

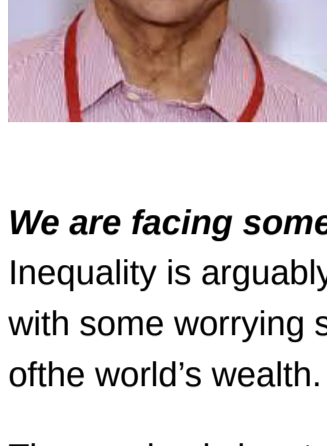


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Conversations for Impact

Partnerships for Impact (P4i)'s Quarterly Newsletter First Edition

From the CEO's desk



Surviving and Thriving in an ongoing Pandemic World: We Need Innovative Strategies and Solutions to Maximise Social Impact

By Dr. Rajan Sankar, CEO, Partnerships For Impact

We are facing some of the biggest challenges of our times.

Inequality is arguably one of the biggest and it continues to grow wider and deeper with some worrying statistics. The [richest 1%](#) of the population controls almost half of the world's wealth.

The pandemic has turned our lives and economies upside down and the World Bank estimates that it has pushed [88-115 million](#) more people into poverty in addition to the nearly 690 million already living in extreme poverty.

Approximately [2.2 billion people](#) do not get clean drinking water and [45% of the world population](#) do not have access to safely managed sanitation services.

[As many as 828 million people were affected by hunger in 2021](#) - 46 million people more from a year earlier and [150 million](#) more from 2019.

We already see effects scientists predicted, such as the loss of sea ice, melting glaciers and ice sheets, sea level rise, and more intense heat waves. We know that Pakistan is experiencing the most devastating and widespread floods in its history, with the [country's climate minister](#) saying waters have reached across a third of the nation. António Guterres, the UN secretary-general, said that this is a signal to the world to step up [climate action, warning](#): "Today, it's Pakistan. Tomorrow, it could be your country."

In India too, challenges range from pollution to poverty, and millions, especially in rural areas, have no access to healthcare. The country has been experiencing the worst of COVID-19. The urgency to address these issues - and ensure that we don't lose too much of the progress we had previously gained - cannot be overstated. To be able to do so, we need partnerships, and innovative strategies and solutions as well as a significant influx of capital to see them to fruition. Finally, we also need a fresh approach to funding in India.

Today, as we are recovering from the pandemic, we need to draw our attention back to these challenges and issues that took a backseat, while controlling the virus, aiding relief and emergency efforts, and developing a vaccine became top priority. Many innovative solutions to these challenges will come from social-impact enterprises and grass-root organisations, and support from the donor and invest or community will play a crucial role in ensuring lasting change.

To those who don't know us yet, I am proud to introduce [Partnerships for Impact \(P4i\)](#). We are an independent organization working to create lasting change on some of these issues through partnerships with people - those who have a shared vision for making a difference in the world and improving the lives of people.

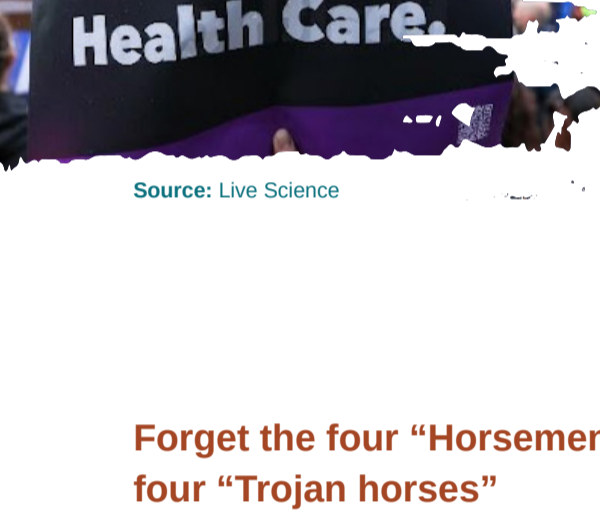
We're pleased to launch the first edition of our e-newsletter [Conversations for Impact](#) today. This quarterly e-newsletter will feature key issues in health and development - climate change, hunger, nutrition, COVID-19, and more. Each quarter, we will go beyond providing just a summary of headlines to include original and sharp analysis, and build a sense of conversation and community as we collectively work to tackle the issues the challenge us today. Happy reading.

