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Vaccines: Unifying Force Among UNICEF Delegates

The committee unanimously chose to address the issue of vaccine accessibility, agreeing it was important to address implementing local leaders, education, and social media in order to spread awareness, and knowledge on vaccines.

Canada began by addressing the underlying idea that vaccines are essential in maintaining a country's integrity, along with the concept that vaccines should be mandated for children. As the discussion continued, a conversation sparked: how would they access some rural and off grid areas? One suggestion was to gather local leaders and inform them about the issue at hand, beginning a common agreement among the delegates. It seemed as if each country had their inhabitants in their best interest, and vaccines were essential in keeping them safe. Another common ground that was found was using technology and social media to counteract false information online that slandered the use of vaccines. Although most agreed, Mexico questioned how they would use technology to reach either impoverished or indigenous populations. The delegate brought up using local leaders as a solution, since they can be trusted throughout their community and they would spread the importance of vaccines to their respective communities. To conclude they all agreed that no community should suffer from a disease that we know how to prevent, unanimously agreeing to use methods of implementing local leaders, along with providing communities with an education, and using social media to raise awareness about the importance of vaccination.

“Vaccine hesitancy has a significant impact on almost every countries population”

-France

These powerful words stated by France resonated with all countries in the UNICEF room. This delegate was one of the key components in maintaining a common ground between all countries, reminding them that vaccines affect every country, and that a solution must be found. This can also be seen in Angola's inspiring words, describing the situation perfectly, “This is a collaboration of multiple nations. If we don't work together, we will all suffer.” This statement was the final piece into joining all nations to combat this issue.



CRISIS UPDATE

Breaking news just came in, stating that a mutated form of the pneumonic plague has just invaded Africa. This is said to be one of the fastest spreading diseases throughout all of history, making it extremely difficult to handle. This strain is said to have originated in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, infecting millions, and has killed thousands, with the untreated death rate being 100%. Doctors are unable to treat it because of the lack of antibiotics. This disease is also reportedly supposed to kill within the first 24 hours if not treated. There are not enough shipments coming in, killing men and women. Hospitals are becoming overcrowded because of the abundance of cases. There will be mass amounts of death if external help isn't sent.

“A child's birthplace should never impede their chance of survival”

-Angola