

# Covid: lessons learnt for equitable health systems

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Figure 1. COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 31 July 2022\*\*

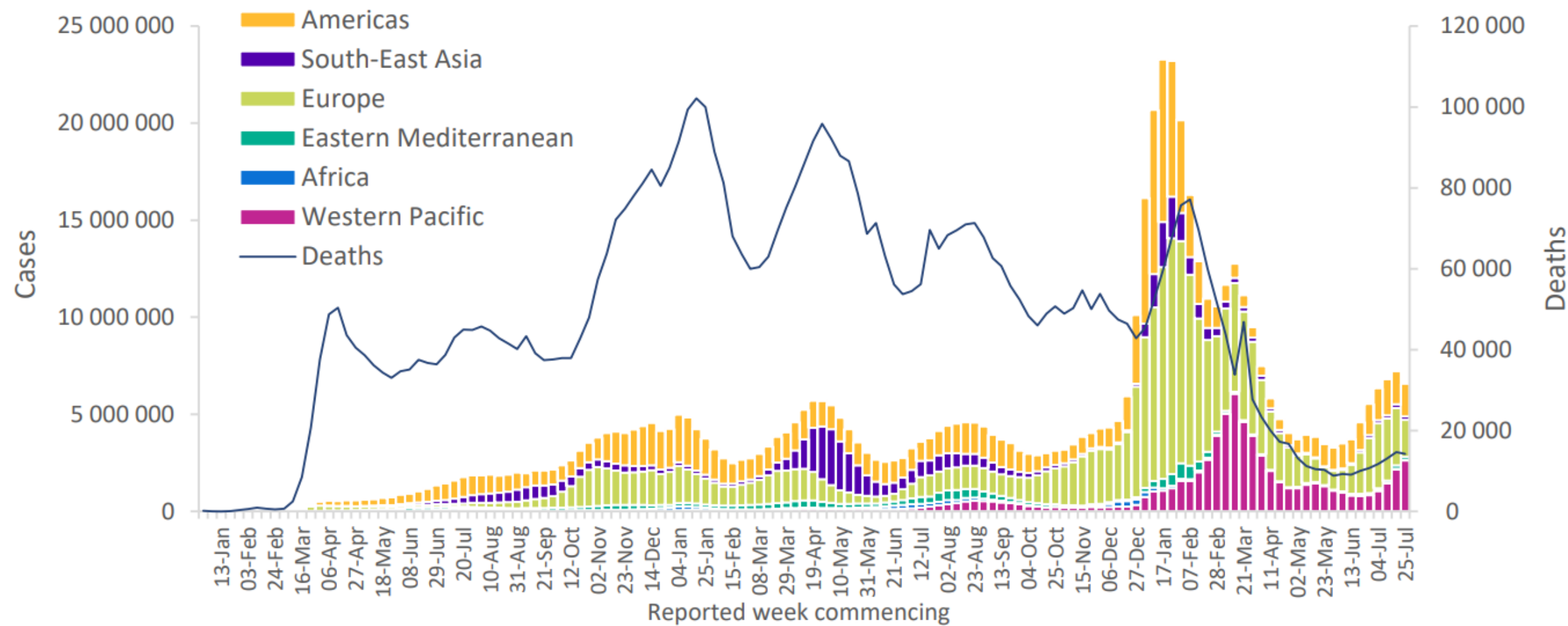
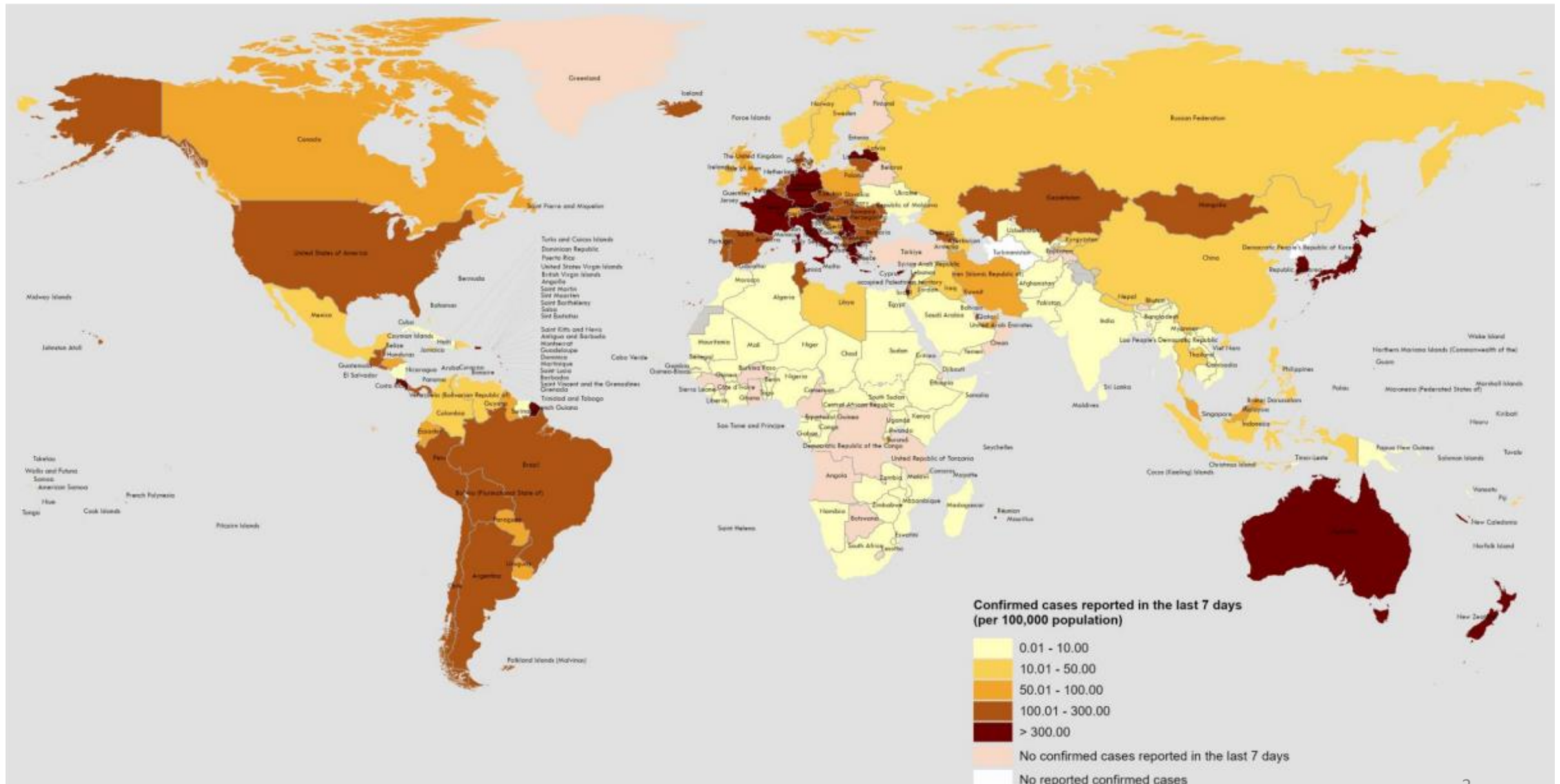
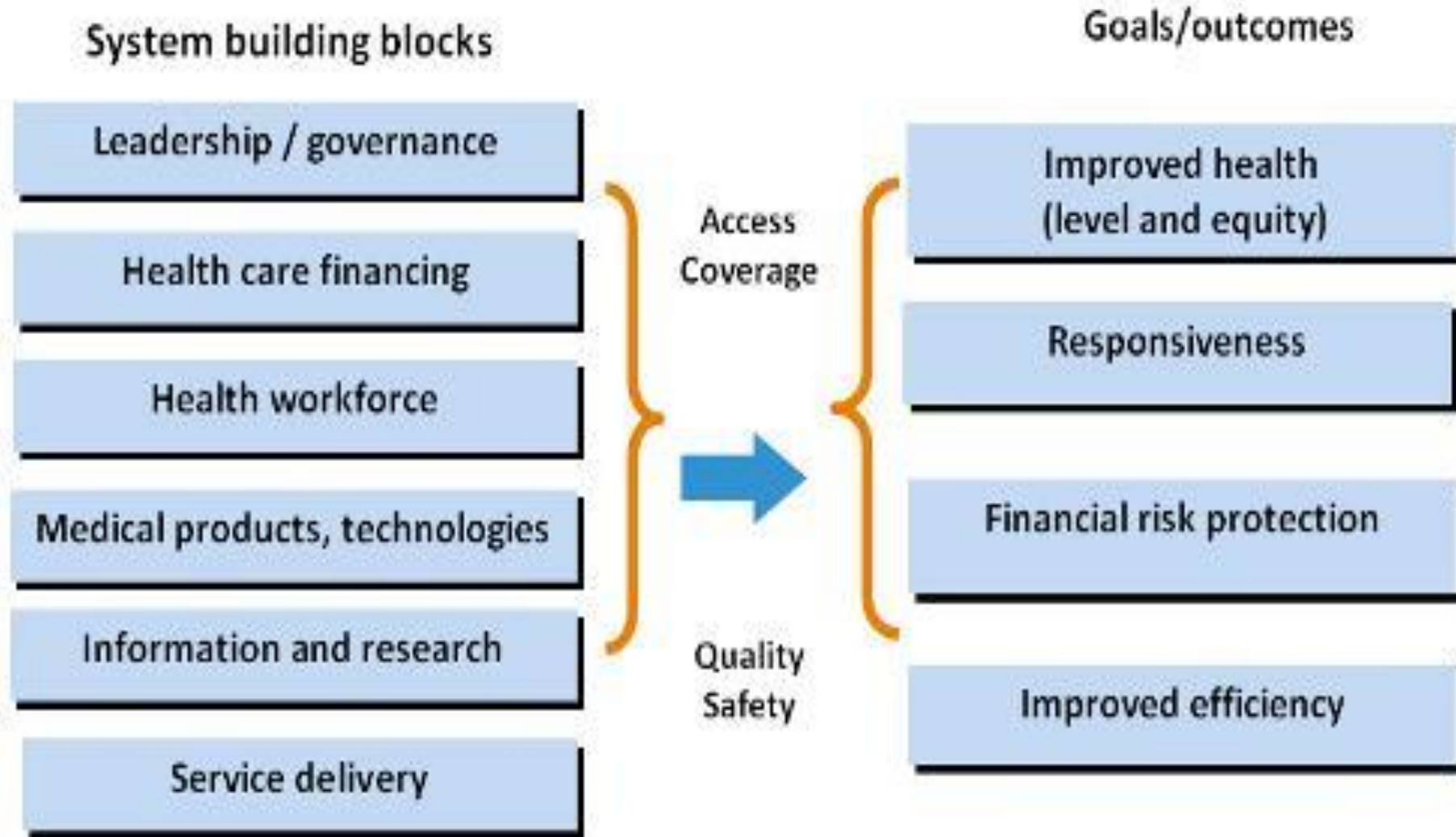


