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TWEETS

REPORT

NEWS: When health care workers are protected, we're all safer. In a first-of-its-kind report, @WBG_Health and @ResolveTSL detail the cost of COVID-19 infections among health care workers in four countries. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB> [CARD 1]

When health care workers get sick, access to and quality of health services suffer. COVID-19 infections among health care workers triggered staggering economic costs during the pandemic, impacting the wider population, according to a new report. [INSERT LINK] [CARD 2]

Infections among #HealthCare workers are preventable. Investing in basic protection measures and deploying training, tools and resources can keep our health care workforce safe and the prevent the far-reaching consequences and economic costs highlighted in this new report. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB> [CARD 2]

#COVID19 infections among #HealthCare workers incurred staggering socio-economic costs. Learn more in the @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report. Together, let's prioritize investing in the safety of our health care heroes. Download now! #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

The health workforce is vital to global health security, but many #HCWs still lack basic protections. @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report estimates the economic burden of HCW infection & death during #COVID19. Download now and advocate for change. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

.@WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report highlights that HCW infections had a higher burden in countries with low HCW density. Let's address this issue and protect health care workers. Download the report. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

NEWS: @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report demonstrates the importance of prioritizing the protection of health care workers. Discover the societal costs and how we can prevent them. Download the report and take action for safer health care facilities. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

HCWs face disproportionate risk of illness and death worldwide. Join the movement to protect our frontline heroes. Download the joint @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report, which sheds light on the true cost of HCW infections during COVID-19. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

The consequences of unprotected health care workers during COVID-19 have been dire. Learn more from @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report that sheds light on the true cost of HCW infections in Kenya, Colombia, Eswatini, and South Africa. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB>

REGIONAL MESSAGES (Kenya, Colombia, Eswatini, and South Africa)

Each health care worker who was infected with COVID-19 during the pandemic's first year cost Colombia more than \$10,000 and Eswatini more than \$35,000, on average. The cost of failing to protect health care workers is simply too high — and too deadly — to ignore. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U00Z50PI7LB> [CARD 3]

NEWS: Disrupted essential health services caused excess maternal and child deaths in Kenya due to HCW shortages. Discover the report's insights and advocate for a safer health care workforce with @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave. Download the report! #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U0OZ50PI7LB>

HCW infections led to significant secondary infections and deaths in Kenya, Colombia, Eswatini, and South Africa. Find out the broader societal costs in the @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report. Join the call for stronger health care worker protections. #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U0OZ50PI7LB>

Did you know that each HCW infection cost \$10,000 in Colombia or 1.5 times the GDP per capita? Discover more eye-opening facts in the joint @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report on the economic burden of COVID-19 infections among health care workers. Download now! #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U0OZ50PI7LB>

Health care workers were almost 10 times more likely to be infected in Kenya during #COVID19. Learn about the true impact in the @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report. Let's advocate for better protections for our frontline heroes. Download the report! #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U0OZ50PI7LB>

NEW @WorldBank & @ResolveToSave report: The ratio of the total burden associated with HCW infection and death was highest in Western Cape, South Africa, at 8.4% of annual health expenditure. Let's invest in HCW safety. Download the report! #InvestInHealth <http://wrlld.bg/U0OZ50PI7LB>

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“South Africa and Eswatini suffered substantial economic and human capital losses during the pandemic because of health care workers’ infections and deaths. Going forward, it will be key to strengthen pandemic preparedness and improve health workers’ safety, to prevent such losses in the future.”

-Marie Françoise Marie-Nelly
*Country Director for Eswatini and South Africa
World Bank*



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“Health workers are critical to global health security and yet they often lack even basic protections against infectious disease. Countries need to prioritize the protection of health care workers to avoid deaths, secondary infections, and enormous costs for society at large.”

-Juan Pablo Uribe
Global Director for Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank



“Protecting health workers is not just a moral imperative – it is a practical one as well. Just one sick health care worker can cost tens of thousands of dollars and disrupt critical health care services. When health care workers are protected, we’re all safer.”

-Amanda McClelland

*Senior Vice President of Prevent Epidemics
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