

Summary of the ITH Conference: BRI and Health

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What and why BRI? What are its potential implications

- A very big investment program, by China and **more than 60 countries**, focus mainly on infrastructures – booster sustainable economic growth, connectivity, peace, and social equity
- It has Geopolitical, Security, Economic rational
- Concerns on huge public Debt, non feasible investment and economic crisis, direct and indirect social and health implications

Is BRI and opportunity or threat??

- In Crisis, there are always opportunities – we d look into both positive and negative implications and prepare for the best
- **Opportunities** – more employment/economic growth and QOL, more connectivity, more innovations – more investment in health and UHC as well as strong collective efforts on PHE
- **Threats** – Environmental and Health Implications, Social inequity, increasing public debt and non cost effective investment

Do we have to worry?? - *Yes and No*

- **Concerns** on potential implications (PHE, environmental health, health systems and UHC, etc) – realizing the facts that **these implications exist even wo BRI** and there are other big investment programs
- **Don't worry too much, don't over concern** – why?
 - Strong HS based on PHC and UHC
 - Strong CSOs and active citizens – actively involve in decisions
 - Strong capacity on PHE responses – FETP, EMTs
 - Strong capacity on HP/HS researches and HTA as well as HA
- **Be prepared and don't lower our guard** – opportunities to strengthen our preparedness and HSS – *“opportunity favors only prepared mind”*

TRUST is the key word – collective responsibility not only China

**Low Trust, low speed, high cost, non sustainable
High Trust, high speed, low cost, sustainable**

Trust takes years to build, minutes to destroy, and whole life to rebuilt

Trust = (reliability+credibility+intimacy)/(self interest)