

1874 Nasinu Sangam School

Year 8

Social Science

Worksheet 1

Global Medical Disasters

History has seen several medical or health disasters.

Epidemic is the spread of a disease or condition in a particular group of people or found in a certain area. It usually affects a large number of people within a community, population or region.

For instance, there can be a measles outbreak in the greater Suva area only.

Pandemic is an epidemic that has spread over multiple countries or continents.

For example when COVID 19 was limited to Wuhan, China, it was an epidemic. The geographical spread has turned it into a pandemic.

Plagues and epidemics have ravaged humanity through its existence. Many of these have at times changed the course of history and even signaling to the end of civilization.

Before Corona, the Spanish flu is rated to be the deadliest pandemic in history.

More than 40 million people are believed to have died from the worldwide influenza in 1918 and 1919.

550,000 people perished in United States of America alone.

2. The Asian Flu 1956 to 1958

A strain of H2N2 killed nearly 2 million people globally.

3. Influenza pandemic in 1968, one million people worldwide died from a source of H3H2 virus strain.

4. HIV was first detected in central Africa in 1976.

36 million people have died of AIDS since.

5. SARS pandemic in 2002. A respiratory syndrome affected 29 countries and caused a large number of deaths. This was quickly contained by personal hygiene and isolation precaution measures.

6. Flu pandemic 2009, a H1N1 strain, 60.8million cases.

Section: A - Activity Questions

Answer the following questions.

1. Name the pandemic the world is currently facing.
2. When and where did the virus originate?
3. What does the numeral 19 in the name signify?

4. What are some major symptoms of the virus?
5. List out five things that can be done in order to combat the virus.
6. What does the phrase “you move the virus moves” mean?
7. A lot of emphasis is put on Hand washing and sanitization, in your own words explain why these are important.
8. Name the vaccine that is being used in Fiji. State why it is important to get vaccinated.
9. How has this virus affected your life as a student?
10. List out measures that you as a student must take.

Section B: Creativity

In the space provided design a poster to create COVID 19 awareness and precautions.

Title: _____