Figure 2. COVID-19 cases per 100 000 population reported by countries, territories and areas, 25 - 31 July 2022\*



# Building Blocks of HS



# Interconnections among HS building Blocks



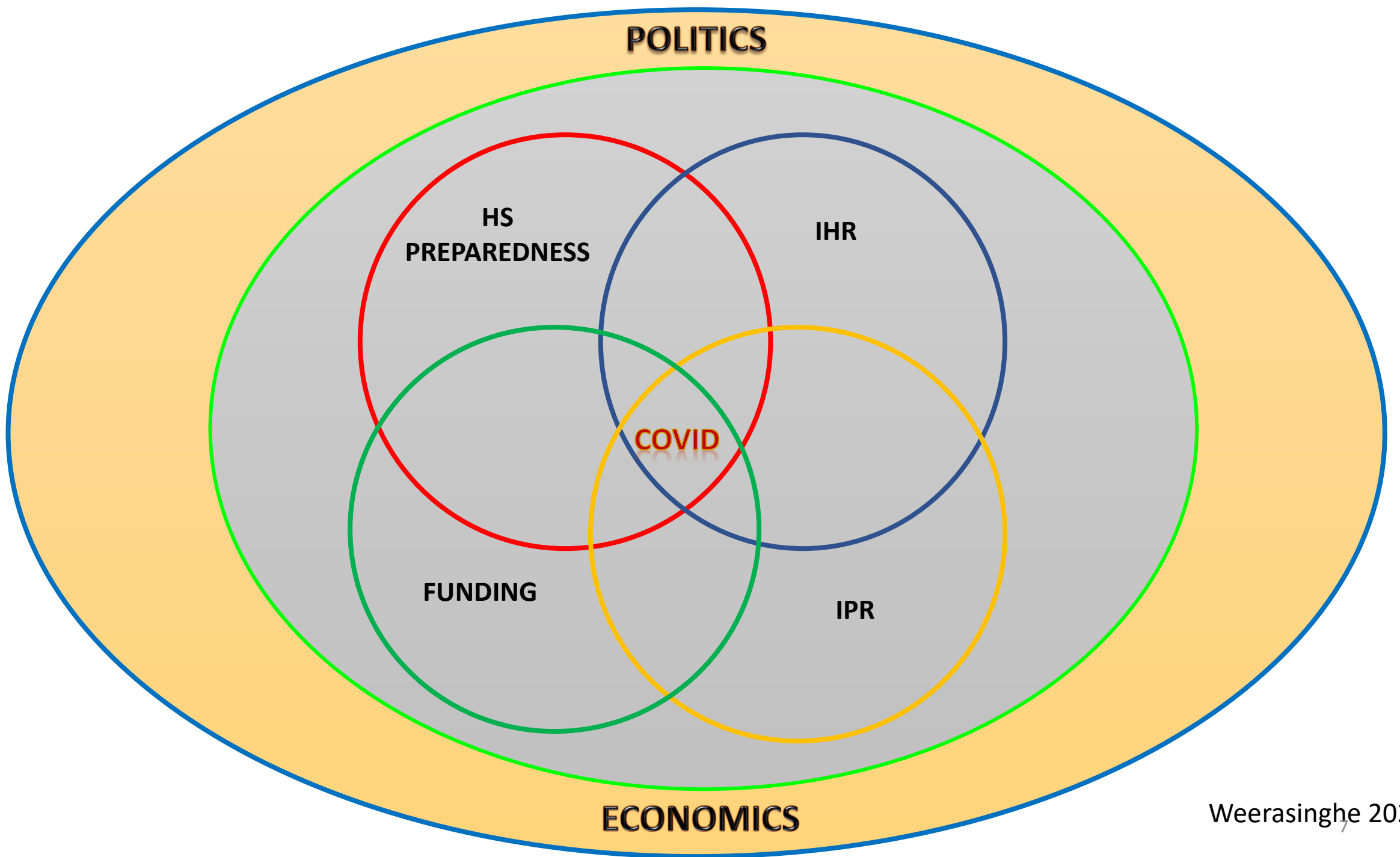




**What matters?**

**Money or Humanity**





# Pandemic Preparedness and Response



- Is this a priority in Global Agenda?
  - Was this adequately emphasized at inter governmental deliberations?
  - Health for All Vs Selective Packages
  - IFIs influence in setting the agenda
  - Decision Making- PHEIC
  - UHC and PHC
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- Health Systems resilience to face challenges -Global Health Security Index
  - UK/US vs Taiwan/Vietnam



