

A Quality Internet is critical for times of crisis, for risk monitoring and prediction of events for public health et al. Quality internet is key to providing success for telemedicine for All in a timely, purposeful and relevant manner. Quality in all its forms from access to data and sharing, to purposeful devices, including wearables, to supply chain logistics management with smart contracts and blockchain. AI, MI, Quantum for medical research and patient privacy, to security and privacy in a fair and inclusive manner that reduces the Digital Health Gap is going to be key for future economic sustainability and resiliency. For citizen health as well as for other economic activities, such as agriculture, business, education, safety, public engagement and policy making, climate change togetherness, crisis management for poverty and food, as well as for fair dispute resolution, maintenance of statistics, for good economic analysis (Reference: Efficient Market Hypothesis / trend to perfect Information) and overall good governance measures.

Oceans of data collected must be managed with integrity. As an ocean, data will be deep dived, dragged and churned, aggregated in multiple inconsistent formats, and we will only encounter publicly the froth and bubble at the reporting land base line. Hence, we must always be vigilant to “trojan data” that can upset an outcome or shatters a foundation and hence human intervention, precision, reasonability and compassion are key to good data governance.

However, waiting for the best device or service must not deter development of the access to the internet for All in an affordable manner. Using whatever is available and with international collaboration and partnership, the speed at which access for All is implemented must be accelerated. Betterment and upgrading where legacy systems exist is a must. E-waste could be mitigated by donation of legacy systems to financially dis-advantaged countries for re-purpose. Collaboration between countries with compassion to connect island or land-locked countries can only benefit globally as all global citizens can have access to information that can only be produced at a cost, e.g., health information portals. Please refer to my article Open Internet Is Always an Inclusive Quality Internet by Amali De Silva-Mitchell within book: The Value of Internet Openness in Times of Crisis; Official Outcome of the UN IGF Coalitions on Net Neutrality and on Community Connectivity 2020.

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