

Global Health Management in the Face of Emerging Pandemic Threats: Strategies, Challenges, and Opportunities for International Cooperation

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Abstract

The global Pandemic that has emerged has led to big challenges for the world health system, showing limitations in infrastructure, response, and international coordination. Inequality in the distribution of health resources and access to maintenance, along with obstacles in communication and coordination of inter-country policies, shows the urgent need for evaluating and improving global health management strategies. This condition encourages the need for in-depth analysis of strategies that can be implemented in dealing with pandemics, including strengthening the health system and international cooperation. This study aims to identify and analyze various strategies in global health management to deal with pandemics that emerge, focusing on threats, challenges, and opportunities for international cooperation. This study uses a qualitative approach, relies on data from relevant studies and studies, and is followed by in-depth analysis to integrate findings. The results of this study indicate that the current global health system faces various challenges in dealing with the Pandemic, which include infrastructure readiness, the effectiveness of surveillance systems and early detection, as well as the need for stronger international cooperation. There are also challenges in coordinating between countries, political and economic influences, as well as obstacles in communication and dissemination of information. This study found that international cooperation, especially in research and medical development, sharing resources, and coordination by international organizations, is the key to tackling the Pandemic. Building the capacity of the health system in developing countries is also an important aspect of global strategy.

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A. INTRODUCTION

The pandemic that emerged was a global phenomenon that significantly had an impact on public health, economy, and social stability in various countries. In recent decades, the world has witnessed various pandemics, such as H1N1, Ebola, and most recently, COVID-19, which has highlighted the importance of effective global health management. The response to the Pandemic shows various levels of success, expressing strengths and weaknesses in the global health system and international cooperation (Clemente-Suárez et al., 2021). History has shown that a Pandemic can appear with little or without warning, often originating from unknown or considered

harmless pathogens. Transmission of disease from animals to humans, environmental changes, increased human mobility, and rapid urbanization have increased the risk of new infectious diseases. This poses a significant challenge in detecting and responding quickly and effectively to new health threats (Khan et al., 2020).

The previous global Pandemic experience has shown how important it is to have a strong surveillance system, adequate laboratory capacity, and efficient communication mechanisms to identify and manage disease outbreaks. However, countries throughout the world show significant differences in terms of resources, health infrastructure, and the ability to respond effectively to the health crisis. This disparity often results in uneven management, with some countries able to provide a faster and more effective response compared to other countries (Dzinamarira et al., 2020). In addition, the Pandemic raises various challenges that exceed the health sector, including economic impacts, disruption to the education system, and the influence on government policies and social stability. The economic effects of the Pandemic are often severe, affecting global trade, tourism, and various industrial sectors. Disturbances in education and public policy also have long-term consequences in the community, including increased mental health problems (Maqsood et al., 2021).

The global response to the Pandemic also highlighted the importance of international cooperation. This collaboration is not only limited to the health sector, but also involves policy coordination, information exchange, and financial support. The Pandemic crisis has shown that no one can act alone in overcoming complex global health problems. International collaboration is the key to developing vaccination strategies, drug research, and development, as well as sharing resources and knowledge (Jakab et al., 2021). However, although the importance of international cooperation has been recognized, there are still various obstacles and challenges in its implementation. Issues such as inequality access to vaccines and medical care, differences in inter-country policy approaches, and challenges in cross-border coordination have become obstacles in effective Pandemic management. The pandemic has also shown that the current global health system still needs to be improved in terms of readiness, flexibility, and capacity to deal with large-scale health crises (Hina et al., 2022).

Given this context, it is important to evaluate and develop global health management strategies that can overcome the threat of pandemic that arises, while identifying opportunities to increase international cooperation. This study aims to explore various aspects of these strategies, including ways to overcome existing challenges and take advantage of cooperation opportunities to achieve more effective and efficient responses to future pandemics.

B. LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Health Management

Management comes from the word *manegie* (Latin: *manus* = hand, *agere* = doing, implementing), which means doing by hand. In a special sense management is

used by leadership, namely people who carry out leadership activities, called "managers". Experts have their respective definitions of the meaning of management. John D. Millett limits management as management is the process of directing and facilitating the work of people organized in formal groups to achieve the desired goal (Tampio & Haapasalo, 2022). Plunket limits the people who allocate and oversee the use of resources. Plunket also defines "management as one or more managers individuals and collectively setting and achieving goals by exercising related functions (planning organizing staffing leading and controlling) and coordinating various resources (Information Materials Money and People)" (Van Assche et al., 2022).

