

## **Contemplation Of States Towards Their Health Sectors In The Light Of COVID-19 Response: A Global Dilemma**

We all have witnessed that how this global pandemic has had such a profound influence on lives as well as on the global economy. This time in the history is so intense that it may appear inexplicable to some, while others may perceive it as a great tragedy. Since the global financial crisis of 2008, the breakout of this COVID 19 pandemic has emerged to be as one of the most important tests of worldwide international health and economic frameworks. Where the countries were meant to collaborate and react together to the global threat, it was noticed that few countries were engaged in criticizing each other by guessing various possibilities surrounding the genesis of SARS-CoV-2 virus. Despite the fact that the World Health Organization attempted to create a coordinated worldwide response, its influence was limited and substantial.

According to a scientific study that has been published in British Medical Journal this year, it is clearly stated that the COVID-19 could had been prevented, however there were noticeable flaws at each point of the response and preparedness chain.<sup>1</sup> According to the report by the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, titled: COVID-19: Make it the last pandemic, it was stated that the warning system was quite slow, the WHO was underpowered, and there was no political leadership on global level. The Director General of WHO commissioned this report. It was in connection to the resolution, that was made at World Health Assembly in 2020.<sup>2</sup>

A panel comprising of 13 members spent around eight months and reviewed the evidence of spread, responses, and actions to the COVID-19 pandemic. The report stated that the pandemic was a horrific wake-up call. It also stated that, that the current systems are not fit to prevent us from a pandemic resulting from another infectious and novel virus, that can appear at any point in time.<sup>3</sup>

To minimize the death index, and to avoid long lasting consequences, there is a need for an organized approach for developing a hospital system that is resilient and sustainable. This

includes existence of specialised intensive care units, emergency units and general wards. Such an organized and resilient system required well-equipped and qualified staff, effective organisation, and access to ventilators, medications and oxygen supplies.

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