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## ***The Sentinel***

### ***Human Rights Action: Humanitarian Response: Health: Holistic Development:: Sustainable Resilience***

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***Week ending 30 April 2016***

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#### ***:: Week in Review***

*A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.*

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#### **Syria; EU Turkey Agreement; Refugees**

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**Editor's Note:**

*While we make clear above that the Week in Review is not intended to be a "news and events" digest, we continue to see the developments in the continuing Syria conflict and the associated refugee-migrant crisis as requiring focus and reflection. We aggregate below a selection of announcements, analyses, and calls-to-action derived from the full-text of the primary documents involved. Please also scan additional government/agency/NGO content in the various "Watch" sections below.*

**Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 183,017; Deaths 1,244**

04/29/16

Greece - IOM reports an estimated 183,017 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016.

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**Syria: Death Toll Rises Above 50 in Al Quds Hospital Bombing** - MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières

April 29, 2016

***Field news***

More than 50 people have died in the April 27 airstrikes on the Al Quds hospital and surrounding areas of Aleppo, Syria, including numerous patients and at least six medical staff members, according to Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), which is one of several organizations that support the hospital.

The situation in Aleppo is critical as airstrikes leave no part of the city untouched, and an estimated 250,000 people are in danger of being cut off from aid, including medical care. Today there are reports of another health center, which is not supported by MSF, being struck in the city.

"The sky is falling in Aleppo," said Muskilda Zancada, MSF head of mission in Syria. "The city, consistently at the front lines of this brutal war, is now in danger of coming under a full offensive. Attacks on hospitals and medical staff are a devastating indicator of the brutal ways in which civilians are targeted in the war in Syria."...

**Secretary-General, Condemning Aleppo Hospital Attack, Says All Parties in Syria Must Renew Focus on Political Process Instead of Bombing Civilian Areas**

28 April 2016

***Press Release*** SG/SM/17712

The Secretary-General condemns yesterday's aerial strikes against Al Quds hospital in Aleppo. Civil society groups report at least 20 people killed as a result of the attack, including three children and the area's last paediatrician. The Secretary-General expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved families.

The Secretary-General also reiterates his condemnation of recent indiscriminate shelling by Government forces and opposition groups, as well as terrorist tactics by extremists. Attacks that target civilians are inexcusable violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. There must be accountability for these crimes.

The Secretary-General calls on the warring sides in Syria to immediately renew their commitment to the cessation of hostilities. He encourages the International Syria Support Group, in particular its two co-chairs, the Russian Federation and the United States, to exert

pressure on all concerned to stop the fighting and to ensure credible investigations of incidents such as the attack on Al Quds hospital.

The Secretary-General is convinced that only an agreement in line with the 2012 Geneva communiqué and Security Council resolution 2254 (2015) can lead to a solution to the conflict in Syria. Instead of bombing civilian areas, all Syrian parties must renew their focus on a political process.

### **Statement by Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General, and Anthony Lake, UNICEF Executive Director on attacks on medical facilities and personnel in Syria**

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 29 April 2016 - We join the many voices expressing outrage at the attack on Al Quds Hospital in Aleppo. Among those killed were two doctors, including one of the only remaining pediatricians in the city, three paramedics, and numerous patients, among them children.

We are outraged at the alarming frequency of attacks on health personnel and facilities in Syria. These incidents come amid an escalation of violence in particular in the northern parts of the country.

A few days ago, a mortar killed a gynecologist on his way home after treating wounded civilians at a UNICEF-supported clinic in Aleppo.

These attacks remind us of the enormous difficulties and dangers that Syrian health workers face every day. Those workers deserve more than our admiration. They deserve greater protection.

Attacks on them and on health facilities and the denial of healthcare services as well as medical equipment and supplies anywhere in Syria, are not only a blatant violation of International Humanitarian Law, but deprive families and communities of essential health care when they need it most.

UNICEF and WHO urge all parties to the conflict to end all attacks on health facilities, personnel and ambulances and to allow the provision of health services to the many innocent civilians in desperate need. Thousands of lives are at stake.

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### **Detention riots expose how EU is failing people fleeing to Greece - OXFAM**

29 April 2016

The riots in Moria closed facility in Lesbos on Tuesday expose how European Union policies are failing to deliver a fair and safe system for receiving people into Greece, warned Oxfam today. The asylum procedure is opaque and inconsistent and basic services in many camps and centers across the country need improving.

Limited capacity within the Greek government and the pressure to deliver the demands of the EU-Turkey deal has led to people being kept in closed reception facilities in deteriorating conditions. Moria center is now very overcrowded, holding more than 3,000 people. Non-Syrians are unable to access asylum processes and about 80 unaccompanied children are among those being held.

Nearby Kara Tepe camp, which has freedom of movement and provides care for vulnerable people such as unaccompanied children, pregnant women and the elderly, is almost full, leaving people in need of special care and support stranded at Moria center.

On the Greek mainland, approximately 47,000 people are living in sites across the country, many of which need improvements to ensure people's safety and wellbeing.

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Since the EU-Turkey deal was approved, procedures for processing arrivals into Greece have been changing on an almost daily basis but little information has been shared - leaving people in a state of confusion and frustration. On the mainland, people are living in limbo with very little access to the authorities in order to be registered or to seek asylum.

Oxfam is calling on the European Union and the Greek government to urgently provide people with safe and dignified living conditions and more information on, and access to, adequate registration and asylum processes. It is also calling for all sites holding asylum seekers to be opened and asking that people should be allowed to move into alternative accommodation facilities to prevent overcrowding and improve access to basic services.

Giovanni Riccardi Candiani, Oxfam's Country Representative in Greece, said: "Europe has created this mess and it needs to fix it in a way that respects people's rights and dignity. The EU says it champions the rights of asylum-seekers beyond its borders but these rights are not being respected within EU countries."

"The EU-Turkey deal is putting refugees and other migrants in Greece in unsafe and unfair situations. Deportations back to Turkey should be suspended until the registration and asylum process is adequately resourced. People must be informed of their rights and have full access to a process to seek asylum in a fair, unambiguous and transparent manner. Oxfam is being told by these people that their top need is information about registration and the asylum process," said Candiani.

Oxfam is working in six sites across Greece: Kara Tepe on Lesbos island, and in Katsika, Doliana, Filipiada, Tsepelovo and Konista camps in North-West Greece. Oxfam suspended its support to Moria after the EU-Turkey deal was agreed and the site was converted into a closed facility, due to grave concerns about people's dignity and their rights to safety and fair asylum procedures.

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### **United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon: Address to the Parliament of Austria**

Vienna, 28 April 2016

UNIS/SGSM/736

*[Excerpt]*

...We urgently need global citizenship to address the many threats facing the world. Insecurity is spreading all throughout the world.

Inequality among people, among nations, is growing. Women and girls suffer terrible discrimination. Too many people in too many places are excluded because of their race, religion, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity and other superficial differences.

Violent extremists are committing atrocities designed to divide and destroy communities.

The response must be thorough yet thoughtful. The United Nations Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism focuses on addressing the drivers of this threat.

No single country or region, however powerful or resourceful, can resolve global problems on its own. The United Nations is forging common solutions. We must be united, we must show global solidarity based on unity.

Throughout my service as Secretary-General of the United Nations, I have stressed the importance of global problem-solving and the need for greater international solidarity. I have made it a point to listen to people on the frontlines of human suffering.

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I am especially touched by the children who have been forced to flee their homes. They reminded me of when I was just a six-year old boy after the Korean War. My family, my parents had to flee to the remote mountains during the Korean War.

Today's refugee children are caught up in the biggest displacement crisis of our era.

I have been calling the leaders around the world and everywhere, especially in Europe, to respond with compassion and respect for human rights.

Austria has shown its solidarity through the years.

In 1956, this country opened its borders to Hungarians fleeing the Soviet crackdown. During the Balkan wars of the 1990s, Austria was a haven for thousands of traumatized refugees.

And when the latest wave of arrivals of refugees came from Syria and other parts of the Middle East last autumn, Austrians mobilized at train stations to extend a warm helping hand.

I was so impressed then by this humane approach, I called Federal Chancellor Werner Faymann to commend his compassionate leadership.

We have a moral, legal and political obligation to help those fleeing war, human rights abuses and persecution.

Our commitment to human dignity is meaningful when we provide shelter, food and a warm welcome to families who have risked their lives in search of peace.

**I recognize the generosity shown so far by the people and governments of Europe to migrants and refugees, not least here in Austria. But I am concerned that European countries are now adopting increasingly restrictive immigration and refugee policies. Such policies and measures negatively affect the obligations of Member States under international humanitarian law and European law.**

**I welcome the open discussions in Europe - including in Austria - on integration. But I am alarmed again about growing xenophobia here and beyond. All of Europe's leaders should live up to the principles that have guided this continent.**

Divisiveness and marginalization hurt individuals and undermine security.

When the arrival process is well-managed, accepting refugees is a win for everyone.

These are brave, resilient and forward-looking people. They bring needed skills and energy to their new societies.

I understand the difficulties and challenges. I fully appreciate and sympathize [with] the enormity of the challenges. I trust that Austria will continue to contribute towards the European Union's efforts to forge a truly cooperative approach to addressing these issues. The United Nations will persist in forging comprehensive solutions together with the European Union.

On September 19th of this year, the United Nations General Assembly will hold an important Summit to address large movements of migrants and refugees across the world - and the need for shared responsibility. I have asked and invited Federal Chancellor Faymann to participate in this summit meeting in September.

Next month, on May 23rd and 24th, we will convene the first-ever in the history of the United Nations, the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul, Turkey. Leaders will make a global commitment to ending the assaults against innocent people and shared values.

The World Humanitarian Summit should send a message of support to the 125 million people in our world who are in immediate crises.

I count on Austria to engage in these important events - and to reaffirm its proud tradition of openness and solidarity...

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*We provide the full U.S. Defense Department article (as posted on its website) concerning the airstrike on the MSF trauma facility in Kunduz City Afghanistan in October 2015, the report that studies the incident, and its actions in response. Below this content, we provide the text of the MSF's initial response and a set of questions against which MSF said it will analyze the report.*

## **Centcom Commander: Communications Breakdowns, Human Errors Led to Attack on Afghan Hospital**

US Department of Defense

WASHINGTON, April 29, 2016 — Communications and equipment failures and human error compounded by the stress of combat contributed to the mistaken airstrike on a Doctors Without Borders trauma facility in Kunduz City, Afghanistan, last October, the commander of U.S. Central Command said here today.

Army Gen. Joseph L. Votel told Pentagon reporters that 16 service members were disciplined because of the tragic attack by an AC-130 aircraft that led to the deaths of 42 people. Votel again apologized for the incident and said the command will do all it can to learn from the incident.

### *Unintended Target*

The general stressed that none of the personnel involved in the attack knew they were firing on a hospital. "The intended target was an insurgent-controlled site which was approximately 400 meters from the Doctors Without Borders Trauma Center," the general said. "The investigation found that an AC-130 gunship air crew in support of a U.S. [Army] Special Forces element that was supporting an Afghan partner ground force misidentified and struck the Doctors Without Borders Trauma Center."

Votel put the mistaken attack in context. U.S. special operations personnel and their Afghan partners on the ground in Kunduz had been engaged in intense fighting for several consecutive days and nights and had repelled heavy and sustained enemy attacks, he said.

"The ground force was fatigued from days of fighting, still engaged with an aggressive enemy, and running low on supplies," the general said. "In response to this urgent tactical situation, the AC-130 aircraft and crew launched from the base 69 minutes earlier than originally planned."

The urgent situation meant the aircrew did not have time to receive all pertinent information, to include identification of no-strike areas such as the hospital. The aircraft's satellite radio failed en route to Kunduz and the aircrew could not receive the no-strike information once in flight.

### *Incoming Missile*

"Shortly after arriving on the scene, the aircraft was fired on by a surface-to-air missile and subsequently moved several miles away from the city center," Votel said. "From this distance, the aircrew received the grid coordinates of a Taliban-controlled building."

When they attempted to plot the coordinates of the enemy building, he said, the system directed them to an open field, which was obviously not the correct location. "The aircrew attempted to find the intended target in the nearby area, but instead, they found the Doctors Without Borders trauma center that generally matched the physical description of the building relayed over the radio by the ground force," the general said.

The aircrew mistakenly believed that the trauma center was the Taliban-controlled building, which was actually about one-quarter mile away, Votel said. "The investigation found that

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throughout the engagement that followed, the ground force commander and the aircrew mistakenly believed that the aircrew and aircraft was firing on the intended target," the general said.

#### *Protected Facility*

The general emphasized that the trauma center was a protected facility and was on a no-strike list. "Our forces did not receive fire from the trauma center during the incident, nor did the investigation find that insurgents were using it as a base for operations," he said.

The investigation concluded that certain personnel failed to comply with the rules of engagement in the law of armed conflict, but this did not rise to the level of war crime, the general said. "The label 'war crimes' is typically reserved for intentional acts -- intentional targeting [of] civilians or intentionally targeting protected objects or locations," he said. Votel said the 16 service members -- including a general officer -- received appropriate administrative or disciplinary action, including suspension and removal from command, letters of reprimand, formal counseling and extensive retraining.

"In light of the report's conclusion that the errors committed were unintentional, and after considering other mitigating factors, such as the intense combat situation and equipment failures that affected the mission, from a senior commander's perspective, the measures taken against these individuals were appropriate to address the errors they made," he said.

*Statement / Transcript*

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### **MSF's Questions in Response to the US Military Investigation into Attack on MSF Hospital in Kunduz**

*Field news*

April 29, 2016

NEW YORK—The United States military today released its investigative report on the attack on the Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) trauma hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on October 3, 2015. The attack killed 42 people, including 14 MSF staff members, and wounded dozens more.

MSF was only able to access the report today, when it was made publicly available online, following a public briefing by the head of US Central Command, General Joseph Votel. Yesterday, MSF received a two-hour verbal briefing from Gen. Votel and his team on the main findings and recommendations of the US military investigation. MSF will take the time necessary to examine the US report, and to determine whether or not the US account answers the many questions that remain outstanding seven months after the attack:

- .1. What was the physical description of the intended target provided by the Afghan forces and how did it match the description of the MSF hospital?
- .2. Which forces—either US or Afghan—on the ground had "eyes on the target" [National Directorate of Security compound] before and during the attack? And if the US did not, why not?
- .3. During the airstrike, how many calls or warnings were recording from Afghan Special Forces to the US Special Forces commander or the Joint Terminal Attack Controller to inform them of the targeting error, i.e. that the intended target (National Directorate of Security compound) was not being hit?

- .4. Why was the attack not called off before the AC-130 completed its mission? Who would have been responsible to call off the attack of an AC-130 deprived of its essential communication capacity operating in a densely populated area? And why didn't he/she?
- .5. How do you reconcile the difference in the duration of the attack between the US version of events and the MSF internal review?
- .6. Given that U.S. troops were not directly under fire, what are the limits of engagement of US forces in combat activities?
- .7. How do you justify that no court martial is recommended in response to the killing of 42 people and considering the protected status of the hospital?
- .8. Who within the chain of command is ultimately responsible for the deaths of 42 people, and how is that person being held accountable?
- .9. Does the US consider the actions of US forces to be negligent, and if not, why?
- .10. How will the disciplinary measures chosen deter US military personnel from violating the laws of war in the future?

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### **OCHA/UNDP - Press Conference: Call for Support and Action: Responding to El Niño**

(Geneva, 26 April 2016)

*[Video - 44:27]*

:: More than 60 million people across the world have been affected by drought, flooding and other extreme weather events triggered by the current El Niño.