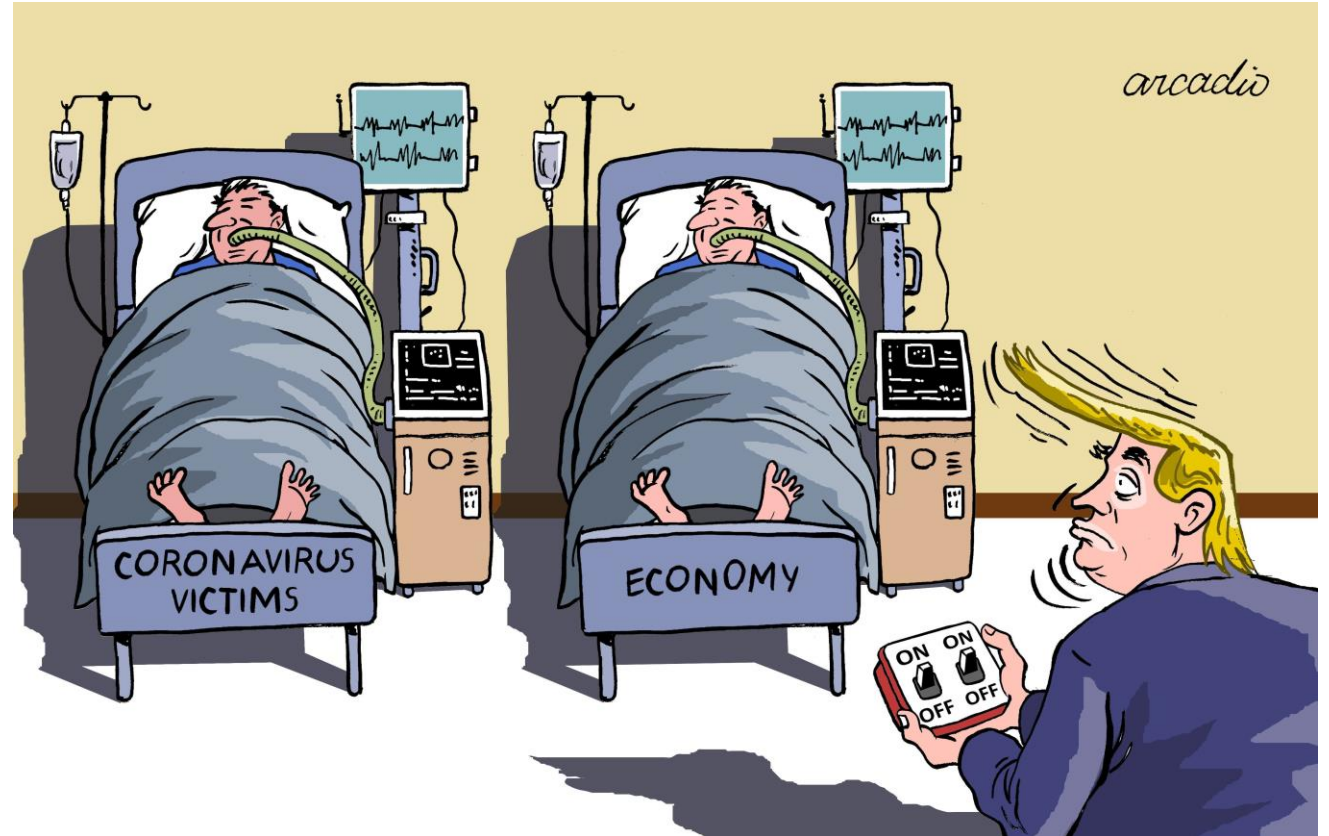
# Trade, Travel & IHR

Trade/ Travel facilitation

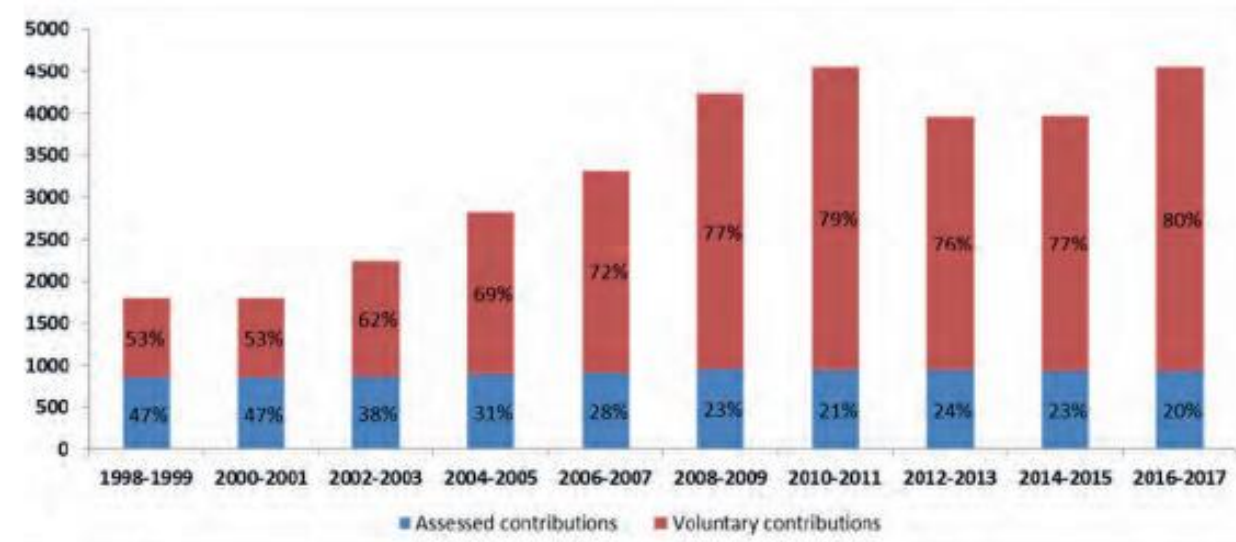
**Vs**

Public Health

Selective application



# Resource Allocation/ Funding



**Figure D1.2:** Trends in assessed and voluntary contributions, 1998–2017 (in US\$ million)

Source: WHO's Financing Dialogue 2016 A proposal for increasing the assessed contribution, <http://www.who.int/about/finances-accountability/funding/financing-dialogue/assessed-contribution.pdf?ua=1>

- Global Health Funding- CFE/WHE
- Declining the WHO share
- New Actors - the major share
- Industry- Research/ Development/ACT-A

**Agenda !**

# Philanthropy..... OR



**Image D2.3** WHO Director General Chan and Bill Gates lead discussion on polio at WHA (By United States Mission Geneva - Flickr; License: CC BY 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=15328920>)

