We moved mountains to fight Covid-19. What about climate change?

Quick decision-making, the use of technology, mobilising funding, and a collective will helped beat the coronavirus. This holds lessons for tackling our global warming crisis.

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Climate disasters like the deadly typhoon Goni in the Philippines in the last week, and South-east Asia in general, are a sign of what is to come. Scientific projections are becoming more certain about the effects of climate change.

The accumulated carbon in the air and sea has made the climate system more vulnerable to extreme weather events, with temperature anomalies, which can be called climate change, increasing in severity, and across not just one, but four corners of the world. The climate crisis is not just a threat to the planet, but a threat to humanity. The world has committed to limiting global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as part of the Paris Agreement, but the world is already on track to exceed this target.

The need for quick decision-making and collective action is evident, and the lessons from the pandemic can be applied to combat climate change.

ACTIONS NEEDED

The speed of response to recovering from the pandemic is a model for dealing with the global climate crisis. Swift decision-making, collective action, and financial support are key.

Carbon emissions were cut by 6.4% in 2020, and are expected to rise to pre-pandemic levels by 2023, according to the International Energy Agency. This is a positive sign, as it shows that the world is willing to take action to combat climate change.

Every unit of slowed carbon emissions is a step towards a greener future. The world needs to move away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources.

Every effort made to reduce carbon emissions is a step towards a better future for our planet. The world needs to come together to combat climate change, and the world is willing to take action.

EVERYONE MUST BE ON BOARD

In the public interest, policymakers must deal with the consequences of the climate crisis while ensuring economic growth.

There is no magic formula for reducing carbon emissions, but there are several solutions. The world needs to move away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources.

The world needs to work together to combat climate change. The world is willing to take action, and the world needs to come together to make a difference.

It also bears remembering that, with public pressure for action, Covid-19 vaccines were produced in record time. The same sense of urgency, born out of fear of the collapse of lives and livelihoods, if nothing else, needs to take hold for climate change.