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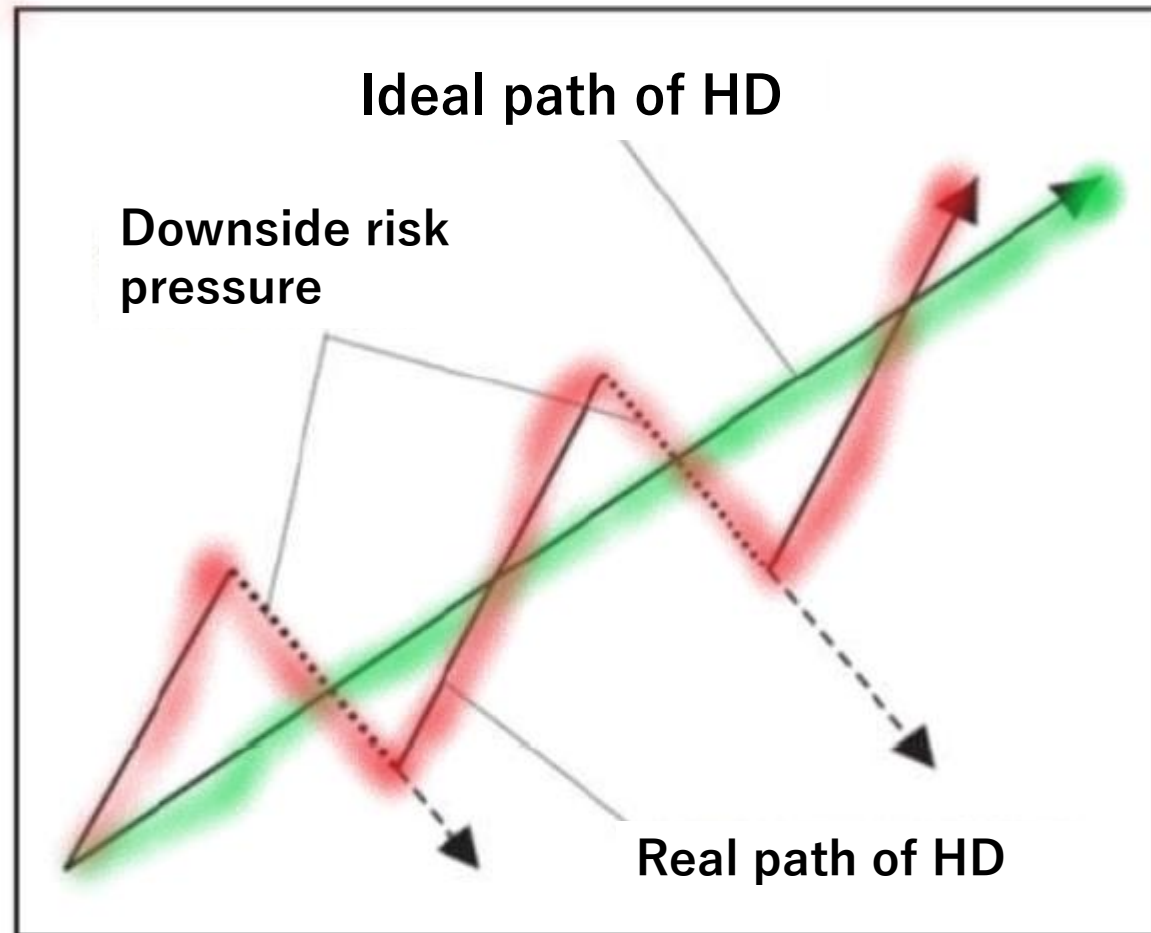
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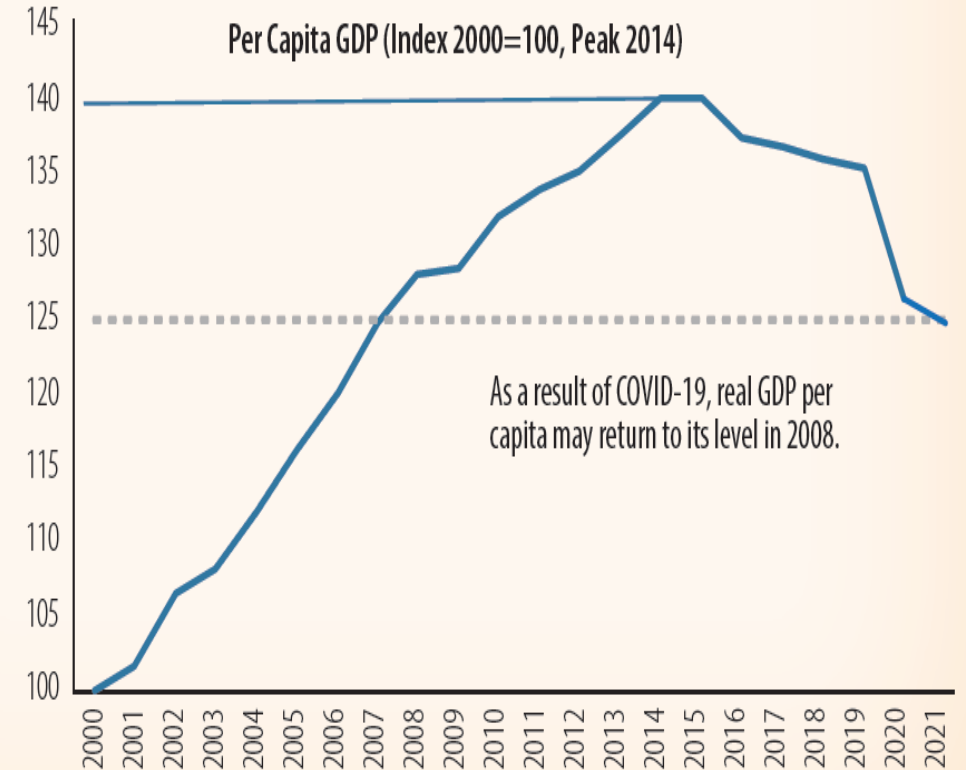
Downside risk (Threats) and Resilience (Recovery)

