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3 LESSON AREAS FROM PAST PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES FOR THE GLOBAL RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



01 MOUNTING A RAPID RESPONSE

Flexible financial response mechanisms are critical for providing timely support and additional funds to address the impacts of a crisis.

Adapting existing operations can enhance project performance.

Partnerships contribute to mitigating risks related to rapid project preparation.

Cooperation and coalition building among countries can strengthen response performance.



02 TRACKING THE SPREAD

Real-time monitoring of communications and public awareness programs is important to ensure their effectiveness.

Mobilization and coordination of civil society and grassroots groups is an essential component to disease monitoring and surveillance.

Investments in technology and equipment need to be balanced with capacity building for health workers and knowledge to support laboratory diagnostics.



03 IMPLEMENTING A SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM RESPONSE

Effective logistics will be critical for both the current and future public health crises.

The WBG and its partners can help strengthen preparedness plans and frameworks in countries with weaker health systems.