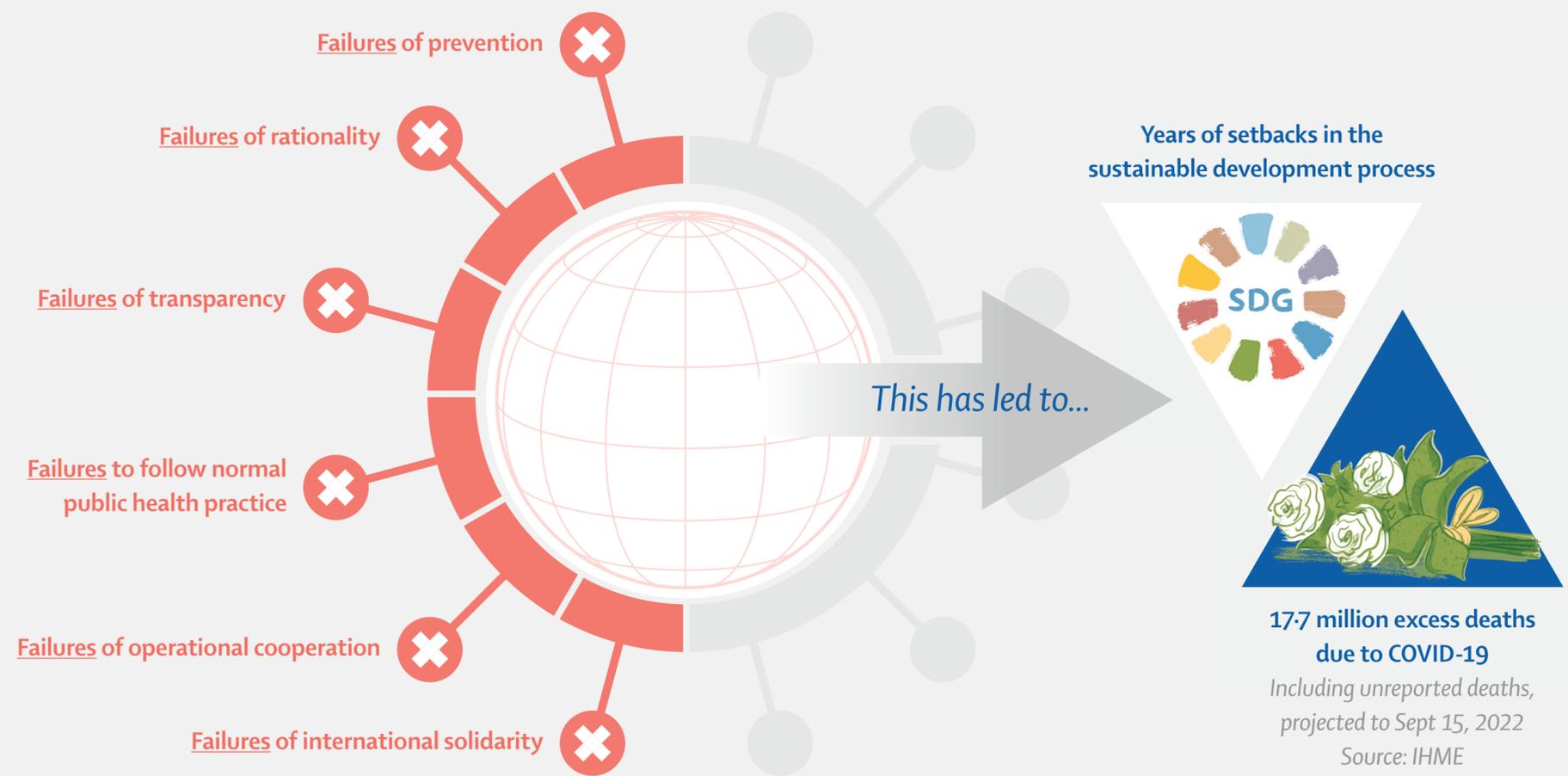


COVID-19 response: a massive global failure

Widespread failures at multiple levels worldwide have led to millions of preventable deaths and a reversal in progress towards sustainable development for many countries



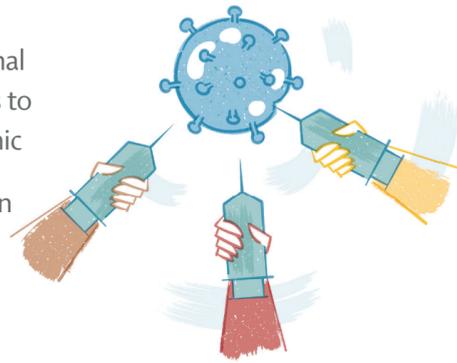
At a national level, most governments...

 <p>Were ill-prepared and unable to adequately respond</p>	 <p>Were too slow in their response to the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2</p>	 <p>Paid too little attention to the most vulnerable groups in their societies</p>	 <p>Were hampered by low public trust and an epidemic of misinformation</p>
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The Lancet COVID-19 Commission makes 11 recommendations in three key areas of interest

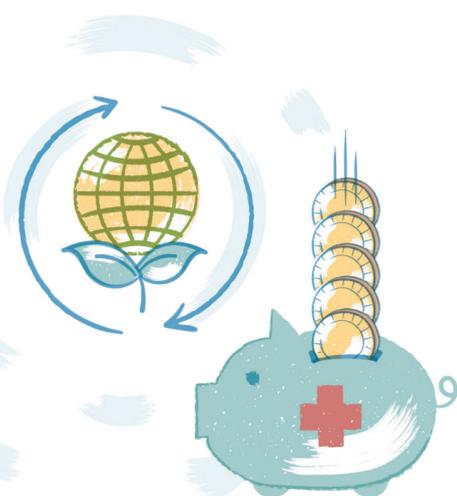
Practical steps to control and understand the current pandemic

- Establish global and national vaccination-plus strategies to end the COVID-19 pandemic
- An intensified investigation into possible origins of SARS-CoV-2, both natural and laboratory-related



Necessary investments to strengthen the defence against future pandemics

- Strengthen national health systems and increase investments in primary health care and public health
- National pandemic preparedness plans
- Financing for sustainable development and green recovery plans



Ambitious proposals to enhance multilateralism

- Maintain WHO as the lead institution for the response to emerging infectious diseases
- Establish a global pandemic agreement and strengthen the International Health Regulations
- Reform of WHO governance
- Regulations for the prevention of pandemics
- G20 support for finance, research and development, and the production capacities of low-income and middle-income countries
- New Global Health Fund to ensure Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Health for All), universal health coverage, and functioning health systems



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