:: The Emergency Relief Coordinator, USG Stephen O'Brien, is gathering affected countries, regional organizations, UN agencies, NGOs and international donors in a Call for Support and Action to highlight the scale of the crisis and the current response, and focus attention on the acute needs of affected people.

:: **Projected need is at least US\$3.6 billion** with some national plans incomplete, with a current funding gap of US\$2.32 billion.

*Speakers:*

..Stephen O'Brien, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

..Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Assistant Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator

..Dr. Wolfgang Jamann, Care International Secretary General and CEO

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### **FROM SECTOR TO SYSTEM: REFORM AND RENEWAL IN HUMANITARIAN AID**

27 Apr 2016 -

SPEECH AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

RT HON DAVID MILIBAND

PRESIDENT AND CEO, INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

*[Initial text]*

The impetus for this speech comes from two sources. First, every day in my work at the International Rescue Committee, I hear stories and see evidence of how vulnerable people in desperate straits around the world are not getting the help they need. The scale and complexity of current humanitarian needs are increasingly out of step with the resources, policies and practices available to meet them. Second, there are a series of events over the next year that offer the chance to encapsulate and enact reforms that make a material difference to the lives of the people we and other humanitarian agencies seek to serve. There

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is the first ever U.N. World Humanitarian Summit on May 23-24, which the U.N. Secretary General has boldly committed to "fundamental reform." There are successive U.N. and U.S. government sponsored summits in September on migration and refugees. There is the election of a new U.N. Secretary General, also in September, who will take office in January 2017, when there will also be a new US President. These are vital opportunities to bring new hope and dignity to some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

So much humanitarian action is genuinely heroic. The work of U.N. and NGO staff, not to mention those afflicted by conflict and disaster, is remarkable. They work in the highest risk environments, seeking to uphold the highest humanitarian and professional ideals, in places notable for their absence. But more heroism is not an adequate response to the scale of humanitarian suffering; instead we need to update our thinking about what humanitarian action is, and how it can be delivered.

The argument of this speech is the need for better aid not just more aid. My argument is that the guiding light of reform should be the idea of turning humanitarian action from a mission driven but fragmented sector of activity to a high performing and dynamic system. Speeches, articles and books often talk interchangeably of a humanitarian sector and a humanitarian system. In fact a sector and a system are not the same. A sector is a diverse group of organizations, each with a different focus, operating on the basis of shared principles. Think of the private sector or the NGO sector. A system, for example an incentive system, or a judicial system, by contrast, is directed towards shared outcomes not just shared principles; has agreed metrics of success not just multiple measures of activity, and a commitment to inform all practice with objective evidence on what works rather than a generalized belief in sharing positive experience. A system has common methods of accountability not just voluntary methods of coordination, and a financing methodology that supports rather than subverts the outcomes that the system is trying to achieve.

The obvious charge against trying to harness diverse activity into a single system is that bureaucracy and hierarchy would triumph, unable to adapt to different contexts. My argument is the opposite: a system with clear goals, a dedicated evidence base, and the right financial incentives, would be better able to adapt to and even anticipate change than the current sector. Such a system will need to break out of the categories that currently constrain us; emergencies versus protracted crisis, humanitarian relief versus sustainable development, helping people survive versus helping them thrive. These are meaningless categories to individuals and families coping with crises. Changes in the wider world have left these distinctions behind, so it is time for public policy to do so too...

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### **Oxfam and CARE join calls for increase involvement of local agencies in humanitarian crises**

Geneva/London, April 29, 2016.

*Oxfam and CARE have joined 21 other INGOs and over 120 national and local organisations to call for a reorientation of the humanitarian system towards local agencies, by signing the Charter for Change.*

### **Charter for Change: Localisation of Humanitarian Aid**

*The Charter4Change has been signed by 23 INGOs: CAFOD (Caritas England and Wales), CARE, Caritas Denmark, Caritas Norway, Christian Aid, Church of Sweden (Svenska Kyrkan)*

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*Cordaid, Dan Church Aid, Diakonia, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe, ICCO, Islamic Relief Worldwide, Johanniter International Assistance/Johanniter-Auslandshilfe, Kerk in Actie, Kindernothilfe e.V, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), Oxfam, Rescue Global, SCIAF, Terram Pacis, Trocaire, War Child UK.*

*The Charter4Change has been endorsed by over 120 national and local humanitarian organisations, a full list of which can be found here: [www.charter4change.org/endorsements](http://www.charter4change.org/endorsements)*

We the undersigned organisations, working in humanitarian action welcome the extensive consultations and discussions which have been generated during the World Humanitarian Summit process. We believe that now is the time for humanitarian actors to make good on some of the excellent recommendations arising through the WHS process by committing themselves to deliver change within their own organisational ways of working so that southern-based national actors can play an increased and more prominent role in humanitarian response. In the case of international NGO signatories we commit our organisations to implement the following 8 point Charter for Change by May 2018.

In the case of southern-based NGOs working in partnership with international NGOs we endorse and support this Charter for Change. We will be holding our international NGO partners which have signed this Charter to account and asking those which are not signatories to this Charter to work towards signing up:

.1. Increase direct funding to southern-based NGOs for humanitarian action:

At present only 0.2% of humanitarian aid is channelled directly to national non-government actors (NGOs and CSOs) for humanitarian work – a total of US\$46.6 million out of US\$24.5 billion<sup>1</sup>. We commit through advocacy and policy influence to North American and European donors (including institutional donors, foundations and private sector) to encourage them to increase the year on year percentage of their humanitarian funding going to southern-based NGOs. We commit that by May 2018 at least 20% of our own humanitarian funding will be passed to southern-based NGOs.<sup>2</sup> We commit to introduce our NGO partners to our own direct donors with the aim of them accessing direct financing.

.2. Reaffirm the Principles of Partnership:

We endorse, and have signed on to, the Principles of Partnership, (Equality, Transparency, Results-Oriented Approach, Responsibility and Complementarity) introduced by the Global Humanitarian Platform in 2007.

.3. Increase transparency around resource transfers to southern-based national and local NGOs:

A significant change in approaches towards transparency is needed in order to build trust, accountability and efficiency of investments channelled to national actors via international intermediaries. We commit to document the types of organisation we cooperate with in humanitarian response and to publish these figures (or percentages) in our public accounts using a recognised categorisation such as the GHA3 in real-time and to the IATI standard<sup>4</sup>

.4. Stop undermining local capacity:

We will identify and implement fair compensation for local organisations for the loss of skilled staff if and when we contract a local organisation's staff involved in humanitarian action within 6 months of the start of a humanitarian crisis or during a protracted crisis, for example along the lines of paying a recruitment fee of 10% of the first six months' salary

.5. Emphasise the importance of national actors:

We undertake to advocate to donors to make working through national actors part of their criteria for assessing framework partners and calls for project proposals.

.6. Address subcontracting: Our local and national collaborators are involved in the design of the programmes at the outset and participate in decision-making as equals in influencing programme design and partnership policies.

.7. Robust organisational support and capacity strengthening: We will support local actors to become robust organisations that continuously improve their role and share in the overall global humanitarian response. We undertake to pay adequate administrative support. A test of our seriousness in capacity building is that by May 2018 we will have allocated resources to support our partners in this. We will publish the percentages of our humanitarian budget which goes directly to partners for humanitarian capacity building by May 2018.

.8. Communication to the media and the public about partners: In any communications to the international and national media and to the public we will promote the role of local actors and acknowledge the work that they carry out, and include them as spokespersons when security considerations permit.

1 See <http://devinit.org/#!/post/global-humanitarian-assistance-report-2015-2>

2 Either national NGOs or local NGOs as defined by the GHA categorisation, see footnote 3.

3 GHA defines 5 categories of NGOs: international NGOs, southern international NGOs, affiliated national NGOs (which are part of an INGO), national NGOs and local NGOs. See <http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/report/gha-report-2014> page 119

4 Fully respecting security and not necessarily publishing the names of individual partners in conflict contexts. [www.charter4change.org](http://www.charter4change.org)

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## **Freedom of the Press 2016: The Battle for the Dominant Message**

Freedom House

April 2016 :: 32 pages

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*[Excerpt - Initial text]*

Global press freedom declined to its lowest point in 12 years in 2015, as political, criminal, and terrorist forces sought to co-opt or silence the media in their broader struggle for power.

The share of the world's population that enjoys a Free press stood at just 13 percent, meaning fewer than one in seven people live in countries where coverage of political news is robust, the safety of journalists is guaranteed, state intrusion in media affairs is minimal, and the press is not subject to onerous legal or economic pressures.

Steep declines worldwide were linked to two factors: heightened partisanship and polarization in a country's media environment, and the degree of extralegal intimidation and physical

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violence faced by journalists. These problems were most acute in the Middle East, where governments and militias increasingly pressured journalists and media outlets to take sides, creating a “with us or against us” climate and demonizing those who refused to be cowed. At the same time, the Islamic State (IS) and other extremist groups continued their violent attacks on the media and disseminated powerful alternate narratives through their own networks, reaching vast audiences without the need to rely on journalists or traditional news outlets.

Even in the much more open media environments of Europe, journalists faced unusual levels of pressure from terrorists and, to an extent, their own governments. In a year that began with the shocking murder of eight cartoonists and editors at the Paris offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, media freedom in the region was threatened by violence, new surveillance and antiterrorism laws, and verbal attacks or interference from politicians and government officials.

The varied threats to press freedom around the world are making it harder for media workers to do their jobs, and the public is increasingly deprived of unbiased information and in-depth reporting. However, journalists and bloggers have shown resilience. Often at great risk to their lives, they strive to transmit information to their communities and the outside world, and circulate views that contradict those promoted by governments or extremist groups...

#### *Press Release*

#### [Freedom of the Press 2016: The Battle for the Dominant Message](#)

Washington

April 26, 2016

Global press freedom declined to its lowest point in 12 years in 2015, as political, criminal, and terrorist forces sought to co-opt or silence the media in their broader struggle for power, according to [Freedom of the Press 2016](#), Freedom House’s annual report on media freedom worldwide.

“The forces against press freedom were strongest in the Middle East and Turkey, where governments and militant groups pressured journalists and media outlets to take sides, creating a ‘with us or against us’ climate and attacking those who refused to be cowed,” said Jennifer Dunham, director of research for Freedom of the Press...

#### *KEY GLOBAL FINDINGS*

:: Only 13 percent of the world’s population enjoys a Free press—that is, where coverage of political news is robust, the safety of journalists is guaranteed, state intrusion in media affairs is minimal, and the press is not subject to onerous legal or economic pressures.

:: Forty-one percent of the world’s population has a Partly Free press, and 46 percent live in Not Free media environments.

:: Steep declines worldwide were primarily linked to heightened partisanship and polarization in many countries, and the degree of extralegal intimidation and physical violence faced by journalists.

:: Among the countries that suffered the largest declines in 2015 were Bangladesh (7 points), Turkey (6), Burundi (6), France (5), Serbia (5), Yemen (5), Egypt (4), Macedonia (4), and Zimbabwe (4).

:: The world's 10 worst-rated countries and territories were Belarus, Crimea, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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## **[A SHARED SENTENCE - the devastating toll of parental incarceration on kids, families and communities](#)**

APRIL 2016 :: 20 pages

Annie E. Casey Foundation – policy report KIDS COUNT

Pdf: <http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-asharedsentence-2016.pdf>

### *Overview*

More than 5 million U.S. children have had a parent in jail or prison at some point in their lives. The incarceration of a parent can have as much impact on a child's well-being as abuse or domestic violence. But while states spend heavily on corrections, few resources exist to support those left behind. A Shared Sentence offers commonsense proposals to address the increased poverty and stress that children of incarcerated parents experience.

### *[Excerpt]*

#### CONCLUSION

Without a doubt, people who break the law should face the consequences. Still, parents who are incarcerated do not live in isolation: They are fathers, mothers, partners, caregivers, breadwinners and community members, and their kids inevitably end up sharing their sentences.

Built into the very essence of the American Dream is the belief that children can, and should, have the opportunity to forge their own path, to reach far and stretch wide, regardless of where they grow up or who their parents are. The confinement of a parent should not doom a child to a lifetime of closed doors. Our hopes and dreams for children of incarcerated parents should be no different from the limitless horizon we seek for all of our children. They too deserve a blank page in our nation's great storybook — and the chance to shape their part of the tale as it continues to unfold for themselves, their future families and our whole country.

### *Press Release*

#### **[New Casey Report Recommends Policies to Help Millions of Children With Incarcerated Parents](#)**

Posted April 25, 2016, By the Annie E. Casey Foundation

In a new report released today, *[A Shared Sentence: The Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families and Communities](#)*, the Annie E. Casey Foundation recommended policy reforms that would help millions of children who struggle with emotional and financial instability as a result of having an incarcerated parent.

Research shows that the incarceration of a parent can have as much impact on a child's well-being as abuse or domestic violence. Yet while states spend heavily on corrections, few resources exist to support those left behind. The new KIDS COUNT® policy report offers commonsense proposals to address the increased poverty and stress that children of incarcerated parents experience.

More than 5 million children have experienced the separation of a parent due to incarceration, including 503,000 in California, 477,000 in Texas and 312,000 in Florida, according to the report. Although the overall societal and financial implications of mass incarceration have

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prompted calls for reform from policymakers, advocates and activists, the needs of children who face increased risks and significant obstacles in life are usually overlooked.

"Our nation's overreliance on incarceration has left millions of children poorer, less stable and emotionally cut off from the most important relationship of their young lives," says Patrick McCarthy, president and CEO of the Casey Foundation. "We are calling on states and communities to act now, so that these kids — like all kids — have equal opportunity and a fair chance for the bright future they deserve."

The Foundation's three policy recommendations are:

- :: Ensure children are supported while parents are incarcerated and after they return.
- :: Connect parents who have returned to the community with pathways to employment.
- :: Strengthen communities, particularly those disproportionately affected by incarceration and reentry, to promote family stability and opportunity...

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### **As Kenya Stages Largest-Ever Ivory Destruction, UNEP Reiterates Zero Tolerance for Illegal Trade in Wildlife**

*105 tonnes of ivory from over 7,000 elephants and 1.35 tonnes of rhino horn is burned in Nairobi today in an urgent call to action to end the poaching crisis*

[Nairobi, 30 April 2016 - Kenya destroyed nearly all of its elephant ivory and rhino horn stockpiles in a ceremony at Nairobi National Park today sending a strong message to the international community that the illegal trade in wildlife, which is pushing several iconic species to the brink of extinction, cannot be tolerated.

The burning of the 11 large pyres was organized by Kenya Wildlife Service and partners, and attended by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta as well as the Presidents of Gabon, Ali Bongo Ondimba, and Uganda, Yoweri Museveni.

Also present were the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Helen Clark, and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Ibrahim Thiaw.

Mr. Thiaw said: "As Dr. Douglas-Hamilton mentioned yesterday, the decade 1979-1989 saw the elephant population in Africa halved by poaching. Now, we are again witnessing rampant poaching, responsible for the deaths of well over 100,000 elephants since 2010. "We simply cannot afford to allow poaching to go on for one more day. It does not make moral, economic or political sense.

The ivory burning came on the back of the inaugural Giants Club Summit convened and hosted by the President of Kenya, which brought together political leaders, global philanthropists, celebrities and conservationists to signal the urgent and comprehensive commitment to combat the poaching crisis...

It is estimated that between 2010 and 2012, 100,000 elephants were killed for their ivory, out of a population of less than 500,000. The population of Forest Elephants has plummeted by two-thirds between 2002 and 2011 due to poaching, while reports released in 2015 show that African Savannah Elephants have declined by 60 per cent in Tanzania and by 50 per cent in Mozambique since 2009...