Human development(HD) and Human security(HS)

Ideal path of HD

Downside risk pressure

Real path of HD

Source: Prof. Mine, Poverty reduction and HS, JICA, 2005

GDP per capita reversed to the 10 year back level

The slow recovery projected in 2021 implies that at the end of 2021, the region's real GDP per capita would be back to its level in 2008.
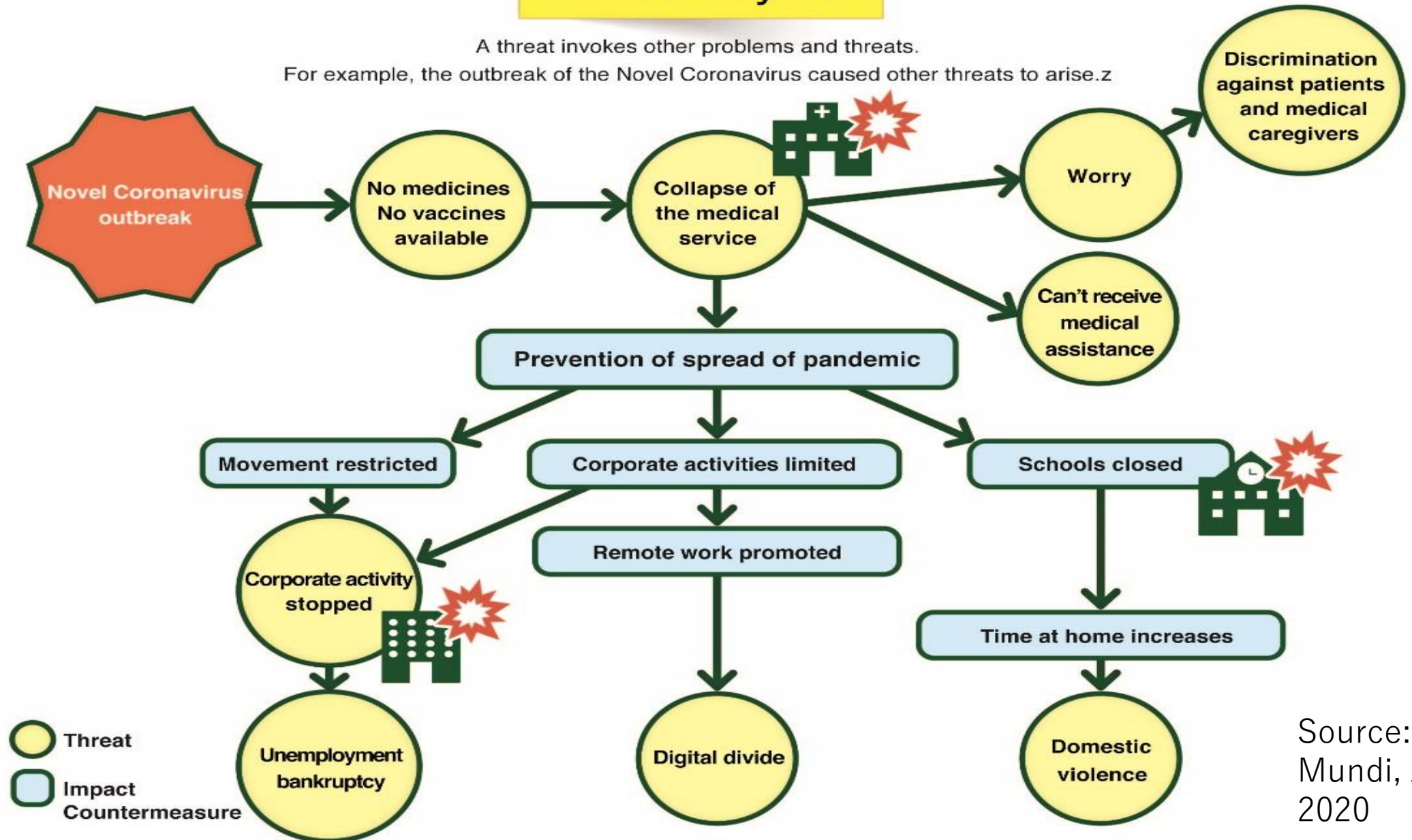
FIGURE 1.52: Real GDP per Capita, 2000–21