G.R. Terry mentioned that management is a distinct process consisting of planning, organizing, actuating, and controlling performed to determine and accept stated objectives by the use of human beings and other resources. Daft said that management is the attainment of organizational goals effectively and efficiently through planning organizing leading and controlling organizational resources (Kuswara & Mustofa, 2022). Finally, Siswanto said that management was a science (science) and an art. Management is a science and an art because the two cannot be separated. Management is a science because it has been studied for a long time and has been organized into a theory. This is because it explains the symptoms of management, these symptoms are then examined using scientific methods that are manifested in the form of a theory. Meanwhile, management as an art, views that in achieving a goal, it is necessary to cooperate with others, it is necessary to know about how to order others to want to work together (Ezugwu et al., 2022).

Meanwhile, according to Notoatmojo, the understanding of health management is: "The application of general management in the public health service system so that the object and target of management are the community health service system". According to Herlambang and Murwani Health Management is "the application of general management in the public health service system so that the object and target of management are the community health service system" (Xiong et al., 2023).

According to Herlambang and Murwani, the functions in health management are still the same as management functions within the company, namely:

a. Planning Function

The planning function in health management is the most important in management because this function will determine other management functions, there is an advice that says, the person who fails to plan is the person who plans to fail (Pan & Zhang, 2021).

b. Organizing function

Organizing function in health management is one of the functions of health management that also has an important role such as the planning function. With the organization function, all resources owned by the organization will be regulated effectively and efficiently to achieve established organizational goals (Yu et al., 2021).

c. Implementation and Actuating Function

This implementation and guidance function is a function of all program activities or determined in the organizing function, to achieve program objectives or formulated in the planning function (Chofreh et al., 2020).

d. Controlling Function

The supervisory function is the last function of the management process. This function has a close relationship with the other three management functions, especially the planning function. Through the supervisory function, the standard of success of the program that has been made in the form of targets, work procedures, etc. must always be compared with the results that have been achieved or that can be done by the staff (Grass et al., 2020).

If there are deviations that occur must be addressed immediately. Deviations must be immediately detected early, prevented, controlled, or reduced by the leadership. The supervisory function aims to make the use of resources more defined, and staff tasks to achieve program objectives can be more effective (Shonhadji & Maulidi, 2022).

e. Evaluation

The supervisory function needs to be distinguished from evaluation, the difference lies in its target, data source, who will implement it, and the time of implementation. Between evaluation and the supervisory function also have the same objectives, namely to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of program implementation by improving management functions (Alanazi et al., 2023).

2. Pandemic

In Greek, Pandemic comes from the word "Pandemic", PAN means "all" and Demos has the meaning of "people". People use this word to refer to the epidemic of diseases that have been widespread in one or more countries and even continents at a certain time. The definition of pandemic that is accepted internationally based on the epidemiological dictionary has a straightforward and famous definition "epidemic that is spread throughout the world, or infects the area between countries widely and affects many populations in the international world" (Doraiswamy et al., 2022). It was stated that the matter discussed about this matter also covered the immunity of the population, virology, or the severity of an infectious disease. In addition, a Pandemic has the potential to occur in the north, south, and even in a hemisphere with a medium climate, this shows that this term covers a broad meaning while referring to modern definitions, the term pandemic is used to explain the conditions in which the impact is potentially bad in many the large population that exists both in the region, country, continent, or even throughout the world (Van Damme et al., 2021).