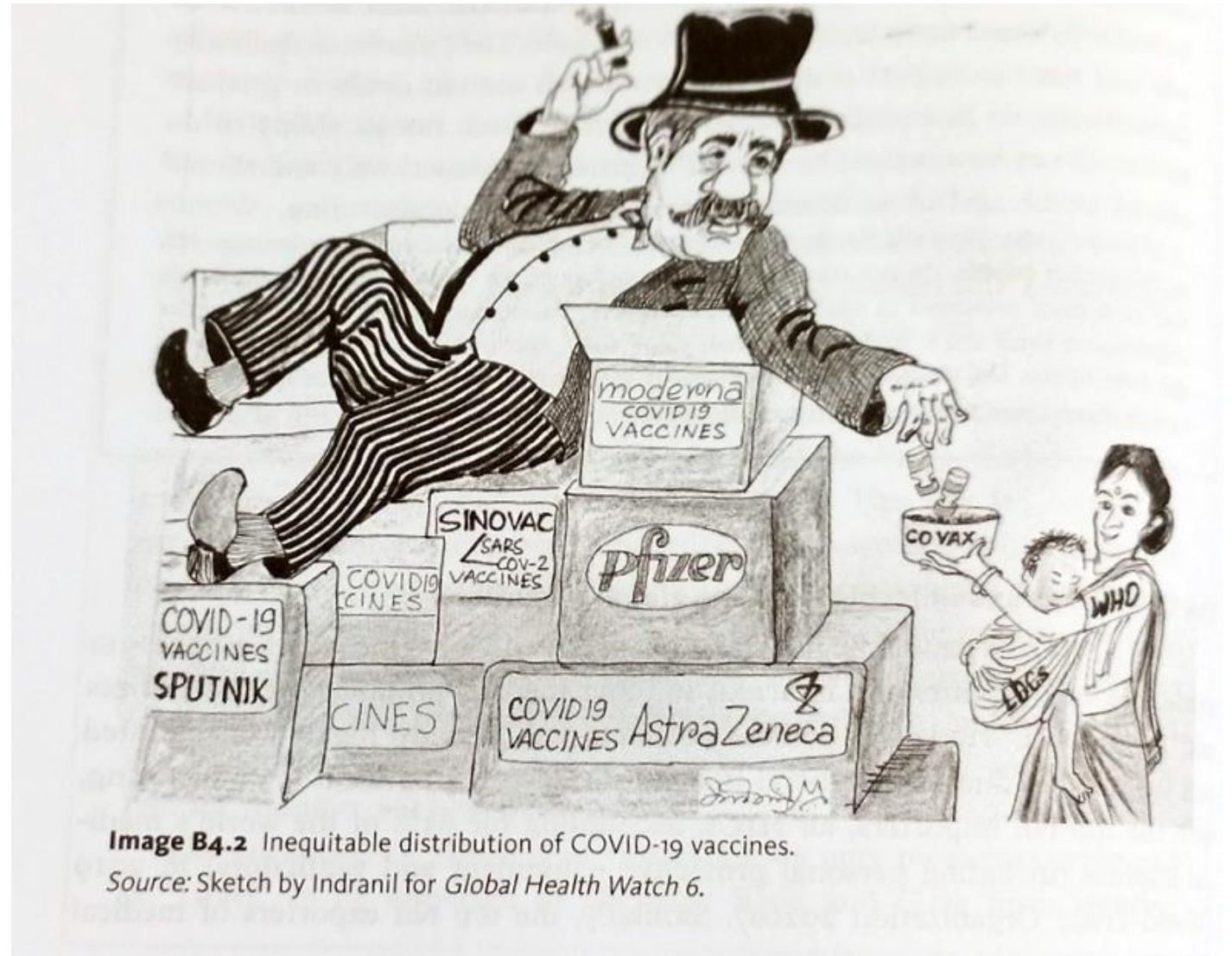
**Image D2.2** The personal wealth of benefactors have not decreased as a consequence of philanthropic giving (IndranilMulhopadhyay)