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**MacArthur Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.macfound.org/>

*Press release*

**\$100 Million Impact Investment Collaboration to Benefit Chicago**

Published April 25, 2016

The Chicago Community Trust, MacArthur and Calvert Foundation announce [Benefit Chicago](#), an innovative collaboration that aims to mobilize \$100 million in impact investments for nonprofits and social enterprises in Chicago.

This significant infusion of much-needed capital will provide low-interest loans and other investments to accelerate the efforts of local social sector organizations working to address key priorities throughout the Chicago region, such as education and child care, access to healthy food, quality affordable housing, energy conservation, job creation and training and more.

Breaking new ground, Benefit Chicago draws on the complementary experience and capabilities of a private foundation, a community foundation managing substantial donor advised fund assets, and a nonprofit financial institution...

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***:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch***

*We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.*

**United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly**

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<http://www.un.org/en/unpress/>

*Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage*

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SC/12346

**Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Mission for Referendum in Western Sahara by 10 Votes in Favour, 2 against, with 2 Abstentions**

The Security Council today extended until 30 April 2017 the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO), reaffirming its commitment to help the parties achieve a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution that would provide for self-determination.

28 April 2016

SC/12343

**Syria Situation Risks 'Slipping Backwards' without More Effective Response, Humanitarian Affairs Chief Warns Security Council**

The situation in Syria was at risk of slipping backwards if the international community failed to work towards a sustainable political solution that would allow a more effective humanitarian response, the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator told the Security Council today.

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SG/SM/17712

**Secretary-General, Condemning Aleppo Hospital Attack, Says All Parties in Syria Must Renew Focus on Political Process Instead of Bombing Civilian Areas**

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

The Secretary-General condemns yesterday's aerial strikes against Al Quds hospital in Aleppo. Civil society groups report at least 20 people killed as a result of the attack, including three children and the area's last paediatrician. The Secretary-General expresses his deep condolences to the bereaved families.

The Secretary-General also reiterates his condemnation of recent indiscriminate shelling by Government forces and opposition groups, as well as terrorist tactics by extremists. Attacks that target civilians are inexcusable violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. There must be accountability for these crimes.

The Secretary-General calls on the warring sides in Syria to immediately renew their commitment to the cessation of hostilities. He encourages the International Syria Support Group, in particular its two co-chairs, the Russian Federation and the United States, to exert pressure on all concerned to stop the fighting and to ensure credible investigations of incidents such as the attack on Al Quds hospital.

The Secretary-General is convinced that only an agreement in line with the 2012 Geneva communiqué and Security Council resolution 2254 (2015) can lead to a solution to the conflict in Syria. Instead of bombing civilian areas, all Syrian parties must renew their focus on a political process.

28 April 2016

SG/SM/17711

**Secretary-General, Addressing Austrian Parliament, Urges Members to Maintain Open-door Policy for Refugees, Ratify Climate Change Agreement**

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

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SG/SM/17716-AFR/3370

**Secretary-General, Welcoming Appointment of Transitional Government of National Unity in South Sudan, Urges Immediate End to All Hostilities**

27 April 2016

SC/12340

**Security Council Unanimously Adopts Resolution 2282 (2016) on Review of United Nations Peacebuilding Architecture**

Expressing deep concern about the high human cost and suffering caused by armed conflict, the Security Council stressed today that a comprehensive approach to transitional justice and an accountable security sector were critical to consolidating peace, reducing poverty and preventing countries from relapsing into conflict.

26 April 2016

SC/12338

## **Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Central African Republic**

The Security Council today extended until 31 July the mandate of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA), determining that the situation in that country constitutes a threat to international peace and security.

25 April 2016  
SC/12337

## **Security Council Presidential Statement Welcomes Cessation of Hostilities, Launch of Peace Talks in Yemen**

The Security Council today welcomed the nationwide cessation of hostilities in Yemen and the launch of peace talks, commenced on 10 April and 21 April 2016, respectively.

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

*Selected Press Releases*

### **"Monstrous disregard for civilian lives" in Syria as hospitals and markets bombed – Zeid**

GENEVA (29 April 2016) – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Friday said the latest reports of civilian deaths and injuries, including bombings of Syrian marketplaces and medical facilities, revealed a "monstrous disregard for civilian lives by all parties to the conflict," and urged all sides to step back from a return to all-out war.

"Reports are coming in from Aleppo, Homs, Damascus and Rural Damascus, Idleb and Deir ez-Zour of mounting civilian casualties," Zeid said. "In Idleb last week, on 19 April, bombs were reportedly dropped in a vegetable market in Maarat al-Nu'man, the busiest area in town, during the busiest part of the day, killing at least 44 people and destroying dozens of shops. In the town of Kafr Nabel, bombs were again dropped on a market in the busiest area of the town, narrowly missing an after-school centre containing 50 children aged 6 to 10."

"In the opposition-controlled part of Aleppo over the past few days, pro-Government aircraft have destroyed a key hospital and other medical facilities reportedly killing a number of medical personnel, including the only remaining paediatrician in the area, as well as many patients. In the Government-controlled part of Aleppo, another hospital was struck and many civilians killed in attacks launched in a number of neighbourhoods."

"In short, the violence is soaring back to the levels we saw prior to the cessation of hostilities. There are deeply disturbing reports of military build-ups indicating preparations for a lethal escalation."...

### **Zeid condemns spate of assassinations in Burundi**

GENEVA (27 April 2016) – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Wednesday condemned the increasing number of attacks against high level officials in Burundi, including most recently the assassination of Brigadier General Athanase Kararuzza and his wife on Monday, and the apparent assassination attempt against the Minister of Human Rights, Social Affairs and Gender, Martin Nivyabandi, the previous day, Sunday 24 April.

"I strongly condemn these attacks," Zeid said. "They must be properly investigated and the killers must be arrested and brought before the law. Some 31 people have been killed in attacks so far in April, compared to a total of nine people in the last month. The great majority of these attacks were carried out by unidentified armed men. I fear that the increasing number of

targeted assassinations will inevitably exacerbate the already extremely dangerous spiral of violence and unrest in Burundi."...

### **Malawi: People with albinism face total extinction – UN Expert calls for urgent response**

LILONGWE / GENEVA (29 April 2016) – The United Nations Independent Expert on the rights of persons with albinism, Ikponwosa Ero, today warned that the atrocities faced by persons with albinism in Malawi render them "an endangered people group facing a risk of systemic extinction over time if nothing is done."

"Persons with albinism, and parents of children with albinism, constantly live in fear of attack. Many do not sleep peacefully and have deliberately restricted their movement to the necessary minimum," the human rights expert said at the end of her first official visit\* to Malawi.

"The frequent involvement of close relatives in cases of attacks is highly disturbing, and persons with albinism are unable to trust even those who are supposed to care for and protect them," Ms. Ero noted. "Consequently, persons with albinism in the current context of attacks are locked in a spiral of fear and poverty."

The UN Independent Expert described the situation as "an emergency, a crisis disturbing in its proportions." According to the police, 65 cases have been recorded since late 2014, and at least two further critical incidents reportedly occurred during her visit...

### **"Protect the victims, particularly women and children" – UN expert on contemporary slavery urges El Salvador**

SAN SALVADOR / GENEVA (29 April 2016) – United Nations human rights expert Urmila Bhoola today called on the Government of El Salvador to develop and implement a wide range of initiatives to protect the victims of contemporary forms of slavery, such as forced labour and domestic servitude.

"All measures should include children forced do hazardous work, children forced to conduct illicit activities for gangs and girls and women forced into sexual slavery by gang members," said the UN Special Rapporteur contemporary forms of slavery at the end of her first official visit to the country...

### **Sudan: UN expert calls for a positive environment for a free and inclusive national dialogue**

KHARTOUM / GENEVA (29 April 2016) – The United Nations Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan, Aristide Nononsi, urged the Sudanese Government "to enable a conducive environment for a free and inclusive national dialogue by respecting the basic fundamental rights of Sudanese people, including the rights to freedoms of expression and association, and of the press."

"I remain concerned about a number of human rights issues in the country," Mr. Nononsi said at the end of his second mission to the Sudan. "I continue to hear about cases of arbitrary arrests and detention, as well as allegations of ill-treatment and travel ban on human rights defenders and political activists by security forces, including the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS)."

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 30 April 2016]  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>  
*No new digest content identified.*

## **Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography**

[to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 30 April 2016]

<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>

*No new digest content identified.*

## **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>

27 April 2016

### **Iran: Denial of adequate medical treatment to political prisoners unacceptable – UN rights experts**

GENEVA (27 April 2016) – A group of United Nations human rights experts\* today warned that over a dozen political prisoners in Iran, including some prominent human rights defenders, lawyers and political activists, are at risk of death in detention due to their worsening health conditions and the continued refusal by the Iranian authorities to provide them with medical treatment...

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### **Right to health in Algeria: UN expert to make first visit**

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>

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**UN OCHA** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unocha.org/media-resources/press-releases>

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### **Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Syria, New York, 28 April 2016**

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Syrian Arab Republic  
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Mr. President, It does not require me to say to each and every member of the Security Council, that the impact of five long years of conflict in Syria defies understanding, let alone its description. The human toll and suffering is sickening in this senseless fight where there is nothing is much left to gain. Hundreds of thousands are dead. Millions have been displaced....

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### **occupied Palestinian territory: OCHA Flash Update: Ban on the import of cement into Gaza for the private sector results in scarcity and price increases**

28 Apr 2016

**Ethiopia: Statement on Joint Government of Ethiopia and Humanitarian Country Team Drought Response Campaign**

27 Apr 2016

**Yemen: We need access and aid: Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen**

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Yemen

(Sana'a, 27 April 2016): On 26 April, the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick, concluded a three-day assessment mission to Sa'ada Governorate. He urged Yemeni parties to remain committed to the Cessation of Hostilities and allow unhindered humanitarian access. Mr. McGoldrick also asked the international community to increase the level of support for Yemen. "...

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**World: UN and partners call for action and support to help 60 million people affected by strong El Niño**

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: World

(\*\*Geneva, 26 April 2016\*\*): With millions of people across the world affected by droughts, floods and other extreme weather events triggered by El Niño, the international community must act now to address urgent humanitarian needs and support building communities' resilience to future shocks, Stephen O'Brien, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, has said.

26 Apr 2016

**Sudan: Denmark and Ireland donate US\$6 million to the 2016 Sudan Humanitarian Fund [EN/AR]**

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Denmark, Ireland, South Sudan, Sudan Khartoum,

26 April 2016. The Governments of Denmark and Ireland have donated \$2.8 million and \$3.2 million respectively, to the Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) that will fund critical life-saving projects prioritised by humanitarian organisations in Sudan.

**UNICEF** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.unicef.org/media/media\\_89711.html](http://www.unicef.org/media/media_89711.html)

*Selected Press Releases*

**Statement by Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General, and Anthony Lake, UNICEF Executive Director on attacks on medical facilities and personnel in Syria**

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*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

**Ecuador earthquake leaves 120,000 children temporarily out of school - UNICEF**

NEW YORK/PANAMA CITY/QUITO, Ecuador, 26 April 2016 – More than 280 schools have been damaged by the earthquake that hit Ecuador on April 16, leaving up to 120,000 children temporarily without education, UNICEF said today.

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-](http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/search?page=&comid=4a0950336&cid=49aea93a7d&scid=49aea93a40)

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**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>

04/29/16

**Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 183,017; Deaths 1,244**

Greece - IOM reports an estimated 183,017 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea in 2016.

**IOM Organizes Cultural Festival on Safe Migration in Agadez, Niger**

04/29/16

Niger - IOM Niger has organized a three-day "Festival on Safe and Informed Migration" in Agadez, Niger.

**IOM Appeals for USD 9.25 Million to Aid Victims of Ecuador Earthquake**

04/27/16

Ecuador – Following the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Ecuador on April 16th, the government has declared a "state of emergency" in six provinces.

**Syrian Resettlement to Europe Picks Up Following EU-Turkey Agreement**

04/26/16

Turkey - Following the 4th April launch of the European Union (EU)-Turkey agreement on migrant returns and resettlement, IOM has facilitated the resettlement of 350 Syrians from Turkey to Europe. It expects to resettle another 300 this week.

The 350 Syrians have left Turkey for Austria, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Of these, 120 persons have been resettled from Turkey to the EU under the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016 to Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Lithuania.

"The accelerated pace of resettlements of Syrians to Europe over the past month is a welcome development," said Lado Gvilava, IOM Turkey Chief of Mission. "Turkey is hosting about 2.9 million refugees, asylum seekers and people under temporary protection. The number of people in the region in need of international protection is overwhelming. This is not something one country or even one region can address on its own."...

The ongoing resettlements to Europe are part of commitments made under the 21 March 2016 European Commission proposal to create 54,000 resettlement slots...

**UN Women** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unwomen.org/news/stories>

Date: 28 April 2016

**A snapshot of our work in response to the cyclone in Fiji**

The strongest cyclone ever to make landfall in the Southern Hemisphere, Cyclone Winston ravaged Fiji on 20 February 2016, destroying crops and critical infrastructure and flattening villages. In its wake, UN Women has been providing funds and technical support to local women and organizations as they work to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, help them access essential information about relief and protection services, and rebuild the marketplaces that provided women and their families with a secure food supply.

Date: 26 April 2016

## **In post-earthquake Ecuador, workshops and shelter visits seek to prevent violence against women**

Acting swiftly to address the protection of women and girls in the wake of the earthquake, UN Women coordinated safe resettlement and recovery activities for women, and visited temporary shelters, as well as areas where new ones will be set up, to provide technical assistance and recommendations to improve the safety of women and girls housed there.

## **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 30 April 2016]

### **World Immunization Week 2016: Close the immunization gap**

- :: Campaign toolkit
- :: Poster, visual materials
- :: Fact sheet on immunization coverage
- :: Quiz: How much do you know about immunization?

### **Get Vaccinated: Go for the gold!**

29 April 2016 – Immunization stops 2 to 3 million deaths each year, however an additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided with better vaccination coverage. During World Immunization Week 2016, WHO offices around the world have highlighted recent gains in immunization coverage and emphasized the work still needed to meet vaccination targets. In the Americas, the week has been supported by the 6 time Olympic Games Gold Medallist, Usain Bolt, with the theme “Go for the gold! Get vaccinated!”

- :: More about World Immunization Week

### **Disease Outbreak News (DONs)**

- :: 28 April 2016 Salmonellosis - United States of America
- :: 27 April 2016 Lassa Fever – Germany
- :: 26 April 2016 Human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus – China
- :: 26 April 2016 Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Saudi Arabia
- :: 25 April 2016 Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Bahrain

:: WHO Regional Offices

WHO African Region AFRO

### **:: New WHO Guidelines Make All Persons Living with HIV Eligible for Antiretroviral Treatment**

Johannesburg, 29 April 2016 – According to the new World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines for the prevention, treatment and care of HIV and Hepatitis, all 26 million people currently living with HIV in the African Region are now eligible for antiretroviral treatment (ART). This is more than double the number of the current 11 million on treatment. “The recommendation that anyone infected with HIV should begin antiretroviral treatment as soon as possible after diagnosis will revolutionize treatment outcomes, where people living with HIV will be able to live long and healthy lives,” says Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director ...

