

"New Pandemics"

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Editorial letter:



Who among us hasn't had to deal with the multiple damages caused by the "pandemic" in recent years? Yes, everyone unfortunately. It has left its marks, and to this day, it continues to wreak havoc...

In fact, in the current year (2024), seventeen epidemics of dangerous diseases have already occurred globally, particularly those caused by the Marburg virus, monkeypox (Mpox), and the latest strain of avian influenza. These striking and incisive data were released by the World Health Organization in the new report of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, warning of "a series of risks that increase the likelihood of new pandemics".

Furthermore, there is also the report launched at the World Health Summit in Berlin, which calls for a collective approach and outlines fifteen key factors of pandemic risk, classified into five groups: social,

technological, environmental, economic, and political.

Lack of trust between and within countries, inequality, intensive agriculture, and the likelihood of contamination between humans and animals are among the main threats identified. However, there are also new alert factors that require maximum prevention and attention...

Digital connectivity, for example, "has enabled rapid sequencing and sharing of pathogen data and personalized responses". However, it exposes health systems to cyber-attacks: growing biosafety threats and rapid spread of misinformation increase risks.

Yes, this is certainly another factor to be careful about! It's essential to be well-informed and conduct thorough research, relying on accurate sources and not blindly trusting social media.

Regarding this, Joy Phumaphi, co-chair of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, argues that the next pandemic won't wait for improvements in our advanced systems. Instead, he emphasizes that "investing in equitable and resilient healthcare services and equipment is essential to combat and hopefully overcome tomorrow's adversities...especially in the most disadvantaged areas, so that once and for all, we can pronounce the word 'End'".

Yes, that's right, with the end of old and new pandemics, and the hope for a dance in a new world free from every pathology, epidemic, and pandemic that will no longer affect us but will let us move forward..."

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