

# The Social Dimension

Developing institutional capacities  
in digital transformation for a more  
inclusive and equitable recovery

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# COVID-19 rages on, and so do the economic and social consequences

- COVID-19 has exacerbated inequality and erased much progress made in the last 5 years
- Bold ideas are needed
- Responses to the pandemic must be based on solidarity and cooperation



# Universal Basic Income



- Unconditional cash transfers to all residents of a state
- Safety net to help people out of poverty
- Benefits vulnerable groups
- Safeguards against automation and globalization
- Questions paid employment as main purpose of life
- Is universal basic income a longer-term solution towards sustainable recovery?
- Do we have the digital architecture to do it?



HEALTH FOR ALL:  
**PROTECT  
EVERYONE**

# Universal Health Coverage

Health care is a human right, not a privilege

It has 3 key dimensions:

- 1. Access to health services**
- 2. Financial risk protection**
- 3. Quality of services**

- Half world's people no access to vital health services
- Pandemic triggered another challenge- untreated disease



# Persons with disabilities

- Pandemic has had catastrophic effects on this group who are 20% of the world's poorest people
- Pandemic has reversed years of gains in the reduction of poverty, undermining efforts towards the pursuit of the SDGs
- Before pandemic this group faced barriers
- Digital technologies can support disability inclusion



“The COVID -19 pandemic has reinforced a fundamental truth: human rights violations harm us all. People and their rights must be front and center in response and recovery efforts, based on solidarity and cooperation. We need universal, rights-based frameworks like health coverage for all, to beat this pandemic and protect us for the future... The COVID-19 pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on frontline workers, people with disabilities, older people, women and girls and minorities. It has thrived because poverty, inequality, the destruction of our natural environment and other human rights failures, have created enormous fragilities in our societies.”

António Guterres,  
UN Secretary-General,  
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Thank you