

Universal Health Organisation (UHO)

Weekly Newsletter – 30 Jun 2023



The weekly newsletters bring the updates on the science, battered and bruised during the pandemic, legal updates and impact of activism for a just society, across the world. These are small steps to promote Transparency, Empowerment and Accountability – the ethos of the UHO.

Dengue cases and fever deaths in Kerala.

Kerala is in the grip of dengue, leptospirosis and H1N1. During the past fortnight, over 11000 cases of dengue have been [reported](#), with around 48 deaths from febrile illnesses which besides dengue, include leptospirosis and H1N1 influenza. Dengue claimed 25 lives, 14 died from leptospirosis and 9 from H1N1 influenza. This outbreak brings into sharp focus our struggle with endemic diseases. The toll taken by these go underreported. As an illustration, [data on dengue](#) a major killer in our country is not available for 2023 on the MOHFW website halfway into the year. To put things in perspective, all these three endemic fevers, i.e. dengue, leptospirosis and H1N1 claim younger victims compared to Covid-19 where the lethality for those below 19 years is [0.0003%](#).

Without proper monitoring and surveillance of these common conditions how do we allocate the priorities? Or shall we continue dancing to the tunes of the priorities of the West as we did in the Covid-19 pandemic neglecting our far lethal contagious diseases.

Malaria in the USA, Child Malnutrition in the UK!

A total of 5 malaria cases have been [reported](#) from the USA after a gap of 20 years. Malaria had been [eliminated](#) from the USA in 1951. Therefore most likely these cases have been brought in by travellers from endemic region. One also has to keep in context that recently a firm funded by the Gates Foundation released 150,000 [genetically modified mosquitoes](#) in the region from where the [cases](#) have been reported. The epidemiology of these cases needs to be thoroughly investigated without the media hype. The Gates Foundation has [invested](#) \$168.7 million to develop the next generation malaria vaccines. Piecemeal solutions cannot eradicate diseases with complex epidemiology. We have lost the [malaria endgame](#) once due to this approach. One has to keep a close watch on how things evolve, to avoid repeating past blunders.

When we used to hear about child under-nutrition we used to presume that this is a problem in poor countries. It is therefore surprising that cases of child under-nutrition are being reported from the UK. Britain is in the grip of a [child hunger epidemic](#). School kids are stealing food from their classmates, eating rubbers out of hunger, and taking school lunch home to feed their hungry siblings. Vulnerable children all over the world seem to be suffering due to the misadventure of career scientists and mathematical modellers who had predicted doomsday from a virus which never impacted young people bringing the world to a standstill. Poor, as well as rich nations are facing the economic consequences of their blunders. These scientists and the policy makers who followed their advice should be held accountable.

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Lockdowns have affected children's immune system

A [study](#) published in Indian Journal of Paediatrics, suggest that children's immune system has been adversely affected due to isolation during the lockdown period. They did not get an opportunity to encounter routine childhood infections and develop natural immunity which primes their immune system to ward off subsequent infections. These common infections are now affecting children severely because of this. The study puts in question the rationale of lockdowns, social distancing and masks which prevented the children developing natural immunity to a host of common infections. Similar reports have come from [New Zealand](#) and [Australia](#) in the past. Evidence is accumulating that not only "Covid Appropriate Behaviour" did not work, it caused immense harm. Besides leading to economic crisis, children's natural immunity got compromised, paving the way for introduction of newer vaccines promoted by market forces.

Did more people live off Covid-19 than those who died from it?

Unearthing of scams in the name of the pandemic suggest more people lived off Covid-19 than those who died from it. The enforcement directorate (ED), has [revealed](#) that private contractors employed to run the Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) Jumbo Covid Centres, manipulated the number of patients admitted for treatment, to fraudulently obtain money from the civic body. The ED believes that some civic officials were also involved in the fraud. The figures for number of doctors were also faked, 80% of the names in the list was fictitious.

It is no wonder that such vested interests did not want the pandemic to end, were looking forward and actively raising the hype for subsequent waves and are perhaps [welcoming the pandemic treaty](#) with open arms, endangering our freedom and democracy. They are the traitors of the country and should be prosecuted. They deserve the harshest punishment without any mercy.