- :: A Call to Close the Immunization Gap - 26 April 2016
- :: Yellow fever vaccination essential for Angola, WHO reminds travellers - 26 April 2016

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: Communities urged to clean up mosquito breeding sites to prevent Zika, during Vaccination Week in the Americas (04/29/2016)
- :: PAHO urges “Go for the gold! Get vaccinated!” during Vaccination Week in the Americas (04/25/2016)

:: ["Malaria Champions of the Americas" seeks successful initiatives to eliminate malaria and prevent its reintroduction](#) (04/25/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: WHO: [One year on, health partners review Nepal quake response, call for scaling up emergency preparedness](#) SEAR/PR/1624 Kathmandu, 21 April 2016

:: [End malaria for good, scale-up and sustain Region-wide anti-malaria efforts](#) 25 April 2016

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Crown Princess of Denmark advocates immunization and addressing antimicrobial resistance](#) 28-04-2016

:: [Joint statement by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary of Denmark and Dr Zsuzsanna Jakab, WHO Regional Director for Europe](#) 27-04-2016

:: [Governments call on WHO and partners to support achievement of global road safety targets](#) 26-04-2016

:: [European Immunization Week in the classroom](#) 25-04-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [The final frontier in polio eradication](#) 28 April 2016

:: [Chernobyl: 30 Years On](#) 26 April 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: [WHO calls for action to protect young people from alcohol-related harm](#)

HONG KONG SAR (CHINA), 30 APRIL 2016 – Every minute one person dies from alcohol-related harm in the Western Pacific Region. Alcohol is one of the biggest risk factors for deaths among young people in the Region. "One in three current drinkers in the Western Pacific aged 15 to 19 has engaged in excessive drinking," notes Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific. "Alcohol abuse is associated with depression and anxiety. Excessive drinking is closely linked to self-harm and suicide."

**UNAIDS** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unaids.org/en/resources/presscentre/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unfpa.org/press/press-release>

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*Press Release*

**[Brazilian Social Scientist, Polish NGO Win 2016 UN Population Award](#)**

UNITED NATIONS, New York – Carmen Barroso, a Brazilian social scientist with long commitment to population causes, and the Childbirth in Dignity Foundation, a Polish organization promoting improved quality of care for Polish mothers and newborns, have won the 2016 United Nations Population Award. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, the award recognizes outstanding achievement in the fields of population and health...

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html>

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## **Helen Clark: Keynote Speech at the 'Giant's Summit'**

Mount Kenya Safari Club - Nanyuki, Kenya

## **UNDP: Fastest Population Shift in History Means Make or Break for Asia-Pacific**

Apr 26, 2016

Demographic change in Asia and the Pacific is happening at a rate the world has never seen. An explosion in the working age population and a fall in birth rates that took a century in Europe are happening here in just 30 years.

## **UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

## **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://unsdsn.org/news/>

*No new digest content identified.*

## **UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

25 - 26 MAY 2016 Budapest

## **Fifth meeting of the HLG**

The fifth meeting of the High-level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity-Building for statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (HLG), is being held on 25-26 May 2016 in Budapest, Hungary.

The main objectives of the fifth meeting of the HLG are to review and discuss the Global Action Plan for Data and incorporate key points from issue partners, and further define the next steps in the organization of the UN World Data Forum, including an update by the host country.

## **UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unep.org/newscentre/?doctypeID=1>

30/04/2016

## **New Report Shows How India Can Scale up Sustainable Finance**

The report profiles the actions that have been taken to advance environmental and social factors as a core part of India's banking, capital markets, investment and insurance sectors.

## **UNEP Executive Director Visits Iran for Interfaith Dialogue on the Environment and Culture**

The event brought together religious leaders and scholars from 24 countries and nine religious denominations for this interfaith dialogue.

30/04/2016

## **As Kenya Stages Largest-Ever Ivory Destruction, UNEP Reiterates Zero Tolerance for Illegal Trade in Wildlife**

105 tonnes of ivory from over 7,000 elephants and 1.35 tonnes of rhino horn is burned in Nairobi today in an urgent call to action to end the poaching crisis  
30/04/2016  
*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unisdr.org/archive>

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*Statements & speeches*

### **One Year On: Learning from the Nepal Earthquake**

By Robert Glasser, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction

A month after a new global plan was adopted to reduce disaster losses at a UN Conference in Japan last year, the 7.8 magnitude Nepal earthquake struck, reminding the world again why action on reducing disaster losses is so critical for sustainable development in low-income countries....

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>

28 April 2016, New York

### **Understanding large movements of refugees and migrants**

The world is currently experiencing one of the highest number of migrants and refugees ever recorded, some searching for better economic opportunities, others seeking safety from conflict and crises. On 25 April, UN DESA, together with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), organized an interactive, multi-stakeholder meeting on "Understanding large movements of refugees and migrants".

**UNESCO** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://en.unesco.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases/News*

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### **UNESCO plans for emergency education measures after Ecuador earthquake**

27 April 2016

### **UNESCO experts take preliminary stock of destruction in World Heritage site of Palmyra**

On their return from a technical rapid assessment mission to the Palmyra yesterday, UNESCO's experts presented their preliminary findings regarding damages to the Syrian Arab Republic World Heritage site

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp>

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 30 April 2016]

<http://unhabitat.org/media-centre/news/>

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Suriname, 29 April 2016

### **Urban Lab calls for multi-stakeholder approach to urbanization in Caribbean**

Participants at a recent workshop have highlighted the need for a multi-stakeholder, participatory approach to urban development. Leading up to the Caribbean Urban Forum 6 (CUF6) in Paramaribo, Suriname...

### **Barcelona meeting group meeting discusses gender and post-conflict**

Barcelona, 27 April 2016 – An Expert Group Meeting (EGM), Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD): UN-Habitat Gender-Responsive Engagement in Post-Conflict Contexts was recently held in Barcelona. The meeting focused on the refinement of methodologies employed by UN-Habitat in three issue areas: housing & livelihoods, safety & security and spatial planning, in relation to gender equality in urban post-conflict contexts. Post-conflict contexts are situations in which open warfare has come to an end. Such situations remain tense for years or decades and can easily relapse into large-scale violence. A post-conflict context can further be characterized by negative or positive peace, the former of which is characterized by indirect and structural violence and not only direct violence...

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/>

29-04-2016

### **Urgent action needed to help Ethiopia's farmers produce food in main cropping season**

With just six weeks left before the start of the main cropping season in Ethiopia, FAO is calling for urgent funding to help farmers sow their fields and prevent drought-hit areas of the country from falling deeper into hunger and food insecurity. If seeds are not delivered in time, help will be too late to secure a decent harvest from the imminent meher season, which produces 85 percent of the nation's food supply, the UN agency said today.

29-04-2016

### **Continued spread of Peste des Petits Ruminants bolsters case for eradication**

Georgia recently reported its first-ever case of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), a viral disease which decimates goats and sheep, while a new outbreak has occurred in the Maldives, showing that even island states are vulnerable to the plague.

28-04-2016

### **North Korea's food production falls for first time since 2010 as water scarcity hits agricultural sector**

Last year, total food production in North Korea (officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea) is estimated to have been about 5.4 million tonnes compared to 5.9 million tonnes in 2014, marking a 9 percent decrease, the update said.

27-04-2016

### **Drones help farmers in the Philippines prepare for climate disasters**

In a bid to stay ahead of the negative impacts of climate change, floods and typhoons on food security, the Government of the Philippines and FAO have started using unmanned aerial drones to assess where farmlands are most at risk from natural disasters and quickly assess damages after they strike.

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**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>

*World Day for Safety and Health at Work*

**Work-related stress: What impact in the public services?**

28 April 2016

In the following interview, the General Secretary of Public Services International (PSI), Rosa Pavanelli, explains how workers in the public services are affected by stress. She also underlines the role of trade unions to support workers against stress and how they can work with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to prevent and manage work-related stress.

*World Day for Safety and Health at Work*

**Why workplace stress is a collective challenge and what to do about it**

27 April 2016

As the world marks World Day for Safety and Health at Work, Valentina Forastieri Senior Specialist, Occupational Health, Health Promotion and Well-being for the ILO, outlines the findings of the latest research on the impact of stress in the workplace.

*Working visit*

**Côte d'Ivoire and the ILO to step up cooperation in the fight against child labour**

25 April 2016

Redoubling efforts to eliminate child labour in Côte d'Ivoire by 2025.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/pressrelease.aspx>

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 30 April 2016]

[http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort\\_by=changed&f\[0\]=type%3Anews](http://public.wmo.int/en/search?sort_by=changed&f[0]=type%3Anews)

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>

Tuesday, 26 April 2016

**Information communication technology offers necessary data and tools to report on achievement of SDGs, says UNIDO Director General**

VIENNA – Information and communication technologies (ICT) are crucial to achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development, the primary source of long-term growth and poverty reduction...

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news\\_index.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm)

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## **Revision is ongoing for ISO 22000 on food safety management**

by Sandrine Tranchard

The consequences of unsafe food can be devastating, both for consumers and businesses worldwide. With many of today's food products repeatedly travelling across national boundaries, ISO 22000 is more essential than ever to the safety of the global food supply chain. Now the standard is being substantially revised to ensure it stays relevant to modern needs.

26 April 2016

## **Records management in the digital age**

The records management landscape is changing. With the rise of digital content, and our increasing reliance on it, changes to the way we manage our records are inevitable. The question is how to manage these changes. Look no further than the newly published ISO 15489-1 for all your records management solutions.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://media.unwto.org/news>

28 April 2016

## **UNWTO Silk Road Task Force commits to work on joint marketing, training, infrastructure development and visa facilitation**

The 6th UNWTO Silk Road Task Force Meeting held in Urmia, Islamic Republic of Iran on 22-25 April 2016, agreed to advance joint marketing, training, infrastructure development and visa facilitation. The Meeting brought together representatives from 14 countries to discuss the key priorities for the Silk Road Action Plan 2016/2017.

**ITU** International Telecommunications Union [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press\\_releases/index.aspx?lang=en#.VF8FYcl4WF8](http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/index.aspx?lang=en#.VF8FYcl4WF8)

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## **International 'Girls in ICT Day' celebrated around the globe**

*Annual day promotes technology career opportunities for young women in the world's fastest-growing sector*

Geneva, – Every year on the fourth Thursday in April, ITU and the global technology community celebrate International 'Girls in ICT Day', an awareness-raising initiative designed to promote tech studies and careers to a new generation of girls and young women.

ITU estimates a skills shortfall of over two million jobs in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector within the next five years. Girls and young women who learn coding, apps development and computer science will not only be well-placed for a successful career in the ICT sector, but ICT skills are rapidly becoming a strong advantage for students in just about any other field they might choose to pursue.

By 2015, annual Girls in ICT Day events had reached an estimated 177,000 girls around the world through over 5,300 events in more than 150 countries, and ITU is expecting these numbers to increase in the 2016 celebration. ITU congratulates the hundreds of organizers and thousands of girls and young women who are now part of this global movement, including ITU Member States and private sector members, ITU academia members, and other schools, universities and NGOs around the world.

Hundreds of events are taking place today around the world, organized by ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members including Cisco, Ericsson, GSMA, Microsoft and Oracle, universities such as the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Spain), Higher Colleges of Technologies (UAE), the Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Argentina) and the Universidad Tecnológica de Chile, and local NGOs from every region.

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The event continues to gain momentum on social channels, with Facebook posts and tweets using #girlsInICT proving an increasingly popular way of highlighting the many exciting events being held in 2016.

ITU is gathering and posting information about events around the world on its [Girls in ICT Portal](#) – organizers are encouraged to send information, photos and videos to [girlsiniict@itu.int](mailto:girlsiniict@itu.int).

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>

Apr 25, 2016 *PR/2016/791*

### **Celebrate World Intellectual Property Day on April 26: "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined"**

From Shakespeare to selfies, culture has changed over the centuries as creators have adapted new technologies to connect with ever-widening audiences. But few other shifts have had quite the impact of the digital creation and distribution of art, music, literature and other cultural outputs, which has fashioned new mass audiences while disrupting business models and pressuring many creators' livelihoods. That's why World IP Day 2016 is exploring "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined."

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.cbd.int/press-releases/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**USAID** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases>

April 26, 2016

### **USAID and Government Accountability Office (GAO) Center for Audit Excellence Sign First of its Kind Agreement to Strengthen International Accountability**

In a move to enhance accountability across the globe, representatives of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Government Accountability Office's (GAO) Center for Audit Excellence today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that establishes a framework for collaboration on training and technical assistance efforts. The goal of the agreement is to enhance the capabilities of audit organizations in developing countries.

### **USAID Airlifts Relief Supplies to Help Survivors of Ecuador Earthquake**

April 26, 2016

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) airlifted more than 80 tons of emergency relief items to Quito, Ecuador over the weekend to help people affected by the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck the country on April 16. The cargo included 20,400 water containers, 3,500 kitchen sets, five large water storage and distribution units, and 1,000 rolls of heavy duty plastic to provide emergency shelter needs.

### **Statement by USAID Administrator Gayle Smith on World Malaria Day**

April 25, 2016

On World Malaria Day, USAID joins partners across the globe in commemorating incredible progress in the fight against malaria. But our fight is not over. A child still dies every two minutes from malaria. So we must also answer President Obama's call and work to end malaria within a generation.

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**DFID** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>

*Selected Press Releases*

**UK sends experts to support Ecuador earthquake recovery**

25 April 2016 DFID and FCO Press release

**UK to double donations to new appeal, Justine Greening announces on anniversary of Nepal earthquakes**

25 April 2016 DFID Press release

**ECHO** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>

26/04/2016

**EU proposes new approach to better support displaced people through its external action**

The European Commission set out a new strategic vision today regarding how its external action can best support refugees and displaced people in long lasting crises. The aim of this new approach, outlined in the Communication "Lives in Dignity:...

**One year later – Building back Nepal**

25/04/2016

A devastating earthquake struck Nepal exactly a year ago today – killing over 9 000 people and injuring more than 23 000. Over 700 000 houses were destroyed leaving many millions of people homeless. Thanks to the rapid assistance and deployment of...

**EU to step up funding to address global food crises and El Niño effects**

25/04/2016

The European Commission has announced €414 million of additional EU funding to address both immediate and longer-term needs of people affected by food crises worldwide. The EU support will help countries to respond to the effects of El Niño and...

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**African Union** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.au.int/en/>

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April 28, 2016

**PIDA a strategic continental initiative for Africa's Integration**

Addis Ababa, 26 April 2016 - The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) is a strategic continental initiative which has the buy-in of all African countries, for mobilizing resources to transform Africa through modern infrastructure which will unlock the continent's huge growth potential and put Africa on the path to accelerated economic and social development.

African economies are growing rapidly propelled by new resource discoveries, urbanization, a youthful population, deepening regional integration arrangements and increased integration of the continent into the global economy. These developments require sound and versatile infrastructure and the enabling environment for the infrastructure systems to perform efficiently

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and optimally. PIDA identifies priority continental projects in trans-boundary water, energy, transport and ICT to be realised by 2040, will have the greatest transformational impact on the continent. That is – projects that, if executed – will catalyse further infrastructure investments; open up important trade routes for landlocked countries; dramatically increase access to improved transport, electricity, ICT and water services; and support other economic activities. The total estimated investment cost is US\$360 billion, or around US\$9 billion per year which is less than 1% of Africa's GDP.

The PIDA Priority Action Plan (PAP) includes 51 priority projects and programmes across the major infrastructure sectors and regions of Africa at a cost of US\$68 billion. Africa presently receives about US\$50 billion per annum in development assistance, and imports around US\$55 billion in food every year. Investing less than US\$70 billion over the next 8 years in the selected infrastructure projects could unlock an increase in trade up to 25% and additional GDP growth of up to 2% per year...

April 27, 2016

### **Health experts define Africa's health direction**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 27 April 2016- With the continental and global consensus on sustainable development in the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063 the African Union on Tuesday finalised the review of key health policy instruments that will guide the continent for the next 15 years. The review follows the Decision of the Ministers of Health last year mandating the AU Commission to finalise the revision of key AU health policy instruments....

