

REIMAGINING PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RESILIENCE IN THE POST-COVID WORLD

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Abstract – Practitioner talk.

This paper is intended to stimulate a dialogue on how the unprecedented nature of COVID-19 changed the way the world thinks about preparedness, response and recovery. It is organized to: a) provide background information on the status of COVID-19 globally; b) identify some of the factors that make the pandemic a special challenge; c) highlight emerging good practices in response to this unprecedented situation; and d) suggest some possible next steps for specific settings (country focus on Turkey; regional focus on Africa).

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