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To UNICEF

Invitation to Protect Children and Young People from the COVID-19 Response

We at Pandemics ~ Data & Analytics (PANDA) urge UNICEF to stand with us in support of [The Declaration for the Protection of Children and Young People from the COVID-19 Response](#).

Like UNICEF, PANDA is deeply concerned for the wellbeing and future prospects of children and young people all over the world. We refer UNICEF to our declaration and request support for the call for accountability and action from global governments.

UNICEF's upcoming report entitled [Responding to Covid-19](#) maintains that:

In 2020, COVID-19 exposed deep inequalities that have existed for too long, with the worst impact on children in the poorest countries and communities and those already disadvantaged by discrimination, social exclusion, fragility and conflict.

It is becoming clear that many children will die from preventable causes as a result of lockdowns, school closures, lack of access to health care, food insecurity, home violence and poverty.

This is a universal crisis and for some children, the impact will be lifelong.
~ [UNICEF Covid19 and Children](#)

We commend UNICEF for highlighting the negative impacts of the response to COVID-19 on children, [including increased child mortality, increasing teenage pregnancies](#) and [poverty, and reduced access to education](#).

Children and young people have the right to live without fear, to play and have fun, and to develop their potential. They have the right to pursue a well-rounded education encompassing numeracy, literacy, arts, culture and physical education.

The rights stipulated in the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) put the responsibility squarely on adults to protect children from harm and injustice, and provide a positive environment in which to grow and learn.

Please find attached PANDA's **Declaration for the Protection of Children and Young People from the COVID-19 Response**.

Page 1: The Declaration

Page 2: Actions to Re-establish Normality and Facilitate Recovery

Annex A: Scientific Literature behind COVID-19 Regarding Children and Young People

Annex B: Scientific Literature on Masks

Annex C: Scientific Literature on the Effects of the COVID-19 Response on Children and Young People

We look forward to your reply.

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