



Second Conference on State Fragility, Pandemics, Vaccination and Solidarity: Implications in Fragile Countries, held virtually on 28 June 2021

ORGANISERS' CONCLUSIONS

The g7+, an inter-governmental organization of conflict affected countries, and the Club of Lisbon, a Portuguese private association that promotes the debate on global challenges, co-organised the Second Conferences on State Fragility, *Pandemics, Vaccination and Solidarity: Implications in Fragile Countries*, which was held virtually on 28 June 2021.

The Conference was attended by members of governments, senior officials and representatives of multilateral entities, members of the academia, the media, the civil society and the private sector. The objective of this year's conference was to discuss the implications of the Covid-19 and the process of vaccination in fragile countries and to encourage the strengthening of international solidarity and cooperation towards the more vulnerable countries and communities.

The organisers took note of the most relevant issues debated and stressed by the participants:

- Recognizing the disproportionate adverse impact of the pandemic in conflict affected countries such as those in the g7+ group, participants underscored prioritizing support to be provided by the international community.
- Realizing the increasing level of violence in the already conflict affected settings, a strong plea was made for pursuing ceasefire. Participants called upon the international community, in particular the United Nations, regional powers and organizations, to spare no efforts to help stop wars. The common challenge - to defeat the Pandemic - can only be addressed if countries are in peace.
- Commending initiatives such as COVAX, concerns were raised on the inequality in the distribution of Covid-19 vaccination. Recognizing that "no one is safe until everyone is safe", it was underlined that developed countries and international organizations should ensure that the world's poor countries and populations are not left behind.
- As the Covid-19 unleashes fragility in the global and national systems, participants emphasised on the need to invest in institutions in fragile and conflict affected countries, to make them more effective and responsive.
- Participants emphasized on the need to speed up production and distribution of vaccines. Its concentration in a few developed countries is slowing the pace of vaccination of the entire population of the globe. Various possibilities were proposed, including the waiver of patents, the removal of export bans of vaccine components as well as the need to create and finance vaccine production facilities in developing countries, including in those with fragile institutions and economies.
- Participants underscored the need for global solidarity and cooperation as the only way to mitigate the grim and long-lasting impact of Covid-19, with a sense of acting urgently in poor countries.

Against these premises, progress of the implementation and lessons learned will be disseminated by the organisers.

Furthermore, the g7+, representing 20 countries affected by conflict and fragility, is keen to continue to explore opportunities to strengthen its partnership with the European Union and its member States, through all available effective means, to fight pandemics and to guarantee free and fair vaccine for all, with a special attention and priority for the more fragile countries and vulnerable communities.

Statement issued by the Secretariat of the g7+ and the Board of the Club of Lisbon.

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