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**Impact Of Climate Change, Generational Divide And Human Migration On Sustainability And Future Of Global Health Development**

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### **Purpose / Background:**

- Rising impact of non-traditional threats and return of traditional high intensity conflicts create setbacks to the sustainability of upward healthcare revamp and democratisation of access to affordable and universal healthcare
- Systemic degradation of local and regional economies, socio-development capacities, internal governance and institutional resilience and interventional resources as a result of climate induced chain effects
- Speed and depth of knowledge and human capital migration, unrestrained flight and mobility of talents, labour, migrants, refugees and others brought forth by structural changes and both sets of threats further exacerbate expansionary healthcare policies and narrow the equity and participatory prospects of inclusive healthcare goals
- Current and past adaptive and accommodative structural readiness have failed under the weight of increasing risk factors and other injection of capital and tools that are not executed in tandem with scope and capacity of healthcare demands and needs under changing context and circumstances
- New demands and changing economic landscape with different perspectives and needs from the generational divide and return of traditional threats where emphasis and policymaking on healthcare are diverted to needs of national interests and survival
- The zero sum game of different and conflicting needs and interests of the different demographic groups, divided by perspectives, health status, demands and needs as well as costs of healthcare and life sustainability will compel policymakers to make difficult choices of balancing the priorities on other critical tools of national growth and in ensuring the largest segment of population getting the most attention and investment on welfare in ensuring political survival and in preventing social unrest and conflict

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**Methods:**

- Observational studies
- Empirical analysis
- Qualitative Research
- Diversified and impartial data and research absorption and cultivation

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### Results & Conclusions:

- The return of traditional threats and risks of high intensity conflicts with the rise of non-traditional threat impact worsen the prospect of global health priority and development
- Changing demographic pattern with rising ageing population and changing socio-economic domain with different and conflicting interests for the race towards fulfilling other priorities of national survival exacerbate the deepening gap and inequality of internal and global health development and intended goals
- Uncontrolled human migration, both legally and under forced circumstances, creates new imbalances in regional and national health planning strategies and severely impacted mitigation and preventive efforts and strategies
- Structural and systemic weaknesses with lack of resilience and long-term sustainable outlook on investments in health lead to further degradation in effective healthcare, particularly impacting post-disease management and treatment
- Climate impact and capitalist approach in structure of health services and medicine which create effects ranging from new diseases and prolonging the battles against conventional endemics and NCDs complicate joint regional and international efforts in levelling the playing field and providing holistic and equitable healthcare especially to vulnerable groups
- International collaborative framework is bruised and battered by rise of nationalistic tendencies and shoring up of internal resilience and security in securing rights, dominance and influence for power projection and execution, leading to weakening of regional and global effort for disease control and prevention that will be more threatening and dangerous in countries with severe underinvestment in preventive healthcare and disease management, coupled with vulnerable populations being made more susceptible to diseases
- Covid-19 pandemic laid bare the international gap and weakness in resilience and readiness but also provides a better cooperative and multi-lateral framework of addressing shortfalls and creating a balanced and coordinated strategy in the post pandemic recovery period