

# *WHO warns pandemic exacerbates public health crises, children especially vulnerable*

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Geneva, April 28 (RHC)-- The World Health Organization is warning that as health systems become overwhelmed with combating the coronavirus, people are at heightened risk of succumbing to other diseases and health conditions, particularly children.

Many poorer countries have reported shortages in vaccines and essential medicines amid the pandemic. The WHO's director-general said African nations are increasingly vulnerable as cases across the continent mount.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters: "And a new modeling analysis published last week estimates the potential disruption to malaria services from COVID-19 in 41 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. In the worst-case scenario, the number of malaria deaths in sub-Saharan Africa could double."



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