Editorial: Time to Invest in Community Setting: Preparing for the Future Pandemics

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Schizophrenia is a severe and chronic mental illness that affects more than The Corona Virus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the health sector requires a huge investment not only in human resources for health but also in overall health system domain. This situation affected all sectors of human life in health, education, trade, society, politics and even much more (WHO, 2020). The nursing workforce has come a very long way in the collective movement fight against COVID-19 (Efendi, 2022). However, the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet behind us. The International Council of Nurses continues to urge all countries to remain vigilant and strengthen the health of the population (ICN, 2020).

Investing in improving the healthy behaviour of the community is the first priority. The community setting is the basis of creating healthy and productive individual. Therefore, shifting the paradigm from clinical to community setting is needed to maintain the balance and ensure that primary level is solid and strong. Disease prevention should be done from the basis of community by considering the social determinant of health in the root level. The second priority is providing greater access in the healthcare sector especially nursing care services. Reorienting health services into primary health care requires a significant amount of community health nurses. Ensuring that those nurses available and committed in primary level would benefit to leverage the performance of health care delivery.

The third priority is the political commitment in health care system. Enhancing architecture for national health system with stronger healthcare delivery, stronger development and research in health, stronger health financing, stronger human resources; stronger pharmacist, medical devices and food; stronger management, information and health regulation, and stronger community empowerment. This should happen as nursing workforce is stronger and all involved stakeholders working in collaborative ways. Healthy community are the foundation for quality of life and community health nurses are playing the essential support for this initiative.

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