

Principles for Equity During Global Crises

We, the Members of Club de Madrid,

over 110 democratic former Heads of State and Government from over 70 countries, have come together to reaffirm the primacy of equity in responding to global crises. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed fault lines in societies around the world, with the public health and economic crisis disproportionately affecting marginalized groups.

To leave no one behind, during global crises as in our efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals, we are determined to promote the social inclusion of vulnerable and marginalized populations, in line with our aspirations for Shared Societies. This requires putting equity at the center of our policy responses.



INCLUSIVE PUBLIC HEALTH

Inclusive public health is critical for containing the pandemic and ensuring the wellbeing of all.



INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES

Inclusive strategies are needed to strengthen the resilience of the most vulnerable populations and the broader global economy.



INCLUSIVE DISCOURSE

Respectful standards for inclusive discourse are required to protect vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



MULTILATERALISM FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

Multilateral, global efforts to prioritize social inclusion are critical for the effectiveness of coordinated strategies for the pandemic and future efforts to transcend global crises.



INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

A reinvigorated focus on democratic participation and social inclusion is key for moving beyond the COVID-19 pandemic towards a more responsive and resilient capacity to address global crises.

The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable populations shows that decision-making guided by national interest and the profit motive will not, by itself, yield equitable policy outcomes. Social inclusion requires a targeted focus to leave no one behind. We need clear standards to lay the foundation for shared societies and guide equitable responses to present and future crises.

Club de Madrid is determined to seek and support policy solutions to translate these principles into reality.