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Vulnerability Index criterion. We are concerned that the pandemic will further exacerbate this situation.

11. However, while challenges abound, we also recognize that present circumstances present opportunities to accelerate economic diversification and to address structural issues which holds us back such as investing in the rural economy and in technical and vocational education as a growing number of