



THE SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 FROM AN EQUITY PERSPECTIVE

WHO IS BEING LEFT BEHIND AND LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE

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IMPORTANT LESSONS LEARNED

- COVID-19 is both a public health and development crisis
- COVID-19 has increased poverty
- Socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 disproportionately affect vulnerable groups
- COVID-19 has exposed and exacerbated inequalities

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BETTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

- Strengthen social protection
 - Inclusion
 - Universality
 - Universal health coverage
- Better data and use of data to drive equity and inclusion and strengthen systems

CONCRETE ACTIONS: WHAT IS NEEDED

- Pro-equity investments, policies and systems ~ opportunity and solidarity to build a fairer and safer world
 - Reach those furthest behind first
 - Expand collaboration and partnerships
 - Use data to drive equity and impact