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From Global to Local... What Can We Learn about Pandemic Response from Global Health and Human Rights Frameworks?

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Governments have responsibility to

respect

Government restrictions on individual rights must be necessary (consistent with the best available scientific understanding), proportionate (to the threat and time-limited) and non-discriminatory.

protect

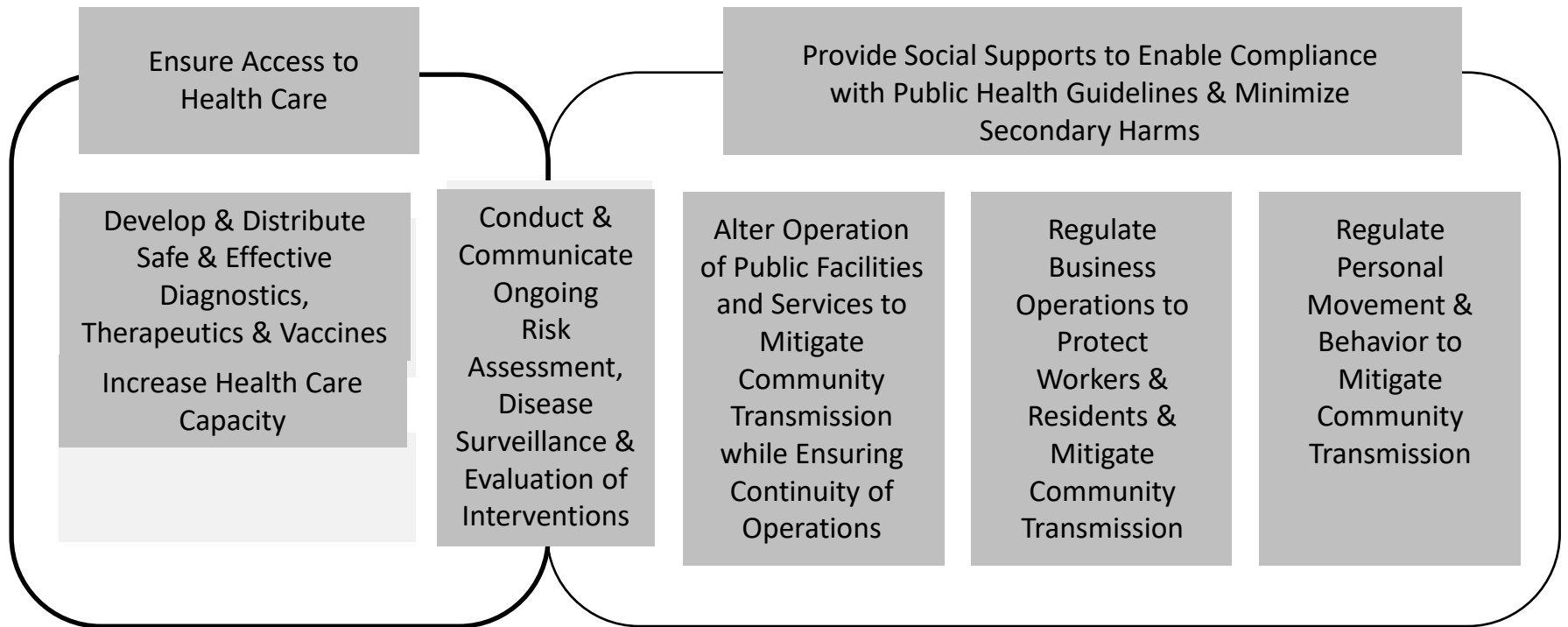
Governments must regulate non-state actors (e.g., employers, landlords, high-risk facilities) to ensure they do not interfere with the public's enjoyment of the right to health and other human rights.

fulfill

Governments must proactively engage in activities and provide financial and other supports to strengthen access to and realization of the right to health and other human rights.

human rights

Government Powers & Responsibilities for Pandemic Response



Social Supports, Legal Protections & Accommodations to Enable Compliance with Public Health Guidelines & Minimize Secondary Harms

Provide legal protections to preserve employment, income, housing & utilities

Ensure safe, sanitary & accessible housing conditions for all, including people in custody and detention, people experiencing homelessness, and domestic violence, people with disabilities, and people in communal, low-income, and rental housing

Provide financial support & direct delivery of essential goods and services for those in need, including effective personal protective equipment

Work with affected organizations and populations to accommodate & support safer alternatives to high-risk activities

For more...

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