

We live our lives in local communities.

When the pandemic hit us, we learned that weak communities and vulnerable groups were hit the hardest.

The economic and social impact of the pandemic exposed the vulnerability of social security, social service, health service, infrastructure and good governance in local communities.

It also showed us the necessity of **decent working conditions** for **health workers, teachers and other public service employees. All crucial to the pandemic response.**

**The priority of building back better must be on rebuilding resilient communities: Focus on job creation and income security through social dialogue** at local levels. Enabling green and digital infrastructure, industry policy, and enhancing **just transition.**

When addressing recovery, we must also talk about **the next generation.**

Young people are **not** vulnerable groups, still we cannot ignore the losses many of them have suffered. - Socially, economically, and educationally.

Education is always a good investment. We need to join efforts to ensure continuity in education and **education for all.**

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