This Quarter in Focus

Access to safe abortion is a basic human right

Author: Shikha Nayyar, Senior Programme Directors and Tarini Warner, Programme Directors, P4i

Many of us have been shocked by the United States (US) Supreme Court's decision that overturned the landmark 1973 judgement – Roe V. Wade – earlier this year. This judgement gave women in the US, the constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy. When the conservative majority of the US Supreme Court gutted Roe V. Wade, they effectively stated that women no longer have the right to make their own reproductive decisions. In the months since, there has been global outrage to....[Read more here](#)

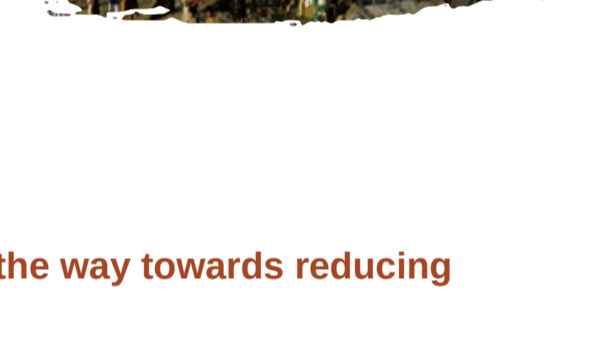


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Forget the four "Horsemen" and focus on the four "Trojan horses"

Author: Dr Indu Bhushan, Chairperson, P4i

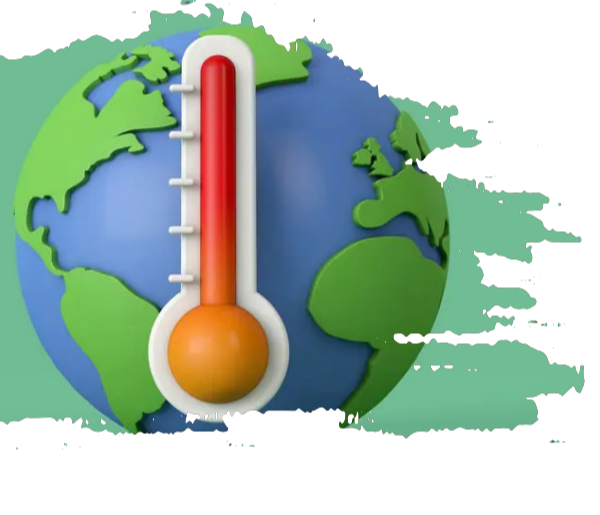
In a world full of haves and have nots, history has always seen four factors, referred to as 'horsemen', that have reduced inequalities - wars that mobilised large populations, pandemics. But has the current pandemic reduced the persisting inequalities? Why is there a need to shift our dependence on the 'horsemen' to the four 'trojan horses' which are surreptitiously becoming a daily part of our lives. What are these Trojan horses? [Read more here](#)



Energy transition is the way towards reducing emissions

Author: CK Mishra, Founder, P4i

Climate change is very real and is taking place at a rate not seen in the past 10,000 years. The way forward for us should be prioritising energy transition for sustainable development. But a looming question, that has not really been answered yet, is how will we achieve them? Moreover, India's ambitions and targets are commendable and promise a better, sustainable and a much healthier planet for the generations to come. But is it majorly our responsibility? Or has the burden of activities of developed nations fallen on our developing journey...[Read more here](#)



P4i recommends

Books and movies that piqued our interest and got us thinking.

Reversing Roe | Documentary | Netflix

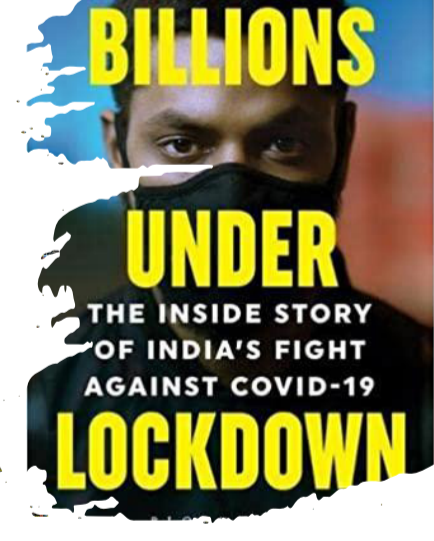
First released in 2018, Reversing Roe is a fascinating insight into how the debate around abortion has evolved in how the republicans were not always opposed to abortion. The Republican Party was in fact, at one time, as described in Reversing Roe, 'the pro-choice party' and believed that abortion-related decisions are between a woman and her doctor. In 1968, Ronald Reagan, then the governor of California, signed the 'California Therapeutic Abortion Act' and was followed by other republican-led states passing liberalised laws with New York in 1970 allowing an abortion in the first two trimesters simply if a woman wanted it – no questions asked.



