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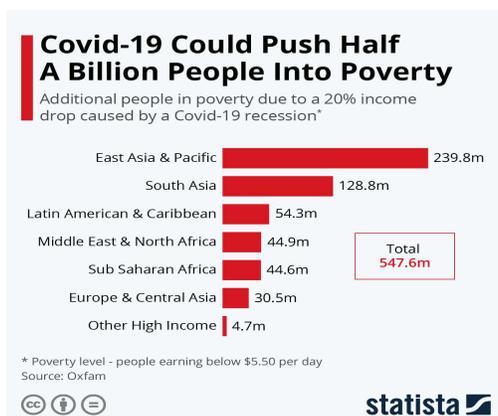
**Declaring Our World in “Deep and Fundamental Crisis,”
OneShared.World Calls for Massive Expansion of Efforts to Meet the
Emergency Needs of Vulnerable Populations as an Act of
Self-Preservation**

**A dollar a day direct payment to 820 million of world’s poorest people
a critical first step**

New York –The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged our world into a state of deep emergency. As the pandemic spreads across the globe, the world’s most vulnerable populations - including those in Africa, Latin America, and South Asia - now increasingly bear the brunt of the crisis.

Recognizing these threats and the critical opportunity to address them, the global social and political movement OneShared.World today issued its [report](#) “Rise or Fall Together: Addressing the Emergency Needs of the World’s Most Vulnerable Populations in this Time of Global Crisis.” This call to action outlines a series of bold measures, from individual and local empowerment to establishing new global institutions, that will mitigate the pandemic’s harm to vulnerable populations and chart a better way forward for everyone.

Developing countries account for [three quarters](#) of [new coronavirus cases](#). Nearly [half](#) of working people worldwide are on the verge of losing their livelihoods. Acute [hunger](#) could double by the end of the year. Over [half a million](#) lives have been lost, and hundreds of millions more are at risk, especially in under-resourced, high density areas like [refugee camps](#) and [favelas](#). The 750 million people around the world who already have no access to safe



water and the two billion who don't have access to a toilet are particularly at risk. This global emergency knows no borders and threatens all people everywhere.

Among the report's recommendations are calls for:

- Providing \$400 billion of direct cash support to people living in extreme poverty with a matching amount to their immediate communities and neighborhood, comprising a dollar a day per person for six months.
- G20 leaders to ensure access to safe drinking water, basic sanitation and hygiene, and essential pandemic protection to all people by 2030
- Preventing chaotic defaults and creating a more sustainable global debt system for low income and developing countries in exchange for local public health investments and the open flow of information.
- Establishing a Global Disaster Preparedness and Response Excellence Center (GDPREC) with an independent leadership group with a secretariat composed of experts from the multilateral, bilateral, and private sector as well as civil society and citizen representatives.

“Providing essential support to the world’s most vulnerable populations is not charity, it’s the best possible investment we can make toward a safer world for all of us,” said OneShared.World founder Jamie Metzl. “The health and well being of each and all of us are connected in our interdependent world.”

“We can continue along our current path, in which an interdependent global community means a disaster for one is a disaster for all,” said Rick Barton, the former US Ambassador to the UN Economic and Social Council and Chair of the expert committee that developed the report. “Or we can recognize that these global problems require concerted global action.”

The full paper recommends sources of funding, partner and lead organizations - and emphasizes the centrality of vulnerable populations having more authority and resources. The report may be read [here](#).

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[OneShared.World](#) is a broad and inclusive movement of people in over 100 countries on five continents working collaboratively across diverse cultures, communities, ethnicities, generations, and nations to ensure a better future for humankind and the sustainability of our common home. We are building a third pillar of the global power structure beyond sovereign states and the essential international institutions our governments have created. This third pillar is a fully inclusive, global social movement and political force representing the democratic expression of our common humanity. We seek to give our common needs as humans a voice that is relevant in all major decision-making.

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