

Speculative Scenario

Syndr0me

2 January 2039

After 10 years of operating a global health database, a massive data breach occurs and all users' health information is published online. Then, an innovative tech company called Syndr0me feeds this data into an AI system to train an AI that can provide hyper-accurate predictions for the health of individuals. These constant and accurate updates lead to an epidemic of mental health issues, with Chronic Health Hypervigilance Syndrome (CHHS) being added to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders (DSM).

Imagine you are faced with this future scenario. What tools, items, technologies, or other things might you wish you had?

Imagine you were a community health worker.

What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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The Interplanetary Health Organization

7 April 2098

Space travel was once reserved for the uber-wealthy, but in 2034 increasing competition opened access more widely. By 2080, new colonies have begun to spring up across the extra-Earth region. Many space migrants are coming from those nations on Earth whose lands were lost due to rising sea levels.

The Interplanetary Health Organization, an extension of the World Health Organization, is set to open the first space health-service in its 150th year to monitor and manage the emergent diseases of space.

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Imagine you are the inaugural director of the service. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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Future Fertility

4 August 2042

Fertility rates in men have continued to decline across the Region and it is assumed this relates to environmental pollutants. Simultaneously, fertility rates in women have been declining alongside increased education, workforce participation, and changes in social expectations. Pregnancy at advanced age has become more common, and health services are expected to provide reproductive technologies and achieve near-zero infant mortality.

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Imagine you are a philanthropic fund manager. What might you fund the development of?

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NCDs Leading the Agenda

7 April 2057

Funding for preventing non-communicable diseases has increased across the Region, surpassing funding for reactive health services for the first time. You have been tasked with spending this money to make a difference in population health.

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Imagine you are a Mayor or leader of a municipality with authority to spend this money. What might you fund?

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Displacement

31 October 2051

Sea levels have risen, causing major population displacements. Movement into closer proximity with wild animal populations, along with changing animal migration patterns, results in the spread of numerous new zoonotic diseases, including one virus that is more virulent and deadlier than COVID19.

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Imagine you are a clinic nurse. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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Multi-resistant Pathogen

12 March 2045

The continued agricultural overuse and overprescription of antibiotics throughout the first part of the 21st century resulted in an epidemic of an antimicrobial resistant pathogen across the Western Pacific Region. Strict quarantine practices have been put in place that so far have contained the pathogen to the Region, but significant global attention has been placed on stopping its spread.

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Imagine you are a Minister for Agriculture in an affected country. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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Pollution

16 December 2055

The Pacific Garbage Patch has shifted with changing global currents, decimating traditional fishing grounds across the Region. The livelihoods of whole communities have been destroyed and large populations are consuming fish with dangerous levels of microplastics, leading to the emergence of new neopelagic species.

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Imagine you are a local doctor in an affected country. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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Extreme Heat

2 September 2031

A three-week extreme heatwave culminates in a 12-hour period with a wet-bulb temperature of over 37°C. Tens of thousands of people die from hyperthermia due to an inability to access air conditioning. Ever since, the city has been overcome with fear and citizens are marching to demand the government take action before the next heatwave strikes.

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Imagine you are a carer for an elderly relative with no access to air conditioning at home. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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WPR Blue Zones

30 June 2047

The Western Pacific Region has adopted a target of having the highest number of Blue Zone sites of any WHO region. This would lead to increased longevity and wellbeing in ageing. However, today, globalised food systems with poor nutrition are leading to chronic ill-health and poor wellbeing.

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Imagine you are a community leader. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?

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Inter-pandemic Period Preparedness

7 March 2050

Successive pandemics linked with a changing climate have resulted in significant economic turmoil around the world.

Following the successful management of the 2032, 2039, 2045 and 2048 pandemics, the Member States from the Western Pacific Region are asked to lead the design of a preparedness response to equip the world for this changed reality.

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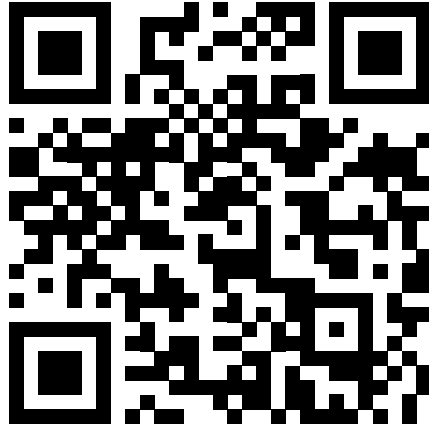
Imagine you are a Media and Communications Advisor. What might you wish you had in your 'kit bag'?



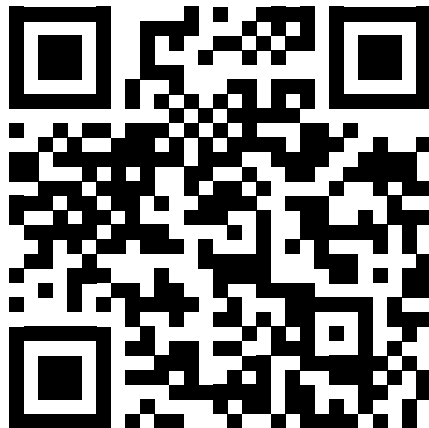
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