The use of the word "pandemic" is still not much defined by experts through academic text, but experts provide demonstrations about pandemics that can be useful for developing better understanding. There are criteria for equations and differences that can be seen below:

a. Geographic Criteria

The word pandemic is used to explain geographical diseases, for example in the 14th century outbreak (The Black Death), Influenza, Cholera, and Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS). In the latest discussion on the origin of influenza, the Pandemic was classified as distribution between countries and the international region. As of around 178 areas of the H1N1 Pandemic in 2009 (Roubík et al., 2023).

b. Criteria for Disease Distribution

In addition to geographical criteria, in general, the word Pandemic is used to signal that is difficult to predict, for example about the expansion monitor and distribution of diseases by movement from one place to another so that it can be found (Alamo et al., 2021).

c. Criteria for new diseases (novelty)

The word Pandemic refers to a depiction of a newly emerged disease, or at least a newly known disease regarding organisms that have not been previously known (Morens & Fauci, 2020).

d. Threat Criteria

The word pandemic is often used to describe diseases that have a high level of threat or high fatality. For example, in the disease of The Black Death, Sars, and Mers. An extraordinary event worldwide with high mortality and morbidity occurs when humans are infected with something new so the threat occurs when humans do not have immunity. The threat level can be assessed using the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) (Behl et al., 2022).

e. Criteria for Increase in Case

The pandemic has a high level of case increase in cases and explosive distribution. If not so, then it is not classified as a pandemic. Disease with a low level of case increase or disease with a symptomatic rate that is not severe is rarely categorized as a pandemic even though the disease spreads widely throughout the world (Baumgarte et al., 2022).

f. Population immune criteria

Even though many certain populations are found that have immunity to certain diseases, experts agree that in addition to restrictions on infection and pathogenic transmission, population immunity is a weapon to fight the Pandemic (Clemente-Suárez et al., 2020).

g. Criteria for infection and transmission

A pandemic can be described with the criteria for transmission, namely from humans to humans, and indirectly and directly, from humans to vectors and through its move to other humans (Priyadarsini et al., 2020).

C. METHOD

This research was conducted using a qualitative approach to gain an in-depth understanding of various aspects of global health management in dealing with pandemics. This approach was chosen because it allows researchers to explore and

understand various influential factors, including the health system, challenges, and opportunities for international cooperation, as well as strategies for dealing with the threat of the pandemic. In data collection, this study relies on various sources of existing information, including the results of previous studies and studies that were relevant to the research topic. These sources were chosen because they provide in-depth and detailed insights about various aspects related to Pandemic Management and Global Health. After the data is collected, the next step is the data analysis process. This process involves data processing that has been collected to identify patterns, themes, and relationships between data. This analysis is important to ensure that all relevant information can be well integrated, allowing researchers to produce valid and accountable conclusions. Through this process, this study aims to present comprehensive findings about global health management strategies in dealing with pandemics, including threats, challenges, and opportunities for existing international cooperation. The results of this analysis are expected to make a significant contribution to the understanding and development of strategies for dealing with the Pandemic in the future.

D. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1. Global Health System and Readiness to Facing Pandemic

The global health system has become the focus of intensive attention, especially following the emergence of pandemics that have challenged the world's capacity to respond to the health crisis. The current global health infrastructure, which includes facilities, resources, and personnel, is proven to vary significantly between countries, which raises questions about justice and their effectiveness in responding to the Pandemic. Countries with limited resources often experience difficulties in dealing with the burden of high disease cases, while countries with more adequate resources may still face challenges in coordinating and implementing rapid responses. This infrastructure readiness not only includes the availability of hospital beds and medical equipment but also access to quality basic health services, which is the key to controlling the spread of disease and providing effective care.

Furthermore, the importance of the health surveillance system and early detection in dealing with pandemics cannot be ignored. Efficient surveillance systems can help countries identify and respond to disease outbreaks quickly, preventing their spread to be wider. The latest pandemic has shown that many surveillance systems are not well equipped to detect disease outbreaks early or do not have an effective mechanism for reporting and sharing information about real-time health threats. Therefore, capacity building in terms of technology and human resources for surveillance systems is very important. Technological developments such as big data and artificial intelligence can help in monitoring and analyzing health trends, which in turn can increase readiness and response to pandemics.

Strengthening laboratory capacity and research facilities to identify and overcome new pathogens is also a crucial aspect. Research and development in the health sector, especially in understanding new pathogens and developing vaccines or

therapy, is very important in responding to pandemics. Laboratories around the world must be equipped with adequate resources and have access to the latest technology to research infectious diseases. In addition, the global cooperation network between laboratories and research institutions can increase the exchange of knowledge and accelerate the development of health solutions.

