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An Economic Assessment of Sanitation Importance in Developing Countries During Covid-19 Pandemic Period.

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Abstract

Sanitation has played a vital role in protecting us from the challenging COVID-19 virus. Lack of sanitation directly or indirectly causes health and economic losses in developing countries. Many studies say that millions of deaths happen yearly due to diarrhea and other polluted water-related diseases. Covid-19 is the most dangerous virus due to non-sanitation activities and unhygienic conditions. This has already vibrated the world's economies and health systems. The following study gathers information from well-published research papers in different Journals and reports from various institutions. The study says that in developing countries where the level of cleanliness was found to be low, more cases of illness and deaths have been confirmed due to the covid-19 epidemic. The study states the economic importance of sanitation and says that awareness of good hygiene and cleanliness increased after the covid-19 pandemic.

Keywords: Sanitation and cleanliness, Economic Impact, Importance of Sanitation, Cost of Poor Sanitation, Covid-19.

Introduction

The present world has recently gone through a situation of the covid-19 pandemic that this generation has never seen before. COVID-19 is probably the most globalized pandemic affecting the economy and public health system.⁷ In this way, by November 2020, there were more than 51 million confirmed cases globally, with over 37 million recoveries and more than a million deaths, according to data compiled by John Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Centre.⁸ This virus was first detected in the dirty fish market in Wuhan city of China, in December 2019.³ Thus, the unavailability of good sanitation and hygiene can increase the rate of spreading covid-19. On the other side, awareness of good sanitation and hygiene