Per Capita GDP (Index 2000=100, Peak 2014)

As a result of COVID-19, real GDP per capita may return to its level in 2008.

Source: World Bank.

Threat Cycle

A threat invokes other problems and threats.
For example, the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus caused other threats to arise.z

Novel Coronavirus outbreak → **No medicines No vaccines available** → **Collapse of the medical service**

Collapse of the medical service →
- **Worry** → **Discrimination against patients and medical caregivers**
- **Can't receive medical assistance**
- **Prevention of spread of pandemic**

Prevention of spread of pandemic →
- **Movement restricted** → **Corporate activity stopped** → **Unemployment bankruptcy**
- **Corporate activities limited** → **Remote work promoted** → **Digital divide**
- **Schools closed** → **Time at home increases** → **Domestic violence**

Corporate activities limited → **Corporate activity stopped**

Legend:
- ○ Threat
- ▭ Impact Countermeasure

Source: Mundi, JICA 2020

Three Transformations to promote HS

1. Creating shared value (CSV) transformation
2. Digital transformation (DX)
3. Global governance transformation

Common points

● Protecting people's lives, livelihoods, and dignity from various threats

● Bottom-up initiatives by businesses and NGOs

● Network-based, transcending national and sectoral boundaries

Creating shared value (CSV) transformation

- The concept of "Creating Shared Values (CSV)" :

  Companies create not only economic value (profit, etc.) but also social value to meet social needs. (Porter and Kramer 2011)

- The number of companies seeking to pursue both economic profit and social contributions has been steadily increasing worldwide. This trend has been accelerated by climate change and the COVID-19.

- Schemes include i) Sustainable Finance, ii) Business and Human Rights, iii) Social Business.

Digital transformation (DX)

- The global COVID-19 pandemic has triggered a dramatic shift in the digitization of the economy and society.

- While leapfrogging is a well-known way to jump ahead, there are also many advanced examples in African countries, such as Kenya's M-PESA.

- DX can contribute significantly to human security.

- But we need to look beyond the downsides of DX, such as digital divide, cyber-attacks, fake news. They are emerging human insecurity.

Global governance transformation

- Global governance based on multilateral cooperation has been weakened by geopolitical conflicts and growing unilateralism and is further challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- For "Build Back Better" (BBB) in a post-COVID-19 world, civil society needs to strengthen bottom-up, cross-border and cross-sectoral networks to prepare for various threats, including new infectious diseases.

- This could help to build a more resilient global governance that reduces the influence of global politics, thereby leading to human security in practice.