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The World Development Report 2022: Finance for an Equitable Recovery

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The global public health crisis triggered by the COVID-19 Pandemic also created the largest economic crisis in more than a century, and governments enacted a swift and encompassing policy response that helped alleviate the worst social and economic impacts, often by adding to already high levels of sovereign debt and exacerbating a number of economic fragilities. But delays in addressing public and private debt sustainability are associated with protracted recessions, rising inflation, and reduced spending on social safety nets, public health, and education, which have disproportionate impacts on the poor. The *World Development Report 2022: Finance for an Equitable Recovery* examines the central role of finance in today's economic recovery. It highlights the consequences most likely to affect emerging economies, and advocates a set of policies to mitigate the interconnected financial risks and steer economies toward a sustainable and equitable recovery.
