Coughs and Sneezes go Global!
The race against the spread of infectious disease

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It’s flu season again. It used to be so simple – a snuffle, a cold, a sore throat – but these days the flu can send you to hospital or worse.

With a global population just above 6 billion, the World Health Organisation predicts that the next influenza pandemic could result in 2 to 7.4 million deaths globally. The interconnectedness of the world through travel and trade means that we could all be infected and affected – a pandemic influenza will not discriminate between poor and rich. Control of such an outbreak is not possible unless we have a global response. In 2007, civil and military deaths from all global conflicts is estimated at 100,000 to 500,000, compared to 6 million deaths from TB, malaria and HIV combined. The need to prepare poor countries against disease outbreaks is vital for our health security.

How do pandemic diseases strike and spread?
How do we plan against the world’s big diseases?
How do we protect the most vulnerable – the poor?

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