Finally, the evaluation and improvement of public health protocols and isolation and quarantine policies are other important aspects. The pandemic has forced many countries to apply isolation and quarantine steps that have never happened before, causing challenges both in terms of logistics and public revenue. The importance of effective and appropriate public health protocols in responding to disease outbreaks cannot be underestimated. This protocol must be flexible and able to be adjusted to the changing situation, while also considering economic and social impacts. Furthermore, effective communication with the public regarding health actions and their reasons, along with social and economic support, is important to ensure public compliance with this policy.

By paying attention to these aspects of the global health system, the world can be better prepared in the face of a Pandemic in the future. This requires not only significant investment in resources and infrastructure but also a strong commitment to international cooperation and sharing knowledge. Increasing global readiness and capacity in dealing with the Pandemic will not only help in dealing with the health crisis but will also help in minimizing economic and social impacts that often accompany the Pandemic.

2. Challenges in Global Response to Pandemic

One of the main challenges in the global response to the Pandemic is the impact of inequality in the distribution of health resources and access to maintenance. This inequality is rooted in economic differences and health infrastructure between countries, which results in disparity in the availability of medical equipment, trained health workers, and the latest health technology. Countries with limited resources often have difficulty in providing basic health care for their population, especially in dealing with additional pressures from the Pandemic. As a result, the population in these countries becomes more vulnerable to the adverse effects of disease outbreaks, both in terms of health and economy. This inequality also affects the distribution of vaccines and medicines, where rich countries tend to gain faster and more access, while poor countries are lagging.

Another challenge is in coordinating between countries and cross-sectoral cooperation. Effective international coordination is needed to manage and respond to the Pandemic efficiently. However, differences in approaches and priorities between countries often hamper joint efforts. This can be seen in various aspects, ranging from border policies, testing, and tracking strategies, to approaches to giving vaccines. In addition, cross-sectoral cooperation between the government, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations is also important to overcome the Pandemic. Often,

lack of resources, differences in agendas, and lack of trust between sectors become obstacles in this collaboration.

The influence of politics and economics in global health decision-making is also an important challenge. Decisions in managing the Pandemic are not only based on public health considerations but are also influenced by political and economic factors. National political interests and economic pressure often affect state policies, which can have an impact on international coordination and cooperation. For example, the reluctance of the state to share data on disease cases or to participate in the scheme of global vaccine distribution can be influenced by domestic political considerations or the desire to protect the interests of the national economy.

Finally, the problem of communication and dissemination of effective information amid a crisis is a significant challenge. Proper and transparent communication is very important in managing the response to the Pandemic. Incorrect or incomplete information can cause panic, damage public trust, and hamper disease control efforts. This challenge is exacerbated by the existence of social media and fake news, which can spread wrong information quickly. Therefore, building and maintaining reliable and effective communication channels, both at the national and international levels, is the key to dealing with pandemics.

In facing these challenges, it takes a global commitment to work together in solidarity and transparency. Effective handling of pandemics requires a holistic approach that considers aspects of health, politics, economy, and society, as well as prioritizing humanitarian interests above all.

3. Risk Threat and Management Strategy in Pandemic

In dealing with the Pandemic, the development and implementation of contingent plans is a crucial first step. This contingent plan must be comprehensive and flexible, including various scenarios that may occur, and provide clear guidelines for actions that must be taken at every level of severity of the Pandemic. This includes the preparation of resources, allocation of health workers, and strategies for effective public communication. This plan must also adapt quickly to new information about pathogens that cause a pandemic, including the way of transmission, the severity of the disease, and the most-risky groups. With a good plan, the government and health organizations can reduce the impact of the pandemic, both in terms of health and economy.

Furthermore, risk management and mitigation strategies play an important role in overcoming pandemics. This mitigation strategy aims to minimize the impact of the Pandemic through a series of planned actions, such as travel restrictions, school closures, and workplaces, as well as the enactment of strict health protocols. This strategy also includes the development and distribution of effective vaccines and treatments. The importance of risk management lies in the ability to identify and assess potential risks, as well as develop effective strategies to overcome them. This involves a deep understanding of the dynamics of disease, potential impact, and ways to reduce spread.

Technology and innovation play a key role in monitoring and controlling the spread of disease during the Pandemic. The use of big data and analytics to track the spread of disease, mobile applications for contact tracking, as well as digital platforms for information dissemination, are some examples in which technology can make a significant contribution. In addition, the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning in predicting the spread of disease and developing new vaccines and therapies, also has a big impact. The use of this technology not only helps in controlling disease but also in accelerating the process of discovery of medical solutions.

