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IS THE ASIA AND PACIFIC REGION EMERGING OUT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has dominated the world's attention and plunged many dimensions of our societies into great uncertainty. As countries in the Asia Pacific region respond to the outbreaks within their countries, emerging health issues arising from COVID-19 threaten to increase the burden on the health systems and economies. Simultaneously, countries continue to face challenges brought about by ageing populations, rapid urbanisation, climate change, and endemic infectious diseases. We need to shift from a reactive to pre-emptive mode to systematise the lessons learnt during the pandemic and invest at the system level to create resilient and functional health systems to tackle current and future health challenges.

- › **What are the lessons learnt from COVID-19 implementations in Asia and the Pacific?**
- › **How is the region addressing health issues emerging from COVID-19?**
- › **Does universal health coverage provide a strong foundation for countries to minimize the impact of COVID-19?**
- › **Moving forward: what are the options for Developing Member Countries?**



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