"These health policy instruments will provide the strategic direction to secure health for all by 2030 in Africa" said Ambassador Olawale Maiyegun, the Director of Social Affairs.

The reviewed documents include the overarching Africa Health Strategy (2016-2030); the Maputo Plan of Action (2016-2030) for the implementation of the Continental Framework on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and the Catalytic Framework to end AIDS, TB and Eliminate Malaria in Africa by 2030.

The Africa Health Strategy is the primary consolidative document for all African commitments in the health sector. It will inspire, guide and highlight Africa's strategic priorities in the next one and a half decade. The strategy calls on Member States to prioritise and invest in health through strengthened health systems, community engagement, fostering public private partnerships.

During the meeting Member State Experts also deliberated on the establishment of the African Health Volunteers Corps. The African Union is establishing the Corps as part of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. The Africa CDC will assemble, equip, and mobilise a deployable roster of volunteer medical and public health professionals. This will ensure rapid and effective responses to public health emergencies to Member States and address matters of global concern including health impacts of natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

### **Terms of Reference for Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Teams (MDCT) - Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, Ministry of Health and Sanitation**

Following the end of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Outbreak in Sierra Leone, the country is desirous of re-building its health system. To achieve this objective the country with support from Development Partners (DPs) developed a District Capacity Strengthening Project (DCSP). One of the components of the Projects is the Multi-Disciplinary Clinical Team (MDCT) Component. This component of the project aims to utilize the services of expatriate nationals as a short term measure to fill critical gaps in the health care delivery system as part of post-Ebola recovery activities, while the country works on a more sustainable human resource for health development program.

In support of the Government of Sierra Leone's (GoSL) rebuilding efforts, the World Bank has made available funds to the GoSL under the Emergency Ebola Response Project (EERP). The

GoSL wishes to apply part of these funds to secure the services of medical professionals to work in various district hospitals around the country.

*File:*

4 Medical Laboratory Technologists/Scientists

25 Medical Officers (with good General Medicine & Paediatrics skills)

18 Medical Officers (with good Surgical/Obstetrics & Gynaecology skills)

4 Radiographers /Imaging Technicians

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.asean.org/news>

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**European Commission** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1>

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**Joint Statement by Commissioner Neven Mimica and Commissioner Karmenu Vella on the protection of elephants in the African continent**

Date: 30/04/2016

European Commission - Statement elephants in the African continent Brussels, 30 April 2016  
Today an important step to protect wildlife has been taken in Kenya, as the country's entire stockpile of ivory, estimated at around 105 tons, has been burned at a ceremony in Nairobi.

**EU has today announced new actions to tackle irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa**

Date: 28/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 28 April 2016 The European Commission has today announced the approval of 10 new actions worth €117 million to improve stability and address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa region.

**EU proposes new approach to better support displaced people through its external action**

Date: 26/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 26 April 2016 European Commission puts forward new approach to change the way refugees and displaced people are supported in external action policies The European Commission set out a new strategic vision today regarding how its external action can best support refugees and displaced...

**El Niño - EU plans to step up funding in new approach to address global food crises**

Date: 25/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 25 April 2016 The European Commission prepares an additional EU contribution of €414 million to address both the immediate and longer term needs of people affected by food crises.

**OECD** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/publicationsdocuments/bydate/>

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### **Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.oas.org/en/media\\_center/press\\_releases.asp](http://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp)

April 26, 2016

#### **Universities from United States and Mexico will Promote with the OAS Training Programs on International Law**

Notre Dame University, Chicago-Kent College of Law, the Autonomous University of Mexico and the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Guadalajara, today signed a cooperation agreement with the Organization of American States (OAS) to develop academic training programs and joint activities on international law.

### **Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.oic-oci.org/oicv3/news/?lan=en>

*[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]*

#### **OIC Strongly Condemns the Airstrikes by the Syrian Regime on Aleppo**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has strongly condemned the airstrikes targeting regions under the control of the Syrian opposition in the city of Aleppo as well as the residential areas, mosques and health facilities including Al-Quds Hospital in Aleppo. The airstrikes have resulted in the death of more than 200 civilians including children during this week.

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#### **Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission Holds 9th Session, Thematic Debate "Impact of Women Empowerment on Sustainable Development of Member States"**

The 9th Session of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) will be held from 01-05 May, 2016 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It will be attended by all OIC Member and Observer States including their National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), experts from different relevant international and regional organizations, and senior officials of the OIC General Secretariat and media representatives.

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#### **The Islamic Organization for Food Security Holds Inaugural General Assembly, Constitutes Executive Board, and Adopt a Five-year Plan of Action**

The Islamic Organization for Food Security of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (IOFS) held the Inaugural Session of its General Assembly in Astana, capital city of Kazakhstan, on Thursday 28 April 2016.

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#### **Agriculture Ministers Call for an Increase in Investments and Development of Local and Regional Markets in OIC Member States**

The Ministers of Agriculture in OIC Member States held the 7th Islamic Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in OIC Member States, in the capital of Kazakhstan, Astana, on Thursday 28 April 2016.

28/04/2016

## **Final Communiqué of the Expanded Meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Level of Permanent Representatives to Consider the Israeli Escalation against the Occupied Syrian Golan**

The Executive Committee convened in its expanded extraordinary meeting at the level of Permanent Representatives at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 26 April 2016 at the request of the State of Kuwait, Chair of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), to consider the recent Israeli escalation against the occupied Syrian Golan,  
26/04/2016

**Group of 77** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.g77.org/>

(New York, 28 April 2016)

*Intervention on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Thanavon Pamaranon, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, at the second informal consultations on the [follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level](#)*

**UNCTAD** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx>

25 Apr 2016 –

**World Bank Group and UNCTAD announce enhanced cooperation in investment and trade**

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ipu.org/english/news.htm>

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**MPs' meeting breaks new ground at World Health Assembly**

MPs will meet alongside the World Health Assembly next month in the first event of its kind. It follows WHO Director-General Margaret Chan's historic first address to an IPU Assembly in Geneva last October, in which she exhorted MPs to fulfil their unique and powerful role in delivering better health care to citizens. The meeting will strengthen parliamentary involvement in the World Health Organization and help ensure its decisions are translated into practical action by parliaments. MPs will be able to share and hear ideas on delivering the ambitious targets set under Sustainable Development Goal 3 on health - including universal health coverage – and the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health. The event, co-sponsored by Bangladesh, Italy and Lesotho, takes place on 26 May from 12:15 to 13:45 in Room 7 of the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The event is open to parliamentarians attending the 69th World Health Assembly as members of their national delegation.

## **Sierra Leone tackles Ebola prejudice and violence**

27 APRIL 2016

MPs in Sierra Leone have received in-depth training at a workshop on ending the stigmatization of survivors of the deadly Ebola outbreak. A survey has found that 96 per cent of survivors had experienced some form of discrimination. The workshop, held in the capital, Freetown, also provided key information on tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) and improving their health.

Forty MPs took part in the workshop, before taking the messages on Ebola and violence out into the community at two-day events in Freetown and the eastern town of Kenema. More than 80 people took part in each event, including local leaders, police and legal officials, health, education and social workers, civil society organizations, groups representing women and youth, and constituents. The events were organized by the Parliament of Sierra Leone with IPU assistance.

Community engagement is at the core of the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health 2016-2030, which aims to end preventable deaths and enable people to thrive. IPU - in collaboration with the World Health Organization and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health - is at the forefront of work to ensure that national parliaments continue to play a critical role in improving women's, children's and adolescents' health at the national, regional and global levels.

## **Opportunity for MPs to shape new guide to SDGs**

27 APRIL 2016

IPU is developing a toolkit to help MPs and parliaments around the world fulfil their role in achieving the groundbreaking Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is inviting parliamentarians to comment on the draft. The 17 SDGs and 169 actionable targets were endorsed by governments at a UN Summit in September 2015 and achieving them would transform not only the lives of the global population but also the world itself. The toolkit, which includes a self-assessment questionnaire, is designed to enable MPs to identify good practice in order to mainstream the various goals in their parliaments. It is currently being tested and MPs can get a copy by writing to [postbox@IPU.org](mailto:postbox@IPU.org). The draft toolkit, in English, French and Spanish, is divided into eight sections each targeting a key function such as lawmaking and oversight. IPU is inviting comments, ideas and suggestions by 15 May 2016 on how it might be improved.

## **International Court of Justice** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.icj-cij.org/presscom/index.php?p1=6&p2=1>

*No new digest content identified.*

## **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.icc-cpi.int/en\\_menus/icc/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.icc-cpi.int/en_menus/icc/Pages/default.aspx)

*Press Release: 26/04/2016*

## **New TFV Board of Directors: Prioritizing Victim Survivors in International Justice**

ICC-TFV-20160426-PR1210

The 14th Annual TFV Board of Directors Meeting took place in The Hague from 18 – 21 April 2016 with the four newly elected members. They reaffirmed the TFV's mission to respond to harm, support victims in regaining dignity, hope and leading their lives to the full again, making justice a reality for victim survivors.

*[The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) is the first of its kind in the global movement to end impunity for the gravest of crimes and alleviate suffering. The establishment of the International Criminal*

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*Court (ICC) on 1 July 2002 resulted in the creation of the TFV under article 79 of the Rome Statute. The Fund's mission is to support and implement programmes that address harms resulting from genocide, crimes of humanity and war crimes. To achieve this mission, the TFV has a two-fold mandate: (i) to implement Court-Ordered reparations and (ii) to provide physical, psychological, and material support to victims and their families. By assisting victims to return to a dignified and contributory life within their communities, the TFV contributes to the realization of sustainable and long-lasting peace through the promotion of restorative justice and reconciliation.*

Statement 25/04/2016

### **Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, on opening a Preliminary Examination into the situation in Burundi**

Since April 2015, I have closely followed the situation in Burundi and repeatedly called upon all involved to refrain from violence, warning that those alleged to be committing crimes falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "the Court") could be held individually accountable.

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**World Bank** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

### **Apparel Manufacturing has Potential to Create 1.2 Million New Jobs, says World Bank Report**

*1 percent increase in wages could increase women entering labor force by over 18 percent*

NEW DELHI, April 28, 2016 – At a time when nearly one million people are expected to enter the workforce every month...

Date: April 28, 2016 Type: Press Release

### **OECD, International Organisation of Pension Supervisors (IOPS), and World Bank join forces to improve private pension statistics**

April 28, 2016, Washington D.C. - The OECD, IOPS, and World Bank announced today that they are collaborating to help expand global data on private pensions.

Date: April 28, 2016 Type: Press Release

### **World Bank Report Urges Caution in Deep Sea Mining in the Pacific**

SUVA, April 28, 2016 – A new World Bank report recommends that Pacific Island countries supporting or considering deep sea mining activities proceed with a high degree of caution to avoid irreversible...

Date: April 28, 2016 Type: Press Release

### **Quality Financial Reporting – a Catalyst for Growth**

*Policy Makers and Experts Gather for Ministerial Conference*

VIENNA, April 27, 2016 – Finance ministers, senior government representatives, and representatives of the business, professional and academic...

Date: April 27, 2016 Type: Press Release

### **Kandahar Province on the Verge of Eradicating Polio**

KANDAHAR CITY, Kandahar Province – Women, quietly talking to each other, wait patiently in line for their check-up outside the examination room of the gynecology and obstetrics department of the Shams...

Date: April 26, 2016 Type: Feature Story

**IMF** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.imf.org/external/news/default.aspx>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**African Development Bank Group** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

#### **AfDB 2016 Annual Meetings preparations well underway in Zambia**

28/04/2016 - The Africa Development Bank (AfDB) has commended the Government of Zambia for its commitment to successfully host the Bank's 2016 Annual Meetings next month. The preparations for the hosting of the AfDB meetings, which will take place from May 23 to 27 in the capital Lusaka have reached an advanced stage.

#### **AfDB supports Botswana's economic diversification programme**

28/04/2016 - In a bid to help Botswana diversify its economy, the Board of Directors of the African Development Bank has approved a 850-million Pula (US \$76.2-million) line of credit (LOC) to Botswana Development Corporation (BDC) to be invested in key sectors with a view to ultimately help diversify the country's economic base.

#### **AfDB's approval of US \$25-million Trade Finance Facility to CABS to boost Zimbabwe's local firms**

25/04/2016 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB) approved a US \$25-million Trade Finance Line of Credit facility to Central Africa Building Society (CABS) of Zimbabwe on April 20, 2016. This medium-term facility will help to support the expansion of CABS' operations as a provider of trade finance to local firms as well as Small and Medium-sized Enterprises within Zimbabwe's tradable sector.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.adb.org/news/releases>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

28 April 2016

#### **ADB Loans to Mytrah Energy Will Lift India's Clean Power Output**

ADB has approved loans of up to \$175 million for private renewable energy development to Mytrah Energies (India) Ltd (MEIL) to help develop wind and solar power projects generate up to 1,200 gigawatt-hours of clean energy a year.

27 April 2016

#### **ADB Loan to Bangladesh's BRAC Bank To Support Garment Industry Safeguards**

ADB has signed the loan agreement with BRAC Bank under the \$30 million loan facility approved by ADB's Board, which will be used to finance the construction and upgrade of ready-made garment factories in Bangladesh.

25 April 2016

**[ADB New Loan to Scale Up Urban Service Upgrades in Southeast Gobi Project](#)**

ADB has approved an additional loan of over \$19.4 million to scale up a project that is upgrading urban infrastructure and management services in fast growing aimag centers and border towns in Southeast Gobi.

25 April 2016

**[ADB Border Crossing Loan to Help Boost PRC, Russian Federation Trade](#)**

ADB has approved a \$27 million loan to support more efficient and less costly trade flows across three major border crossing points in Mongolia.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.aiib.org/html/NEWS/>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 30 April 2016]

[https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press\\_release/list/tags/y2016](https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2016)

29 April 2016

**[New IFAD-supported project tackles malnutrition and stunting in northern Laos](#)**

29 April 2016

**[India and UN agency discuss ways to boost small-scale agriculture in rainfed areas](#)**

27 April 2016

**[Changes in Central America's fiscal policies would promote rural development and reduce poverty](#)**

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**:: *INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch***

*We will monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action.*

*This Watch section is intended to be indicative, not exhaustive. We will not include fund raising announcements, programs events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://amref.org/news/news/>

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*World Malaria Day, 2016*

### **The War on Malaria is Far from Being Won**

Published: 25 April 2016 Carolyn Khamala

Malaria remains a big public health challenge and a leading cause of death, with 400,000 deaths annually across the globe. Africa is the most affected continent in this respect, bearing 91% of all malaria deaths and a similar percentage of malaria cases.

Malaria is responsible for a significant proportion of the health care burden in Africa, with the most affected people being the most vulnerable - young children under five and pregnant mothers. The World Malaria Day will be marked on April 25, and while it is important to take stock of how far we have come in the war against this deadly infection, we must now take concrete steps to end it once and for all...

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.brac.net/#news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**CARE International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>

29th Apr 2016

### **Oxfam and CARE join calls for increase involvement of local agencies in humanitarian crises**

Oxfam and CARE have joined 21 other INGOs and over 120 national and local organisations to call for a reorientation of the humanitarian system towards local agencies, by signing the Charter for Change.

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

26th Apr 2016

### **UN and partners call for action and support to help 60 million people affected by El Niño**

CARE joined a UN OCHA press conference on the global impact of El Niño.

