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[00:00:16.81] Looking back from your experience, what is the biggest lesson we have learned during the pandemic? Richard?

[00:00:25.39] I think sharing is probably the biggest lesson. It's really important to share tools, pipelines, and data in all its forms as quickly as possible, I think, is the biggest lesson, I think.

[00:00:38.17] I guess it's better to be transparent than secretive when it comes to-- the same thing sharing-- being open. And I think it's important for the Global South to recognise that the Global South also has a contribution to make and that everybody has to work together if we're all going to succeed.

[00:00:57.78] And really, in the same vein but a slightly different angle, I think the importance of science communication and trust. Because the science that we do is really important. But if we can't actually talk about that in a way that people understand, and if we can't put that into action, and if we don't have the trust and the understanding of people so they can interpret that, then the science stays with us. And We don't want that. We want it to go further.

[00:01:18.69] Well, trust is the-- I think to emphasise the point from Emma-- trust is very important. Because they're not-- trust in one another, trust in a public, then the public will, if they have access to the data in a transparent way, I think as a community we together can form a policy that works. The thing, I think, this is the key to handle future pandemics. And we need to start now.