digital skills ~~and~~online presence has ~~ve~~pushed ~~technological advancements for a~~technological advancements for a and reformed ~~in~~in education, ~~technology advancements~~technology advancements and employment. ~~Covid~~In other words, the COVID-19 era is creating ~~foreign~~remote jobs that ~~is building~~are building the human capacities of the African Youths. The crisis has necessitated a lot of innovation to curtail some of the challenges posed by it.

~~However, Covid~~COVID-19 has ~~also~~also revealed ~~the~~many weak institutions in ~~the nations of African~~nations, the divisions and inequalities that exist in the national systems. For instance, the health care system is ~~so~~too incapacitated even for local research ~~towards on~~towards the pandemic. ~~Therefore, there have been so much~~depend~~ingence~~ence on ~~the~~the international communities ~~to for~~to help ~~with solutions and research against the pandemic~~with solutions and research against the pandemic. The World Bank Group has already committed about \$24.7 billion out of its \$50 billion budget for Africa response to ~~Covid~~COVID-19 since 2020. Although, doses of the vaccines ~~available~~are are still being administered ~~and advocated for~~and advocated for, it is ~~clearly seen to be~~clearly seen to be few compared to the African population~~ce~~ce, and it is easier for a percentage of the elites to be vaccinated. As of 17 June 2021, around 68 vaccines were administered for every 100 people in Europe and North~~ern~~ern America compared with fewer than 2 in sub-Saharan Africa.

In the face of the global outbreak, there has been severe economic downturn; ~~hence~~hence, policy responses from ~~the~~the African leaders ~~should be such that is~~need to be sustainable, as there are many future uncertainties. According to the Sustainable Development Goals Report launched on 6~~th~~th July, 2021 by the UN, the speculations for the 2030 agenda ~~is are~~is already shaky due to the many adjustments required for living in the pandemic ~~moments~~moments.

State and peace building is guaranteed only when the citizens are secured ~~of with~~of with food, and basic social amenities. For many refugees and IDPs that have hitherto been neglected ~~in all these needs~~in all these needs, obeying ~~covid~~COVID-19 guidelines will not be their priority. Since the economic downturn will further inhibit~~e~~e their distributed materials, ~~minor~~minor agitations can be expected to spring forth conflicts ~~and~~and communal clashes, ~~and~~and ~~risking~~risking further spread of the pandemic.

YALDA, as a youth organisation, has continued to put in extra efforts ~~as a way of impact~~as a way of impact to advocate and ~~liaise~~liaise with relevant bodies to bring in sustainable solutions ~~to for~~to for the ~~unique covid~~unique covidCOVID-19 challenges ~~as peculiar to~~as peculiar to Africans.

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2021/>

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/factsheet/2020/06/02/world-banks-response-to-covid-19-coronavirus-in-africa>

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