## HOW COVID SHOULD IMPACT FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

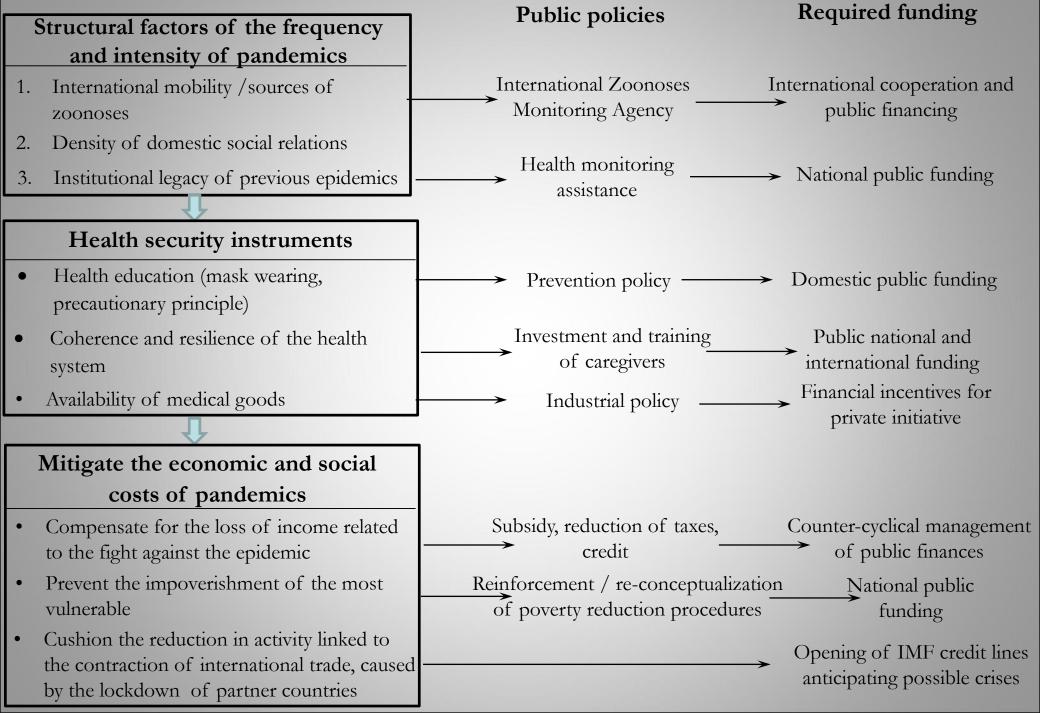
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## Seven Proposals

- I. An emerging lesson from Covid-19: no return to economic prosperity without a full control of present and future pandemics.
- II. This calls for an unprecedented international cooperation about the prevention and control of zoonoses.
- III. A redesign of most national health care systems is required with a relevant financing
- IV. Covid-19 might anticipate an emerging mode of development centered on health, education and culture.
- V. Has the epoch of a powerful and ambitious World Health Organization come?
- VI. Invent and deploy financial instruments in order to allow countercyclical policies for development
- VII. Public international funding should be a countervailing force against the short termism of private capital movements.



## What to expect, what to do?

- I. The illusion of a return to "business as usual" is vanishing with the length and lack of predictability of the present pandemics.
- II. The need for a rebalancing of public policies priorities in the direction of sanitary security, both in developing and developed economies.
- III. This implies a reassessment of the boundaries between national competences and international cooperation.
- IV. Public financing should be the tool for building the investment in the future and a form of planning of major national and international public goods should be an agenda.
- V. Old and new instruments should be mobilized in order reduce the structural asymmetry that restricts the ability of developing economies to decide counter cyclical policies.

## Thank you for your attention and patience

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