**Casa Alianza - Compass Children's Charity** [to 30 April 2016]

**Covenant House** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.casa-alianza.org.uk/news>

<https://www.covenanthouse.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.drc.dk/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ecpat.net/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>

*[undated]*

**Fountain House Announces 6th Executive Leadership Fellowship for Clubhouse Directors.**

**Handicap International** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.handicap-international.us/press\\_releases](http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2016

**Heifer Mobilizing Staff to Assess Projects in Ecuador After Earthquake | Heifer International | Charity Ending Hunger And Poverty**

UPDATE: 8 a.m., MONDAY, APRIL 18—Heifer Ecuador is adjusting their approach in Muisne after the team learned that Saturday's 7.8-magnitude earthquake forced the evacuation of the entire population ...

**HelpAge International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>

*Selected News Releases and Articles*

**Syria: ICRC calls on all sides to stop indiscriminate violence in Aleppo**

Damascus/Geneva - In a further day of devastation in Aleppo, another four medical facilities on both sides of the frontlines have been hit, causing extensive damage.

29-04-2016 | News release

**Somalia: Rising malnutrition is overwhelming nutrition centres**

More than 300,000 children in Somalia are malnourished, with close to 60,000 under the age of five years in critical condition and in need of urgent therapeutic feeding.

29-04-2016 | Article

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### **Philippines: 29,000 people affected by drought in North Cotabato receive food aid**

To help alleviate the plight of communities affected by the El Niño phenomenon, food rations were distributed to over 29,000 people in two drought-hit municipalities in North Cotabato province in central Mindanao.

29-04-2016 | News release

### **Syria: Aleppo on the brink of humanitarian disaster**

The intense battles raging in Aleppo, which have seen a key hospital destroyed with significant loss of life, are putting millions at grave risk, the ICRC has warned.

28-04-2016 | News release

### **Russian Federation: ICRC helps Ukrainian families**

The ICRC has distributed 16,000 food parcels and hygiene kits in southern Russia so far this year to people who fled the fighting in neighbouring Ukraine. We are carrying out these operations with the local authorities and the Russian Red Cross.

28-04-2016 | Article

### **Searching IHL databases made easier!**

All the ICRC's international humanitarian law databases are now searchable via a single interface. IHL research can be daunting; the ever-increasing amount of data makes it difficult to navigate and consolidate information without the use of sophisticated tools.

27-04-2016 | Article

### **ICRC policy on immigration detention**

Migration is a growing global phenomenon and many States endeavour to control and contain irregular migration by adopting restrictive migration policies.

27-04-2016 | Article

### **Georgia: Efforts to clarify the fate of missing persons**

Ms Biljana Milosevic, head of delegation for the ICRC in Georgia, outlines the problems of persons missing as a result of armed conflict, and how the ICRC seeks to discover their fate and whereabouts.

26-04-2016 | Article

### **Enabling people with disabilities in 2015: Facts and figures**

The ICRC helps people with disabilities through our physical rehabilitation programme and the ICRC Special Fund for the Disabled.

26-04-2016 | Article

**IFRC** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/press-releases/>

28 April 2016

### **Yemen: Floods and landslides compound suffering of communities**

Sana'a/Beirut: Heavy rainfall has caused flash floods and landslides in several parts of Yemen, displacing people and destroying homes and livelihood. Yemen Red Crescent Society assessments indicate that close to 30,000 people are affected and more than 1,000 homes are destroyed.

"Communities are suffering from the armed conflict, two consecutive cyclones and now heavy rainfall and flooding, all in just one year. Coping mechanisms have been exhausted and the

response capacities of our branches and volunteers have been stretched to their limits,” said Mr Fuad Al-Makhedhi, Secretary General of Yemen Red Crescent Society...

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>

29 Apr 2016

**NGOs and faith groups to Obama & Putin: Hope is crumbling on your watch, save Syria's ceasefire**

27 Apr 2016

**FROM SECTOR TO SYSTEM: REFORM AND RENEWAL IN HUMANITARIAN AID**

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

26 Apr 2016

**Governor Brownback Ends State's Partnership in Refugee Resettlement Program--IRC Will Continue Resettling Refugee Families in Kansas**

26 Apr 2016

**The International Rescue Committee Country Director in Greece Reacts to Today's Events in Moria**

25 Apr 2016

**Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah visits International Rescue Committee programs for refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos, describes "a crisis of exceptional scale and it necessitates an exceptional response"**

**IRCT** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.irtc.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.islamic-relief.org/category/news/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/news-stories/press/press-releases>

*Press release*

**Syria: Airstrikes Destroy Aleppo's Al Quds Hospital, Killing 14**

April 28, 2016

Gaziantep, Turkey, April 28, 2016—Fourteen people, including at least two doctors, were killed Wednesday night in the bombing of a hospital supported by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in the northern Syrian city of Aleppo, the medical humanitarian organization said today.

According to hospital staff on the ground, the Al Quds hospital in Aleppo was destroyed by at least one airstrike which directly hit the building, reducing it to rubble. Other airstrikes in the neighborhood also hit areas close to the hospital.

*Press release*

**[More than 400,000 Demand Pfizer and GSK Cut Price of Lifesaving Pneumonia Vaccine](#)**

April 27, 2016

MSF hands over global petition as volunteers place 2,500 flowers in front of Pfizer's headquarters in New York, representing the number of kids who die of pneumonia each day.

*Field news*

**[Syria: Death Toll Rises Above 50 in Al Quds Hospital Bombing](#)**

April 29, 2016

More than 50 people have died in the April 27 airstrikes on the Al Quds hospital and surrounding areas of Aleppo, Syria, including numerous patients and at least six medical staff members, according to Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), which is one of several organizations that support the hospital.

*Field news*

**[MSF's Questions in Response to the US Military Investigation into Attack on MSF Hospital in Kunduz](#)**

April 29, 2016

The United States military today released its investigative report on the attack on the Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) trauma hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on October 3, 2015. The attack killed 42 people, including 14 MSF staff members, and wounded dozens more.

*Field news*

**[Initial Reaction from MSF to Public Release of US Military Investigative Report on the Attack on MSF Trauma Hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan](#)**

April 29, 2016

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**Mercy Corps** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.mercycorps.org/press-room/releases>

April 29, 2016

**[Mercy Corps Welcomes Dr. Ngozi Okonjo- Iweala to Global Leadership Council](#)**

*World leader joins Mercy Corps' advisory committee to help shape organization's future strategy*

Portland, Ore. – The leading global organization Mercy Corps has appointed Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Chair of the Board of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization, and Senior Adviser at Lazard, to the organization's Global Leadership Council...

The Global Leadership Council advises Mercy Corps' executive leadership, including the board of directors, with a focus on optimizing global strategy and positioning. This is the first new appointment to the council since its formation in 2015...

**Operation Smile** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.operationsmile.org/press-room>

**[Program Schedule](#)**

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*Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.*

**OXFAM** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases>

29 April 2016

### **Detention riots expose how EU is failing people fleeing to Greece**

The riots in Moria closed facility in Lesbos on Tuesday expose how European Union policies are failing to deliver a fair and safe system for receiving people into Greece.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.nrc.no/>

(28.04.2016)

*Afghanistan*

### **Shelter for the most vulnerable**

Amidst the turbulence of decades of conflicts in Afghanistan, Homaira Khairandish and her team are working hard to restore dignity in the lives of the most distressed individuals in the area, through the All-female Shelter Programme.

(26.04.2016)

*Press Release*

### **South Sudan crisis far from over as opposition leader returns**

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) welcomes the return of opposition leaders to South Sudan, but calls for urgent attention to the humanitarian crisis.

**Pact** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.pactworld.org/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.pih.org/blog>

Apr 29, 2016

### **Accompaniment in Action: A Safe Birth in Lesotho's Mountains**

When Matumelo Seiiso began bleeding profusely toward the end of her pregnancy, her maternal health assistant, nurses, and community members ensured she delivered her baby safely in Nkau, Lesotho.

Apr 29, 2016

### **No to 'Dumping' Peanuts in Haiti**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced a deal to ship 500 metric tons of peanuts grown in the United States to Haiti later this year. We believe this action is wrong.

Apr 27, 2016

### **'One Year is Not Enough:' A Doctor in Rural Chiapas**

Dr. Gerardo Murillo is fulfilling his social service year through Partners In Health at a government clinic in Reforma, Chiapas. Every month, the first-year doctor sees as many as 350 patients. Halfway through his service, he reflects on lessons learned.

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Apr 26, 2016

### **Dambe Health Center is Open!**

We're happy to announce the opening of Dambe Health Center in Neno, Malawi, which will provide health care to nearly 30,000 people.

**PATH** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.path.org/news/index.php>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>

*Press releases*

### **Protections Needed for Children in Nepal**

25 April 2016

KATHMANDU, NEPAL – With Nepal still struggling to recover from a massive earthquake one year ago, Plan International is calling on the international community, governments, and donors to take immediate action to institute key protections for children from exploitation, child labour, and trafficking, while also meeting urgent health, educational, and counselling needs.

**Save The Children** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press Releases 2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press_Releases_2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp)

April 28, 2016

### **Attack On Aleppo Hospital**

Fairfield, Conn.— Save the Children strongly condemns the deadly bombing of a hospital in Aleppo yesterday evening, as violent attacks rapidly escalate in northern Syria with dozens of civilians killed and wounded in the past few days...

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases>

26.04.2016

### **A long tradition of helping children affected by war**

War, and its dire consequences for children, was the reason Hermann Gmeiner founded SOS Children's Villages almost seventy years ago. Thirty years after his death, SOS Children's Villages is still deeply engaged in helping children affected by conflicts.

**Tostan** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.tostan.org/latest-news>

April 26, 2016

### **Evaluating Integrated Development Programs: A Workshop with FHI 360**

Since April 2014, Tostan has been collaborating with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and ITAD to revise our monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system to improve decision making for program implementation and strategic planning...

## **Women for Women International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.womenforwomen.org/press-releases>

April 29, 2016

### **Dr. Denis Mukwege, World Renowned Gynecological Surgeon, named among TIME's 100 Most Influential People.**

Congratulations to Dr. Denis Mukwege for being named one of TIME's 100 most influential people! The 61-year-old Nobel-prize nominated Congolese gynecologist founded the Panzi Hospital in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo in 1999 to help women and girls survivors of sexual violence and rape. Women for Women International honored Dr. Mukwege with the Champion of Peace Award at the 2015 Annual Awards Gala for his commitment to championing women and girls' rights in the DRC....

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## **Amnesty International** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/search/?q=&resourceType=pressrelease>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements*

*Press Release*

29 April 2016

### **Australia: Refugee death highlights fatal flaws in offshore processing**

The death of another refugee in an Australian-run detention centre on Nauru demonstrates the fatal flaws of a system that must be brought to an end, Amnesty International said today. "The desperate actions of this refugee underscore the perilous circumstances found in offshore processing centres run by the Australian government. As Amnesty International has been stressing for several years now, the current system is cruel, inhuman and needs to end," said Champa Patel, Amnesty International's Senior Research Adviser for South East Asia and the Pacific.

*Press Release*

27 April 2016

### **Austria: Parliament must overturn proposal to deny refugee protection to thousands**

The Austrian National Council must reject changes to its asylum law that would curtail access to protection for thousands of refugees and asylum-seekers and breach its obligations under international law, said Amnesty International ahead of today's vote. The proposed 'special measures' would fast-track procedures, effectively giving police and border guards sweeping powers to arrest, detain and swiftly return or forcibly deport asylum-seekers.

*Press Release*

27 April 2016

### **Brazil: Surge in killings by police sparks fear in favelas ahead of Rio Olympics**

Residents in many of Rio de Janeiro's favelas are living in terror after at least 11 people have been killed in police shootings since the beginning of the month, Amnesty International warned ahead of the 100-day countdown to the Olympic Games. In the city of Rio alone, at least 307 people were killed by the police last year, accounting for one in every five homicides in the city. Meanwhile the authorities have failed to hold those responsible to account and have increasingly taken a hard-line approach against mainly peaceful street protests.

*Press Release*

26 April 2016

### **Egypt: Mass arrests in 'ruthlessly efficient' bid to block peaceful protest**

Security forces arbitrarily arrested hundreds of people in response to planned protests in Egypt yesterday, said Amnesty International, after large numbers of security forces deployed to prevent demonstrators from gathering in Cairo and elsewhere. The Front of Defence for Egyptian Protesters (FDEP) early this morning told Amnesty International that they knew of at least 238 people, including foreign nationals, activists and journalists, who were arrested on 25 April across Egypt.

*Press Release*

29 April 2016

### **UN must monitor human rights in Western Sahara and Sahrawi refugee camps**

Human rights monitoring by the UN must be at the forefront of discussions this week over the future of its presence in Western Sahara and Sahrawi refugee camps, Amnesty International said today, amid increased restrictions on journalists, peacekeepers and peaceful activists. The Security Council is due to vote on extending the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) on Thursday, 28 April.

**Freedom House** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements*

### **China's NGO Law Aims to Stifle 'Foreign' Influence, Basic Rights**

April 29, 2016

China's National People's Congress passed the foreign NGO management law, severely limiting the work of foreign NGOs and their local partners.

### **Banning of Mejlis' Activity Could Lead to Criminalization of Ethnic Identity**

April 27, 2016

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Crimea has issued a ban on the Mejlis of the Crimea Tatar People, the single representative body of the Crimean Tatar minority population.

### **Freedom of the Press 2016: The Battle for the Dominant Message**

April 26, 2016

Global press freedom declined to its lowest point in 12 years in 2015, as political, criminal, and terrorist forces sought to co-opt or silence the media in their broader struggle for power, according to Freedom of the Press 2016, Freedom House's annual report on media freedom worldwide.

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

**Human Rights Watch** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.hrw.org/news>

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April 28, 2016 *News Release*

### **Colombia: Constitutional Court Upholds Same-Sex Marriage**

April 28, 2016 *News Release*

### **Tunisia: Uphold Rights While Fighting Terrorism**

April 27, 2016 *News Release*

### **Austria: Drastic, Unjustified Measures against Asylum Seekers**

April 27, 2016 *News Release*

**Egypt: Fearing Protests, Police Arrest Hundreds**

April 26, 2016 *News Release*

**Burma: Drop Charges Against Former Activist Monk**

**Transparency International** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases/>

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*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://childfundalliance.org/news/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://concordeurope.org/news-and-events/>

*[European NGO confederation for relief and development]*

Apr 26, 2016 |

**Time for a visionary EU Global Strategy**

In June this year, the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Federica Mogherini will review the "EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy" to guide the European Union's global actions in the future. CONCORD asks the drafting team to adopt a long-term vision rooted in human rights and the promotion of sustainable development within and outside of the EU.

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre>

*[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World Vision]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://theelders.org/news-media>

*News Jenny Yates 27 April 2016*

**After Paris: what next for climate action?**

Jenny Yates, our Programme Director, reflects on the signing of the Paris Agreement on climate change by 175 countries and considers the road ahead for climate action.

**END Fund** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.end.org/news>

*Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Gavi** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.gavialliance.org/library/news/press-releases/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/>

29 April 2016

### **Global Fund Statement on Anti-Corruption Measures**

The Global Fund has zero tolerance for corruption or fraud in any programs supported by the Global Fund partnership.

The Global Fund operates with a high degree of transparency in all matters, conducts robust audits and investigations, and publishes all findings. The 2016 Aid Transparency Index rated the Global Fund in the top five of all international aid organizations.

The Global Fund did not in any way mislead U.S. officials about anti-corruption practices to retain government funding, as suggested by a Bloomberg article on 29 April 2016...

27 April 2016

### **Global Fund Board Approves Strategy 2017-2022**

ABIDJAN, Côte d'Ivoire - The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria today approved a Strategy 2017-2022 to maximize impact, strengthen systems for health, promote and protect human rights and gender equality, and mobilize additional resources...

