



Disaster Response and Preparedness in South Africa during the COVID-19 Epidemic

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It has been a year and a half since the COVID-19 pandemic first emerged, and its consequences still continue to be felt today, not just in terms of the death toll, but also in the way it has changed our daily lives and routines.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the existing inequalities across the world, e.g., in access to vaccines and other resources. It has also pushed back into the fore the need for coordinated action in the areas of health, as documented by the success and international collaborations achieved in the fight against other infectious diseases such as polio—another devastating virus. The nature of human existence is clearly interlinked with the surrounding environment, and its very sustainability might be at stake. The lessons learnt today in the sustainability space will be crucial to tackling complex disasters such as COVID-19.

The current Special Issue invites contributions from authors in South Africa and their collaborators on the sustainability of health and other solutions which have been created or identified during the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to your contributions.





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