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In the Shadow of COVID-19: Deadly Diseases on the Rise? COVID19's impact on the fight against other epidemics and programme sustainability

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The COVID-19 pandemic is a global health crisis, whose long-term ramifications are not yet fully understood. It affects all of us, everywhere. Nevertheless, it is already apparent that the most vulnerable will suffer most. Not only through COVID-19 itself but also because of its knock-on consequences on other deadly diseases and critical health services. A recent report by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria shows that the number of deaths from these three epidemics alone could double because health systems are overburdened, treatment and prevention programs are disrupted, and resources are diverted to address COVID-19.

What are the (new) challenges people in low- and middle-income countries face, and how can we ensure that the most vulnerable are not left behind? And how does the German government make use of the German EU Council Presidency to address these pressing issues?

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