# IPR and Vaccines

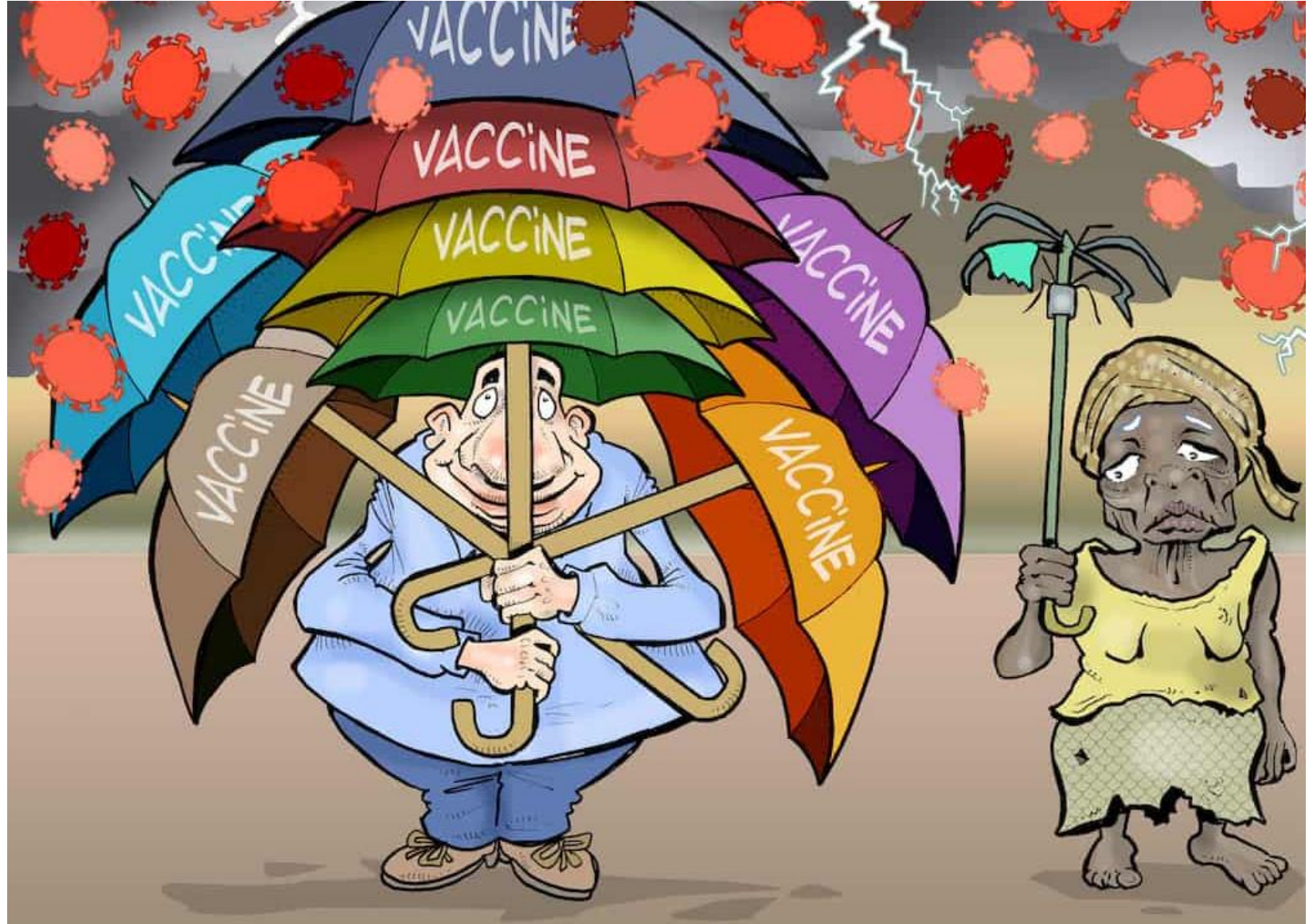
- Public Health Vs IPR
- Request for Open License Vs Big Pharma
- LMICs/ LDC vs HIC
- COVAX
- WTO- TRIPs Waiver- Ministerial decision June 2022
- Pandemic treaty



