

Amendments to the International Health Regulations

The WHO CA+ should be considered in conjunction with planned amendments to the existing International Health Regulations (IHRs), and also in the context of those funding the reform, setting the priorities and who stand to gain the most should changes be set in place. This includes (but is not limited to) [GAVI The Vaccine Alliance](#), and the Centre for Epidemic Preparedness and Innovation ([CEPI](#)), both excellent prototypes of the new-style corporatism now attempting global control.

Whilst the existing IHRs are valid as international laws, they are currently non-binding recommendations. One of the most concerning amendments is the proposal to make them binding, giving the WHO Director-General authority over national governments in conjunction with the right to independently declare health emergencies based on nothing but detected "threats". Binding provisions can include extensive surveillance, border closures, travel restrictions, quarantine, medical testing and medication including 'novel' injections.

As an organisation which now mainly employs non-experts sponsored by corporate and oblique political interests, the pressure to declare health emergencies will be (and likely already is) persistent and overpowering.

The [most recent IHR amendments](#) include the addition of "countering misinformation and disinformation". WHO have themselves been the source of multiple misinformation messages during Covid. In March 2020, [Ghebreyesus compared](#) the known case fatality rate of Covid with the infection fatality rate of Influenza ([two different measures](#)) to paint Covid as much more severe than it clearly was. In October 2020 WHO [removed natural immunity](#) from the description of how populations develop immunity, claiming only vaccination has this effect. Multiple other examples are too numerous to mention here.

Digital identification to verify compliance with vaccination, preventative treatment (prophylaxis) and laboratory testing is being planned for in the amendments. This is being framed as being for public health and safe travel purposes. Discussed openly at the World Economic Forum, by stakeholders with no background in health and whose wealth can increase exponentially once humanity becomes beholden to their rules, this new passport system is clearly planned as a way to control individual rights:

- to [travel and consume](#) (Michael Evans is CEO of Chinese tech giant Ali Baba);
- to [decline new medical products](#) (Tony Blair is ex-PM of the UK and founder of Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, a potential rival of the World Economic Forum);
- as travel and compliance become [mutually conditional](#) (Budi Gunadi Sadikin is Indonesia's Minister for Health but his background is banking and finance).

Sitting beside billionaire World Economic Forum member and new WHO Chief Scientist Jeremy Farrar, is Joy Phumaphi, co-chair of the [Global Preparedness Monitoring Board](#) - yet another layer to this imposing bureaucracy. She [pleaded for another](#) simulation exercise. With so many changes planned to ensure tight controls on societies across the globe, do we really need an organisation responsible for [so much harm](#) to be rehearsing their skills?

The [social devastation associated with the COVID-19](#) pandemic, which the WHO claims as further justification for increasing its power, resulted almost entirely from the 'lockdown' policies promoted by the WHO itself and its partners. Notable among these partners is the [World Economic Forum](#), the corporate-authoritarian Davos club of the mega-rich, including again the WHO's private sponsors. Beyond the shores of the West, these harms are immense:

- An estimated [118 million](#) additional people have sunk into chronic hunger.
- An additional [140 million](#) children will grow up in poverty.
- Over [60,000](#) additional children died from malaria in 2020 alone.
- About [200 million](#) children have not returned to school.
- Over [200,000](#) children died because of lockdowns in 2020 in South Asia alone.
- [Millions](#) of girls have been forced into child marriage.
- Over [80 million](#) children are missing vaccination for diseases that significantly kill them.
- Africa suffered its first wide [recession](#) in decades. In poor countries, recessions raise [mortality](#), particularly among children and well into the future.