The Strategy, named "Investing to End Epidemics," sets the groundwork for more effective implementation of health programs, so that partners can reach more people and achieve greater impact. The Global Fund partnership fosters innovative approaches that meet diverse country needs, with the common goal of ending HIV, TB and malaria. For good...

The Strategy adopted by the Board emerged from extensive consultations and broad engagement over the past two years. Hundreds of partners participated in strategy discussions at Partnership Forums in 2015 that were convened in Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Buenos Aires, and contributed through an e-Forum that collected views from all over the world.

The new strategy is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals embraced by member states of the United Nations in September 2015, with a holistic and multidisciplinary approach that seeks to reach those most in need, reduce inequalities, and support sustainable transition across the development continuum as countries move toward self-sustainability. The new strategy underlines the Global Fund's commitment to contribute to building resilient and sustainable systems for health to support national strategies for health and national disease-specific strategic plans in each country. Strengthening data systems, and using existing data more effectively, is a key factor...

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

*No new digest content identified.*

**InterAction** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.interaction.org/media-center/press-releases>

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*No new digest content identified.*

### **Locus**

<http://locusworld.org/>

*"Locus is a movement focused on engaging those we serve, practitioners, the private sector, donors and to drive adoption of locally owned, integrated solutions."*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Start Network** [to 30 April 2016]

[http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U\\_O7FR98E](http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E)

*[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Muslim Charities Forum** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/media/news>

*An umbrella organisation for Muslim-led international NGOs based in the UK. It was set up in 2007 and works to support its members through advocacy, training and research, by bringing charities together. Our members have a collective income of £150,000,000 and work in 71 countries.*

*No new digest content identified.*

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### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.alnap.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CHS Alliance** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **EHLRA/R2HC** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>

26.04.2016

#### **More than just luck – first study untangling how to innovate in humanitarian action**

In recent years there has been a steady increase in interest and activity around innovation in the humanitarian sector. But what does innovation look like in humanitarian response? In response to this growing need for information on how humanitarian innovation 'happens', the Humanitarian Innovation Fund, in partnership with ALNAP, have published the first study to untangle how to innovate successfully in humanitarian action.

Report pdf: <http://www.elrha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/hif-alnap-2016-innovation-more-than-luck.pdf>

### **Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA)** [to 30 April 2016]

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<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Sphere Project** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://phap.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Global Development** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>

*Selected Press Releases, Blog Posts, Publications*

**[Creating a Better Candidate Pool for the Millennium Challenge Corporation](#)**

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Sarah Rose, Nancy Birdsall, and Anna Diofasi

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) was established to provide large-scale grant funding to poor, well-governed countries to support their efforts to reduce poverty and generate economic growth. However, the statutory definition of which countries are “poor” for the purposes of MCC candidacy is inadequate. Based solely on GNI per capita with a rigid graduation threshold, it does not portray a clear picture of broad-based well-being in a country. Using a new, comprehensive country-level dataset of median consumption/income, the authors explore the merits and limitations of such a measure and suggest how it might be applied as an additional determinant of MCC candidacy.

**ODI** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.odi.org/media>

*Research reports and studies* | April 2016

**[Mobilising private finance for climate compatible development: a diagnostic tool for mapping incentives and investment](#)**

Shelagh Whitley, Nella Canales Trujillo and Marigold Norman

This methodology helps governments and development partners to understand how public support can play a role in mobilising private finance for climate-compatible development.

**[Reforming donors in fragile states: using public management theory more strategically](#)**

*Research reports and studies* | April 2016 | Nilima Gulrajani, Dan Honig

This paper identifies ways in which donors can be more effective in fragile and conflict-affected states by exploiting theories and concepts drawn from public management.

**[PEFA: what is it good for? The role of PEFA assessments in public financial management reform](#)**

*Research reports and studies* | April 2016 | Sierd Hadley, Mark Miller

This report explores how Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) framework could be better used.

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### **Internal migrants and social protection: a review of eligibility and take-up**

Bibliography and literature reviews | April 2016 | Emma Hopkins, Francesca Bastagli, Jessica Hagen-Zanker

This literature review assesses the evidence on internal migrants' participation in social protection schemes.

### **Developing export-based manufacturing in sub-Saharan Africa**

Research reports and studies | April 2016 | Neil Balchin, Stephen Gelb, Jane Kennan, Hope Martin, Dirk Willem te Velde and Carolin Williams

This paper describes how production, employment, trade and investment in the manufacturing sectors in nine sub-Saharan African countries has increased over the last decade.

### **Urban Institute** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.urban.org/about/media>

April 25, 2016

### **Nisha Patel Joins Urban Institute as Executive Director of the US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty**

WASHINGTON, DC, April 25, 2016 – After leading public- and private-sector efforts to create economic opportunities for children and families, Nisha Patel is now executive director of a national initiative to combat poverty.

Funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and housed at the Urban Institute, the US Partnership on Mobility from Poverty is a collection of some of the most respected scholars and practitioners working on poverty and economic opportunity. Their charge is to develop and promote big ideas to improve the life chances of millions of Americans...

### **World Economic Forum** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://agenda.weforum.org/news/>

News 28 Apr 2016

### **Understanding Hypergrowth Holds Key to a Global Economy in Transition**

:: Adopting hypergrowth business practices can unlock huge value for the global economy

:: Hypergrowth can be cultivated in many business stages; the study finds that 63% of rapid and hypergrowth businesses experience their most dramatic growth six years or more after inception

:: The Fourth Industrial Revolution is increasing the number of opportunities for extremely rapid growth across industries

:: For more on Mastering Hypergrowth, including what differentiates these companies from others and best practices from a number of industry sectors, click [here](#)

News 27 Apr 2016

### **World Economic Forum Launches Smart Urban Transportation Challenge**

:: The World Economic Forum announces a call for applications from cities around the world interested in developing a Smart transportation plan

:: The Forum will select one laureate city and help it prepare and implement a multi-modal transportation plan, and possibly a self-driving vehicle pilot programme

:: Interested city officials are invited to submit expressions of interest to the World Economic Forum by 11 May 2016

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## **:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch**

*We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.*

### **Aga Khan Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.akdn.org/pr.asp>

29 April 2016

#### **Aga Khan University and Partners Launch Landmark Study to Help Kenya Meet Maternal/Child Health Goals**

Aga Khan University, Kenya's Ministry of Health and a group of partners launched the *Kenya Countdown to 2015 Country Case Study*, one of the most detailed analyses to date of Kenya's progress in reducing maternal and child deaths.

### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.aecf.org/contact/newsroom/>

Posted April 25, 2016

#### **New Casey Report Recommends Policies to Help Millions of Children With Incarcerated Parents**

More than 5.1 million U.S. kids have a parent who has served time. In a new report, *A Shared Sentence: The Devastating Toll of Parental Incarceration on Kids, Families and Communities*, the Annie E. Casey Foundation recommended policy reforms that would help millions of children who struggle with emotional and financial instability as a result of having an incarcerated parent.

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

### **Clinton Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Ford Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>

News — 28 April 2016

#### **Ford Foundation names Kathy Reich as director for effort to strengthen institutions and networks**

Reich will guide the foundation's BUILD efforts in the United States and across its 10 global offices to implement sector-leading approaches to supporting the sustainability, vitality, and effectiveness of organizations and networks that serve as pillars of broader social movements.

**GHIT Fund** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/>

*GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical companies, the Japanese Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.*

2016.04.26     *Events*

**The GHIT Fund will hold the fifth Proposal Writing Seminar on June 28, 2016**

The GHIT Fund provides funding to product development of drugs, vaccines and diagnostics for malaria, tuberculosis and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Since its establishment, the GHIT Fund has funded 64 projects for Japanese and non-Japanese partnerships. This seminar aims to provide information regarding the four investment platforms of GHIT, focusing on how to write a good proposal to apply for funding opportunities. Dr. Ann Mills-Duggan, Head of Seeding Drug Discovery Fund and Business Development Manager of Innovations at the Wellcome Trust, is confirmed as the seminar presenter.

Time & Date: 2:00PM – 4:00PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2016

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.hewlett.org/newsroom/search>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>

*Science Education* [ April 29, 2016 ]

**HHMI Selects 66 Medical Research Fellows**

Sixty-six medical and veterinary students from 34 schools across the nation will spend a full year of mentored biomedical research training as fellows in HHMI's Medical Research Fellows Program.

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media#pp=10&p=1&f1=news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.macfound.org/>

*Press release*

**\$100 Million Impact Investment Collaboration to Benefit Chicago**

Published April 25, 2016

The Chicago Community Trust, MacArthur and Calvert Foundation announce [Benefit Chicago](#), an innovative collaboration that aims to mobilize \$100 million in impact investments for nonprofits and social enterprises in Chicago...

*[see Week in Review above for more detail]*

**Blue Meridian Partners**

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

*Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.moore.org/news>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/issues/media-information>

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.packard.org/news/>

April 26, 2016

**Packard Foundation Names Meredith Blair Pearlman Evaluation and Learning Manager**

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced today the promotion of Meredith Blair Pearlman to Evaluation and Learning Manager, effective April 7, 2016. Pearlman will manage the Foundation's Evaluation and Learning Team and will work collaboratively with programs, providing direct consultation and technical assistance to ensure that assessment and evaluation enrich the Foundation's impact.

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/newsroom>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/news-releases.html>

Mon Apr 25 22:00:00 EDT 2016

### **Nation's Preparedness For Public Health Emergencies Is Improving, 2016 Index Shows**

Princeton, N.J.—An annual assessment of health security and preparedness shows the nation is relatively well-prepared for managing an emergency, although performance on some measures in specific states can be improved. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation released the results of the 2016 National Health Security Preparedness Index, which shows the United States scoring 6.7 on a 10-point scale for preparedness—an improvement of 3.6 percent since the Index began three years ago...

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/>

April 28, 2016

### **Leading Science Foundations Join the Science Philanthropy Alliance to Support Giving to Basic Science Research [News release]**

Heising-Simons Foundation, The Klarman Family Foundation, The Shurl and Kay Curci Foundation, and The Wellcome Trust join as new Alliance Members...

**Wellcome Trust** [to 30 April 2016]

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2016/index.htm>

28 April 2016

### **Top Wellcome researchers awarded Academy Fellowships**

Eighteen researchers we're supporting, and a number in the wider Wellcome community, have today been elected to the prestigious Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

### **Mike Turner appointed Acting Director of Science**

Mike Turner, currently Head of Infection and Immunobiology at the Wellcome Trust, has been appointed Acting Director of Science until a permanent appointment is made. 26 April 2016

### **Wellcome appoints new Head of Public Engagement**

Imran Khan has been appointed Head of Public Engagement at the Wellcome Trust, where he will play a key role in shaping and growing public engagement with science in the UK and globally.

25 April 2016

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### ***:: Journal Watch***

*The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.*

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## **American Journal of Disaster Medicine**

Summer 2015, Volume 10, Number 3

<http://pnpcsw.pnpco.com/cadmus/testvol.asp?year=2015&journal=ajdm>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **American Journal of Infection Control**

May 2016 Volume 44, Issue 5, p495-618, e59-e80

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[New issue; No new relevant content identified]

## **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

May 2016 Volume 50, Issue 5, p553-676, e123-e162

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

*Research Articles*

### **Childhood Adversity and Adult Reports of Food Insecurity Among Households With Children**

Jing Sun, Molly Knowles, Falguni Patel, Deborah A. Frank, Timothy C. Heeren, Mariana Chilton  
p561–572

Published online: November 16 2015

Open Access

*Preview*

Exposure to childhood adversity, including abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction, is associated with negative long-term health and economic outcomes. Little is known about how adversity exposure in parents' early lives may be related to later food insecurity for parents and their children. This study investigated the association between female caregivers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and household and child food insecurity, taking into account depressive symptoms.

*Abstract*

Introduction

Exposure to childhood adversity, including abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction, is associated with negative long-term health and economic outcomes. Little is known about how adversity exposure in parents' early lives may be related to later food insecurity for parents and their children. This study investigated the association between female caregivers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and household and child food insecurity, taking into account depressive symptoms.

Methods

This study used cross-sectional data from 1,255 female caregivers of children aged <4 years surveyed in an urban clinical setting from March 2012 through June 2014. Measures included sociodemographic characteristics; caregivers' ACEs, including abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction; depressive symptoms; and household and child food insecurity. Multinomial and logistic regression analyses assessed the relationship among ACEs, depressive symptoms, and household and child food security status.

Results

Caregiver depressive symptoms modified associations between ACEs and food insecurity level. After adjusting for covariates, caregivers reporting both depressive symptoms and four or more ACEs were 12.3 times as likely to report low food security (95% CI=6.2, 24.7); 28.8 times as likely to report very low food security (95% CI=12.8, 64.8); and 17.6 times as likely to report

child food insecurity (95% CI=7.3, 42.6) compared with those reporting no depressive symptoms and no ACEs.

#### Conclusions

Depressive symptoms and ACEs were independently associated with household and child food insecurity, and depressive symptoms modified the association between ACEs and household and child food insecurity. Comprehensive policy interventions incorporating nutrition assistance and behavioral health may address intergenerational transmission of disadvantage.

### **American Journal of Public Health**

Volume 106, Issue 5 (May 2016)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

#### *AJPH EDITORIALS*

##### *SOCIAL ISOLATION*

### **Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Living Alone: Identifying the Risks for Public Health**

Eric Klinenberg

American Journal of Public Health: May 2016, Vol. 106, No. 5: 786–787.

#### *AJPH PERSPECTIVES*

##### *CORRECTIONAL HEALTH*

### **Mainstream Health Care in Taiwan's Prisons: A Model for Expanding Medicaid Coverage to Incarcerated Americans**

Michael S. Chen, San-Kuei Huang

American Journal of Public Health: May 2016, Vol. 106, No. 5: 794–795

#### *AJPH GLOBAL HEALTH FORUM*

##### *UNIVERSAL COVERAGE*

### **Being Fair in Universal Health Coverage: Prioritize Public Health Services for Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

Mathew George

American Journal of Public Health: May 2016, Vol. 106, No. 5: 830–831

#### *AJPH LETTERS AND RESPONSES*

##### *REFUGEE HEALTH*

### **Syrian Refugees Constitute 20% of Jordan's Population**

Mujalli M. Murshidi

American Journal of Public Health: May 2016, Vol. 106, No. 5: e18–e18.

### **Supporting Syrian Refugees: The Need for a Multidisciplinary Action Plan**

Samy A. Azer

American Journal of Public Health: May 2016, Vol. 106, No. 5: e18–e19.

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

April 2016; 94 (4)

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

19 April 2016, Vol. 164. No. 8

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<http://annals.org/issue.aspx>  
[Reviewed earlier]

## **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

[No new content]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

*Research article*

### **Stigma, explanatory models and unmet needs of caregivers of children with developmental disorders in a low-income African country: a cross-sectional facility-based survey**

*Understanding the perspectives of caregivers of children with developmental disorders living in low-income countries is important to inform intervention programmes.*

Dejene Tilahun, Charlotte Hanlon, Abebaw Fekadu, Bethlehem Tekola, Yonas Baheretibeb and Rosa A. Hoekstra

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:152

Published on: 27 April 2016

*Research article*

### **Assessment of medicines use pattern using World Health Organization's Prescribing, Patient Care and Health facility indicators in selected health facilities in eastern Ethiopia**

*About one-third of the world's population lack access to essential medicines and this is further compounded by inappropriate prescription, dispensing, sale and use of the available medicines.*

Arebu I. Bilal, Ebrahim D. Osman and Anwar Mulugeta

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:144

Published on: 23 April 2016

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

## **BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

*Research article*

### **The ethics of community-based research with people who use drugs: results of a scoping review**

Rusty Souleymanov, Dario Kuzmanović, Zack Marshall, Ayden I. Scheim, Mikiki Mikiki, Catherine Worthington and Margaret (Peggy) Millson

Published on: 29 April 2016

*Abstract*

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## Background

Drug user networks and community-based organizations advocate for greater, meaningful involvement of people with lived experience of drug use in research, programs and services, and policy initiatives. Community-based approaches to research provide an opportunity to engage people who use drugs in all stages of the research process. Conducting community-based participatory research (CBPR) with people who use drugs has its own ethical challenges that are not necessarily acknowledged or supported by institutional ethics review boards. We conducted a scoping review to identify ethical issues in CBPR with people who use drugs that were documented in peer-reviewed and grey literature.