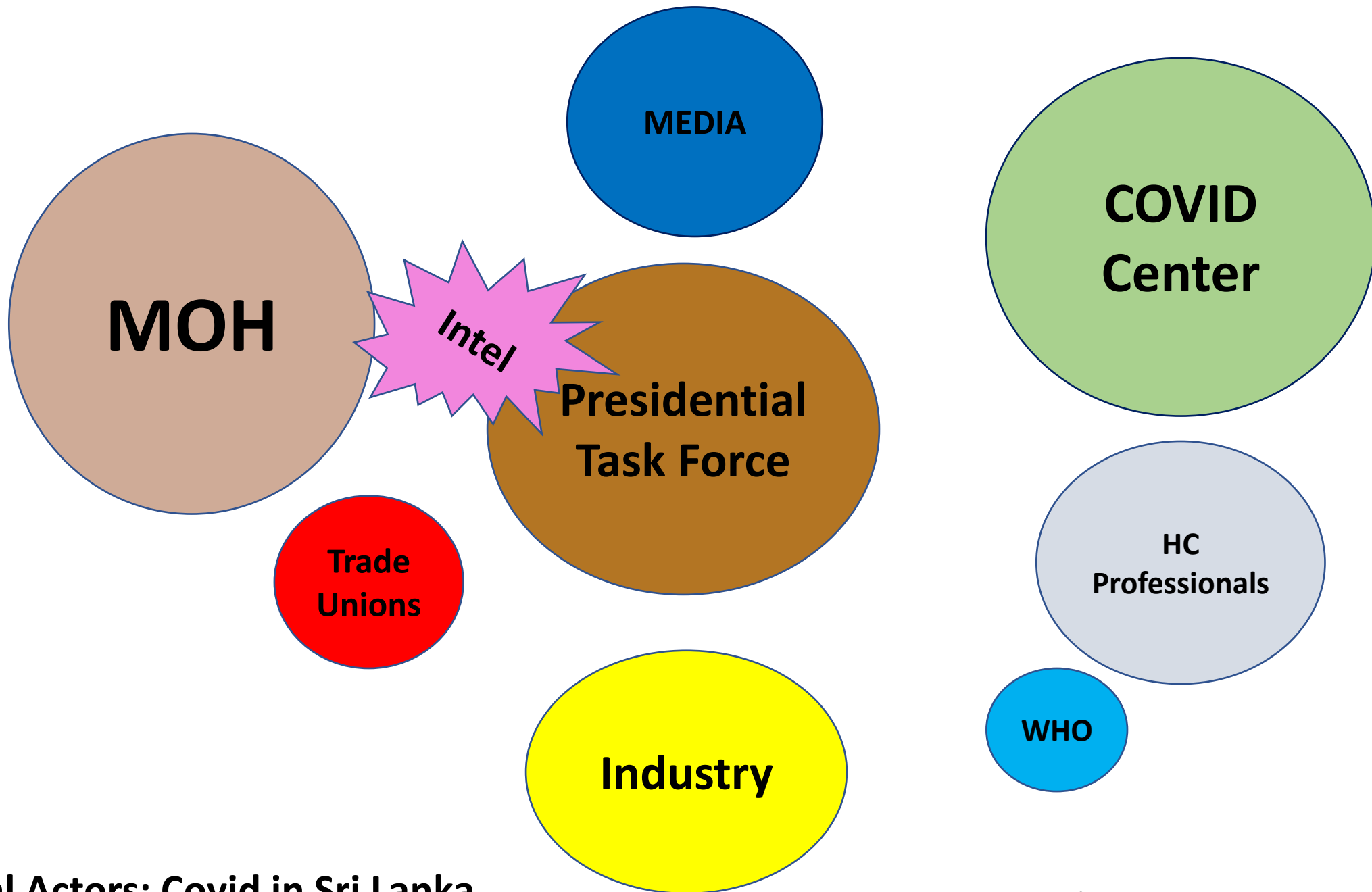


# Vaccine Nationalism

Politics of Inequality



<b>26.01.2020</b>	<b>First Interim guidelines summary to manage Covid 19 patients</b>
<b>26.01.2020</b>	National Action Committee set up
<b>27.01.2020</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> imported Covid 19 case reported
<b>28.01.2020</b>	Suspected contacts of the 1 <sup>st</sup> patient were admitted at NIID
<b>28.01.2020</b>	12 hospitals around the country identified as the treatment centres for the suspected persons
<b>28.01.2020</b>	Screening of arrivals from China initiated Airports
<b>01.03.2020</b>	Travellers from designated countries directed for self- quarantine
<b>10.03.2020</b>	Travellers from designated countries directed to institutional quarantine
<b>11.03.2020</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Covid 19 patient confirmed
<b>12.03.2020</b>	Announced of all travel from Iran, Italy and South Korea to Sri Lanka will be banned
<b>13.03.2020</b>	Island wide school closure from 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
<b>13.03.2020</b>	Suspension of on Arrival visas to Sri Lanka
<b>15.03.2020</b>	12 Quarantine Centres at Army bases established
<b>16.03.2020</b>	Public gatherings restricted
<b>17.03.2020</b>	Government universities declared closed
<b>17.03.2020</b>	All returnees from overseas, March 1 to 15, to be registered at the Police station
<b>19.03.2020</b>	All international Airports in Sri Lanka to be closed
<b>20.03.2020</b>	Island wide curfew imposed



# Lessons.....

## Positive

- Early initiative
- Muti Stakeholder involvement
- Pooling expertise
- Decisions based on evidence
- Positives of Free healthcare

## Negative

- Mixing up roles-  
Expert/bureaucrats/ politicians
- Stepping the mandate
- Kitchen cabinet mentality
- Space for corruption
- Wrong person in wrong place at  
wrong time