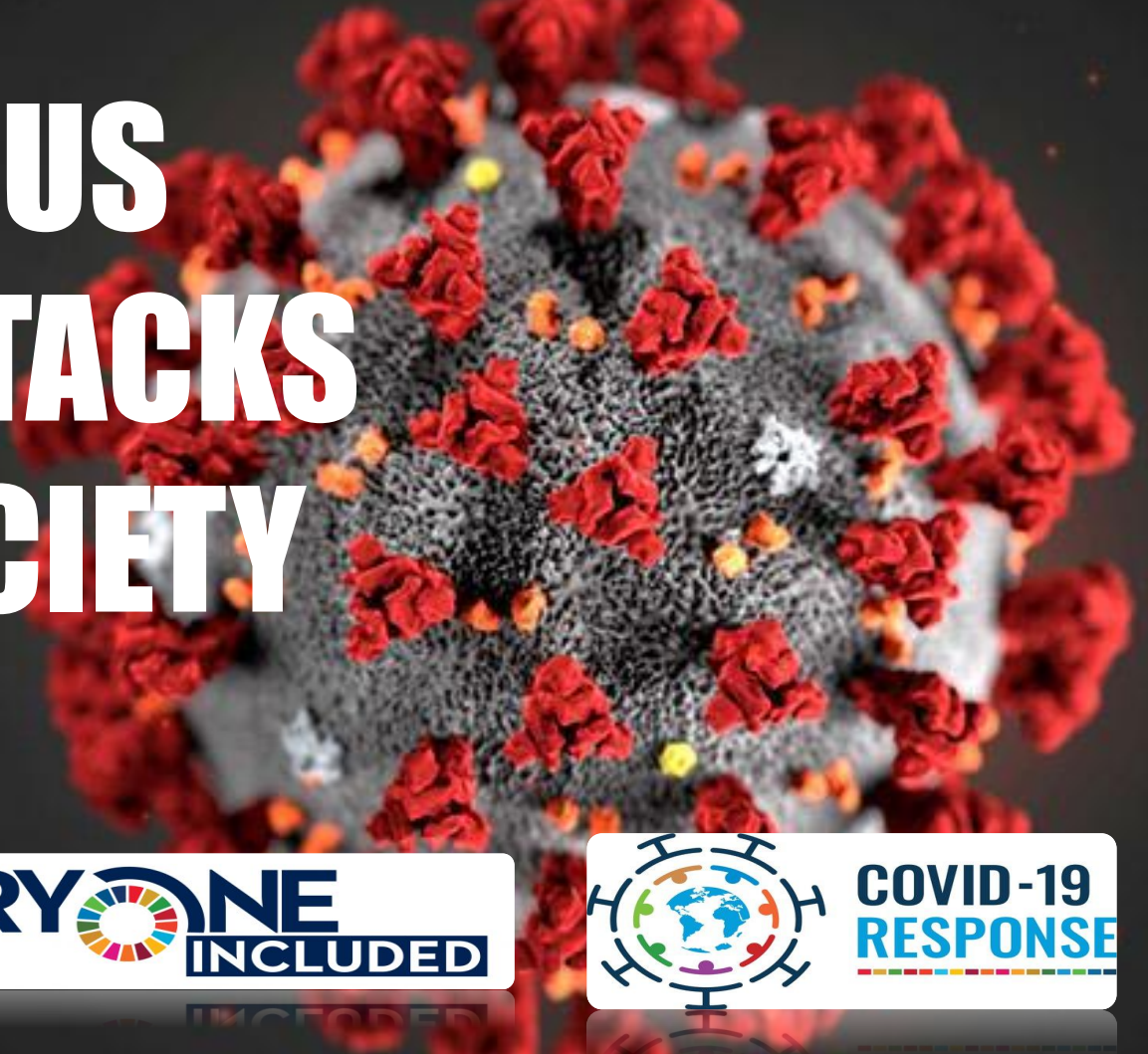


# VIRUS ATTACKS SOCIETY



**EVERYONE**  **NE**  
**INCLUDED**

 **COVID-19**  
**RESPONSE**

- We are facing a **global health crisis** unlike any in the 75-year history of **the United Nations** — one that is killing people, spreading human suffering, and upending people's lives. But this is much more than a health crisis. It is a **human, economic and social crisis**. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has been characterized as a pandemic by the **World Health Organization** (WHO), is attacking societies at their core.

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A person wearing a white lab coat and blue nitrile gloves is holding two clear plastic test tubes. The test tubes contain a yellowish liquid. The person is also wearing a blue surgical cap. The background is slightly blurred, showing a laboratory setting.

**World suffers from the most powerful global crisis for the century...**

**Is SARS-Cov-2 only guilty?**

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- **The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)** is a pioneer of sustainable development and the home of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), where each goal finds its space and where all stakeholders can do their part to leave no one behind.
- UN DESA through the **Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD)**, monitors national and global socio-economic trends, identifies emerging issues, and assesses their implications for social policy at the national and international levels. To this end, we are a leading analytical voice for promoting social inclusion, reducing inequalities and eradicating poverty.

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- The **COVID-19 outbreak** affects all segments of the population and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups in the most vulnerable situations, continues to affect populations, including people living in poverty situations, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, and indigenous peoples.
- Early evidence indicates that that the health and economic impacts of the virus are being borne disproportionately by poor people. For example, homeless people, because they may be unable to safely shelter in place, are highly exposed to the danger of the virus. People without access to running water, refugees, migrants, or displaced persons also stand to suffer.

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Economic is in collapse.  
Are we strong enough to stay  
human?



- **If not properly addressed through policy the social crisis created by **the COVID-19 pandemic** may also increase inequality, exclusion, discrimination and global unemployment in the medium and long term.**
  - **Comprehensive, universal social protection systems play a much durable role in protecting workers and in reducing the prevalence of poverty, since they act as automatic stabilizers. That is, they provide basic income security at all times, thereby enhancing people's capacity to manage and overcome shocks.**
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- What do you think: whether the authorities of Russia make all necessary measures in struggle with the pandemic?
  - **Are these measures proper and relevant enough?**
  - What else would you recommend to make?
  - **Do you feel your own social responsibility for unspreading the disease?**
  - What can you personally do in this situation?

**Answer the questions:**