Ironically, some of arguments that the Republicans at the time used to defend liberalising abortion – individuals right to choice, individual liberty, state should not be telling women whether or not they can or should have an abortion - are the arguments made by pro-choice advocates today. With Roe V. Wade now overturned, for those interested in how the right to choose was won, and then lost, this documentary is a great place to start.

Billions Under Lockdown: The Inside Story of India's Fight against COVID | Abantika Ghosh

Abantika Ghosh, in this book, walks us through the pandemic as she tracks both policy and performance, offering us the backstories of the Government of India as it navigated the COVID crisis from the earliest days. This is a truly sourced account which highlights her access to credible information and an unmatched understanding and insight into India's health infrastructure.



P4i in focus

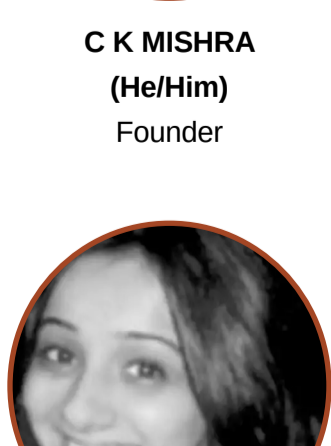
A little more about what we do

[Partnerships for Impact \(P4i\)](#) is an independent enterprise working to enable change through partnerships with people with a shared vision and passion for making a difference in the world and improving the lives of people.

- 1- We link donors and social, impact-driven organizations with innovative and creative solutions; combine purpose with sustainability and become equal partners in change. At the same time, we work with organizations looking for investors, and help them build their capacity to become more visible; develop a long-term strategy; and be able to measure their impact, thus equipping them to attract more funding and investors.
- 2- We support organizations to conduct in depth research and analyses; develop and implement project strategies to enable impact and change. Based on a 'think tank' model, we focus on mapping and scaling up innovations, adapting existing policies and programs and outlining new and different ways to implement existing programs while promoting data driven policymaking and programming; and, ultimately, impact and sustainable contributions to societies.

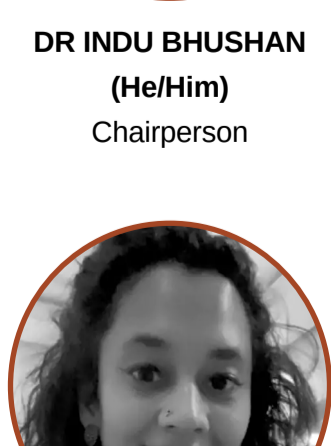
The team at P4i has a combined experience of working across a variety of social and development issues (health, climate change, gender, human rights, nutrition and others) and with different stakeholder groups including government, non-government and private organizations, and domain experts.

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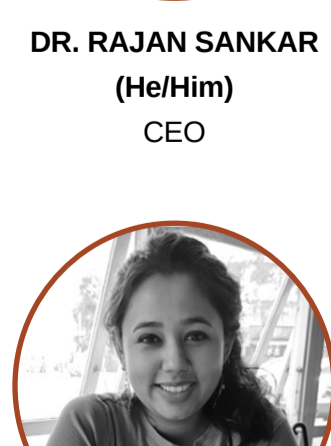
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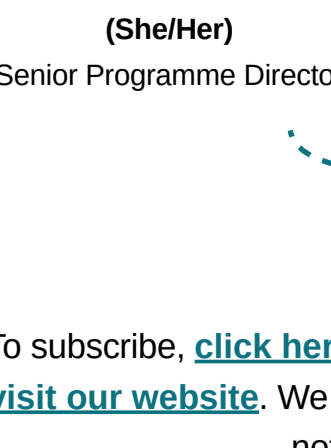
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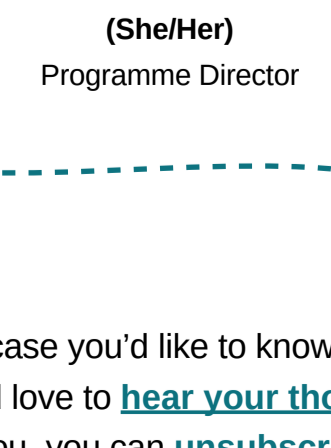
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