Finally, the community's adaptation strategy and the health sector to sustainable pandemic conditions are also an important aspect. The Pandemic forced the community and the health system to adapt to the 'new normal'. On the side of the community, this involves changes in behavior, such as adopting the habit of washing hands, the use of masks, and maintaining social distancing. On the health system side, adaptation involves increasing maintenance capacity, including the expansion of isolation facilities, increasing ICU capacity, and allocating resources for handling cases during a pandemic. In addition, it is also important to maintain routine health services and prevent disruption of care for other health conditions during the Pandemic. This adaptation is not only important during the peak of the pandemic but also in the recovery phase and preparation for the possibility of a pandemic in the future.

The whole strategy must be integrated into a comprehensive and sustainable approach, with close cooperation and coordination between various parties, including the government, health institutions, the private sector, and the general public. Thus, we can be more effective in managing risks and facing the challenges caused by the Pandemic.

4. International Cooperation Opportunities in Pandemic Management

Global Pandemic requires closer international cooperation, especially in the field of medical research and development. This collaboration is very important in accelerating the development of vaccines and therapy to overcome disease. Joint research between countries and institutions can help in sharing the knowledge and resources needed, as well as accelerating the clinical trial process and approval of drug or vaccine use. This kind of collaboration has been proven effective in handling previous pandemics, where the exchange of scientific data and technology helps in developing solutions that are faster and more effective. For example, in the development of the Covid-19 vaccine, international cooperation plays an important role in the rapid search for effective and safe vaccines.

In addition, global partnerships in sharing resources, knowledge, and expertise are essential in tackling pandemics. Countries with limited resources can greatly benefit from access to resources and expertise from other countries. This is not only limited to physical resources such as medical equipment or vaccines, but also includes sharing disease control strategies, patient care protocols, and the method of tracking

and controlling plague. This kind of collaboration can increase the effectiveness of global responses to pandemics, ensuring that the assistance provided can reach the area that most need the most efficiently.

The role of international and multilateral organizations is also very important in coordinating the Pandemic response. Organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the UN, and various other global health organizations play an important role in coordinating international efforts, providing guidelines and recommendations needed, and facilitating the distribution of resources and information. These organizations are also important in helping countries to prepare and respond effectively to the disease outbreak, as well as in ensuring that accurate and current information is available to all parties involved.

Finally, building the capacity and empowerment of the health system in developing countries is an important part of a global strategy in Pandemic management. Many developing countries face major challenges in their health system, such as limited infrastructure, health workers, and resources. International cooperation can help these countries in building a stronger and more powerful health system, which is not only important in dealing with the Pandemic but also in improving public health in general. This can be achieved through direct investment, technology transfer, health worker training, and support in the development of effective health policies.

The overall effort of this international cooperation shows that in the face of the Pandemic, no country can stand alone. Close cooperation between countries and international institutions is the key to overcoming the challenges faced and ensuring global health and safety. Building strong partnerships, sharing resources and knowledge, and working together in medical research and development, are important steps that must be strengthened to face the Pandemic in the future.

E. CONCLUSION

The global Pandemic appears to demand a comprehensive and collaborative response from all international communities. From the discussion that has been carried out, it is clear that the current global health system faces various challenges in dealing with the Pandemic, ranging from infrastructure readiness, and the need for effective surveillance and early detection systems, to the need for stronger international cooperation. This challenge includes inequality in the distribution of health resources, difficulties in coordinating between countries, political and economic influences, as well as obstacles in communication and dissemination of information. To overcome this challenge, there needs to be an increase in the development and implementation of contingent plans, risk management, and the use of technology and innovation. International cooperation plays an important role in tackling the Pandemic, which includes aspects of increasing medical research and development cooperation, global partnerships to share resources and knowledge, as well as the role of international organizations in coordinating global efforts. Building the capacity and empowerment of the health system in developing countries is also a

crucial aspect of global strategy. The pandemic has shown that no one can stand alone in facing this global health challenge. Therefore, cooperation, coordination, and joint commitment of all countries and international organizations are the main keys in dealing with pandemics that emerge and maintain global health.

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