## Methods

The search strategy focused on three areas; community-based research, ethical issues, and drug use. Searches of five academic databases were conducted in addition to a grey literature search, hand-searching, and consultation with organizational partners and key stakeholders. Peer reviewed literature and community reports published in English between 1985 and 2013 were included, with initial screening conducted by two reviewers.

## Results

The search strategy produced a total of 874 references. Twenty-five references met the inclusion criteria and were included in our thematic analysis. Five areas were identified as important to the ethics of CBPR with people who use drugs: 1) participant compensation, 2) drug user perspectives on CBPR, 3) peer recruitment and representation in CBPR, 4) capacity building, and 5) participation and inclusion in CBPR.

## Conclusions

We critically discuss implications of the emerging research in this field and provide suggestions for future research and practice.

## BMC Medicine

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

[No new content]

## BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

*Research article*

### **[The influence of grandmothers on breastfeeding rates: a systematic review](#)**

*Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of an infant's life has enormous potential to reduce mortality and morbidity. The older generation, particularly the infant's grandmothers, play a central role ...*

Joel Negin, Jenna Coffman, Pavle Vizintin and Camille Raynes-Greenow

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:91

Published on: 27 April 2016

*Research article*

### **[Stressful events, social health issues and psychological distress in Aboriginal women having a baby in South Australia: implications for antenatal care](#)**

*Around 6 % of births in Australia are to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women are 2–3 times more likely to experience adverse maternal and perinatal outcomes...*

Donna Weetra, Karen Glover, Mary Buckskin, Jackie Ah Kit, Cathy Leane, Amanda Mitchell, Deanna Stuart-Butler, May Turner, Jane Yelland, Deirdre Gartland and Stephanie J Brown  
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:88  
Published on: 26 April 2016

*Research article*

**[Perinatal health outcomes of East African immigrant populations in Victoria, Australia: a population based study](#)**

*Sub-Saharan African women are often treated as a single group in epidemiological studies of immigrant birth outcomes, potentially masking variations across countries.*

Fetene B. Belihu, Mary-Ann Davey and Rhonda Small

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:86

Published on: 26 April 2016

**BMC Public Health**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

**BMC Research Notes**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>

(Accessed 30 April 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

**BMJ Open**

2016, Volume 6, Issue 4

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**British Medical Journal**

30 April 2016 (vol 352, issue 8055)

<http://www.bmj.com/content/353/8055>

[No new relevant content identified]

**Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 94, Number 4, April 2016, 233-308

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/4/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Child Care, Health and Development**

May 2016 Volume 42, Issue 3 Pages 297–454

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.3/issuetoc>

*Reviews*

**[Long-term cognitive and school outcomes of late-preterm and early-term births: a systematic review \(pages 297–312\)](#)**

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E. Chan, P. Leong, R. Malouf and M. A. Quigley  
Article first published online: 10 FEB 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12320

*Reviews*

**[The role of collaboration in the cognitive development of young children: a systematic review \(pages 313–324\)](#)**

J. Sills, G. Rowse and L.-M. Emerson  
Article first published online: 16 MAR 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12330

*Reviews*

**[Interagency collaboration in children and young people's mental health: a systematic review of outcomes, facilitating factors and inhibiting factors \(pages 325–342\)](#)**

M. Cooper, Y. Evans and J. Pybis  
Article first published online: 10 FEB 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12322

**Complexity**

March/April 2016 Volume 21, Issue 4 Pages 1–93  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.3/issuetoc>  
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### **[Best practices in ranking communicable disease threats: a literature review, 2015](#)**

by EC O'Brien, R Taft, K Geary, M Ciotti, JE Suk

The threat of serious, cross-border communicable disease outbreaks in Europe poses a significant challenge to public health and emergency preparedness because the relative likelihood of these threats and the pathogens involved are constantly shifting in response to a range of changing disease drivers. To inform strategic planning by enabling effective resource allocation to manage the consequences of communicable disease outbreaks, it is useful to be able to rank and prioritise pathogens. This paper reports on a literature review which identifies and evaluates the range of methods used for risk ranking. Searches were performed across biomedical and grey literature databases, supplemented by reference harvesting and citation tracking. Studies were selected using transparent inclusion criteria and underwent quality appraisal using a bespoke checklist based on the AGREE II criteria. Seventeen studies were included in the review, covering five methodologies. A narrative analysis of the selected studies suggests that no single methodology was superior. However, many of the methods shared common components, around which a 'best-practice' framework was formulated. This approach is intended to help inform decision makers' choice of an appropriate risk-ranking study design.

*News*

### **[World Health Organization announces European Region malaria free](#)**

On 20 April 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that the WHO European Region, which comprises 53 countries, is the first of the WHO regions to have interrupted the indigenous transmission of malaria [1].

In 2005, the WHO European Regional Office for Europe adopted the Tashkent Declaration, 'The Move from Malaria Control to Elimination' [2] which paved the way for a new malaria elimination strategy, the 'Regional Strategy: From Malaria Control to Elimination in the WHO European Region 2006-2015' [3]. The Regional Strategy set out milestones for the countries of the WHO European Region to eliminate malaria. Between 1995 and 2015, the number of indigenous malaria cases went from around 90,000 to zero in the European Region.

In July 2016, the WHO will hold its first meeting on the prevention of the re-introduction of malaria into the WHO European Region. According to the WHO, the meeting will focus on prevention through (i) sustained political commitment, (ii) strong vigilance to test and treat all malaria cases promptly, (iii) understanding how malaria transmission could be reintroduced and the risk it poses; and (iv) immediate action if local malaria transmission resumes.

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*Research*

### **Partnerships in global health and collaborative governance: lessons learnt from the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine at the Geneva University Hospitals**

David Beran, Sigiriya Aebischer Perone, Gabriel Alcoba, Alexandre Bischoff, Claire-Lise Bussien, Gilles Eperon, Olivier Hagon, Olivia Heller, Frédérique Jacqueroiz Bausch, Nicolas Perone, Thomas Vogel and François Chappuis

Published on: 29 April 2016

*Abstract*

Background

In 2007 the "Crisp Report" on international partnerships increased interest in Northern countries on the way their links with Southern partners operated. Since its establishment in 2007 the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine at the Geneva University Hospitals has developed a variety of partnerships. Frameworks to assess these partnerships are needed and recent attention in the field of public management on collaborative governance may provide a useful approach for analyzing international collaborations.

Methods

Projects of the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine were analyzed by collaborators within the Division using the model proposed by Emerson and colleagues for collaborative governance, which comprises different components that assess the collaborative process.  
Results

International projects within the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine can be divided into four categories: Human resource development; Humanitarian response; Neglected Tropical Diseases and Noncommunicable diseases. For each of these projects there was a clear leader from the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine as well as a local counterpart. These individuals were seen as leaders both due to their role in establishing the collaboration as well as their technical expertise. Across these projects the actual partners vary greatly. This diversity means a wide range of contributions to the collaboration, but also complexity in managing different interests. A common definition of the collaborative aims in each of the projects is both a formal and informal process. Legal, financial and administrative aspects of the collaboration are the formal elements. These can be a challenge based on different administrative requirements. Friendship is part of the informal aspects and helps contribute to a relationship that is not exclusively professional.

#### Conclusion

Using collaborative governance allows the complexity of managing partnerships to be presented. The framework used highlights the process of establishing collaborations, which is an element often negated by other more traditional models used in international partnerships. Applying the framework to the projects of the Division of Tropical and Humanitarian Medicine highlights the importance of shared values and interests, credibility of partners, formal and informal methods of management as well as friendship.

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### **The Life Science Exchange: a case study of a sectoral and sub-sectoral knowledge exchange programme**

Brian Lee Perkins, Rob Garlick, Jodie Wren, Jon Smart, Julie Kennedy, Phil Stephens, Gwyn Tudor, Jonathan Bisson and David V. Ford

Published on: 27 April 2016

#### *Abstract*

##### **Background**

Local and national governments have implemented sector-specific policies to support economic development through innovation, entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange. Supported by the Welsh Government through the European Regional Development Fund, The Life Science Exchange® project was created with the aim to increase interaction between stakeholders, to develop more effective knowledge exchange mechanisms, and to stimulate the formation and maintenance of long-term collaborative relationships within the Welsh life sciences ecosystem. The Life Science Exchange allowed participants to interact with other stakeholder communities (clinical, academic, business, governmental), exchange perspectives and discover new opportunities.

##### **Methods**

Six sub-sector focus groups comprising over 200 senior stakeholders from academia, industry, the Welsh Government and National Health Service were established. Over 18 months, each focus group provided input to inform healthcare innovation policy and knowledge mapping exercises of their respective sub-sectors. Collaborative projects identified during the focus groups and stakeholder engagement were further developed through sandpit events and bespoke support.

##### **Results**

Each sub-sector focus group produced a report outlining the significant strengths and opportunities in their respective areas of focus, made recommendations to overcome any 'system failures', and identified the stakeholder groups which needed to take action. A second outcome was a stakeholder-driven knowledge mapping exercise for each area of focus. Finally, the sandpit events and bespoke support resulted in participants generating more than £1.66 million in grant funding and inward investment. This article outlines four separate outcomes from the Life Science Exchange programme.

##### **Conclusions**

The Life Science Exchange process has resulted in a multitude of collaborations, projects, inward investment opportunities and special interest group formations, in addition to securing over ten times its own costs in funding for Wales. The Life Science Exchange model is a simple and straightforward mechanism for a regional or national government to adapt and implement in order to improve innovation, skills, networks and knowledge exchange.

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## **JAMA**

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*Special Communication* | April 26, 2016

### **The Association Between Income and Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014**

Raj Chetty, PhD1; Michael Stepner, BA2; Sarah Abraham, BA2; Shelby Lin, MPhil3; Benjamin Scuderi, BA4; Nicholas Turner, PhD5; Augustin Bergeron, MA4; David Cutler, PhD4

#### **Author Affiliations**

JAMA. 2016;315(16):1750-1766. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.4226.

#### **Abstract**

##### **Importance**

The relationship between income and life expectancy is well established but remains poorly understood.

##### **Objectives**

To measure the level, time trend, and geographic variability in the association between income and life expectancy and to identify factors related to small area variation.

##### **Design and Setting**

Income data for the US population were obtained from 1.4 billion deidentified tax records between 1999 and 2014. Mortality data were obtained from Social Security Administration death records. These data were used to estimate race- and ethnicity-adjusted life expectancy at 40 years of age by household income percentile, sex, and geographic area, and to evaluate factors associated with differences in life expectancy.

##### **Exposure**

Pretax household earnings as a measure of income.

##### **Main Outcomes and Measures**

Relationship between income and life expectancy; trends in life expectancy by income group; geographic variation in life expectancy levels and trends by income group; and factors associated with differences in life expectancy across areas.

##### **Results**

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The sample consisted of 1,408,287,218 person-year observations for individuals aged 40 to 76 years (mean age, 53.0 years; median household earnings among working individuals, \$61,175 per year). There were 4,114,380 deaths among men (mortality rate, 596.3 per 100,000) and 2,694,808 deaths among women (mortality rate, 375.1 per 100,000). The analysis yielded 4 results. First, higher income was associated with greater longevity throughout the income distribution. The gap in life expectancy between the richest 1% and poorest 1% of individuals was 14.6 years (95% CI, 14.4 to 14.8 years) for men and 10.1 years (95% CI, 9.9 to 10.3 years) for women. Second, inequality in life expectancy increased over time. Between 2001 and 2014, life expectancy increased by 2.34 years for men and 2.91 years for women in the top 5% of the income distribution, but by only 0.32 years for men and 0.04 years for women in the bottom 5% ( $P < .001$  for the differences for both sexes). Third, life expectancy for low-income individuals varied substantially across local areas. In the bottom income quartile, life expectancy differed by approximately 4.5 years between areas with the highest and lowest longevity. Changes in life expectancy between 2001 and 2014 ranged from gains of more than 4 years to losses of more than 2 years across areas. Fourth, geographic differences in life expectancy for individuals in the lowest income quartile were significantly correlated with health behaviors such as smoking ( $r = -0.69$ ,  $P < .001$ ), but were not significantly correlated with access to medical care, physical environmental factors, income inequality, or labor market conditions. Life expectancy for low-income individuals was positively correlated with the local area fraction of immigrants ( $r = 0.72$ ,  $P < .001$ ), fraction of college graduates ( $r = 0.42$ ,  $P < .001$ ), and government expenditures ( $r = 0.57$ ,  $P < .001$ ).

#### Conclusions and Relevance

In the United States between 2001 and 2014, higher income was associated with greater longevity, and differences in life expectancy across income groups increased over time. However, the association between life expectancy and income varied substantially across areas; differences in longevity across income groups decreased in some areas and increased in others. The differences in life expectancy were correlated with health behaviors and local area characteristics

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[Improving Opportunity, Population Health, and Well-being Collectively](#); Steven H. Woolf, MD, MPH; Jason Q. Purnell, PhD, MPH

[Income, Longevity, and Community Health](#); J. Michael McGinnis, MD, MPP

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### **Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)**

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#### **Introduction to Public Health and Incarceration: Social Justice Matters**

Overview Providing health care in jails, prisons, half-way houses, and community-supervised correctional programs, correctional facilities, and community systems has a direct effect on health outcomes of incarcerated populations. Moreover, effective linkages to a myriad of services upon release and assistance with community reintegration are key components for reducing recidivism. In an effort to highlight some of the disparity issues and challenges in corrections, we offer this issue, titled, Public Health and Incarceration: Social Justice Matters. In 2012, U.S. state prison systems, comprising 50 independent entities, incarcerated over 1.3 million people, of whom a disproportionate share were minorities, primarily African Americans and Hispanics. Despite recent reports that 2012 marked a decrease in the number of imprisonments of males and females, the U.S. continues to lead the world in incarceration of its residents. The reported decrease in incarceration may be attributed to alternative sentences, such as probation, which maintains individuals under correctional supervision.

Mass incarceration disrupts families and affects health status and the quality of life within families. Prisoners are more likely than the general population to have chronic health conditions and infectious diseases. In 2012, 43.9% of offenders reported a chronic condition, relative to 31.0% of the general population; 21.0% of offenders had had an infectious disease, relative to 4.8% of the general population. The disparities in mental health and substance abuse are equally troubling. These health risks are not proportionately distributed across populations. African American males have an imprisonment rate of 2,841 per 100,000; Hispanic males have

a rate of 1,158 per 100,000; and White males have a rate of 463 per 100,000. There are similar disparities for African American and Hispanic females relative to Whites.

Although some of the health problems experienced by offenders are addressed during their incarceration, many are not addressed upon their release, which poses serious health risks for the former offenders and for the local communities to which they return. Health problems of former offenders become those of the local community, where there may be little knowledge and discussion related to the intersections of corrections, public health, and reentry for this subset of a vulnerable population.

This special issue of the JHCPU-with a focus on disparities related to racial and ethnic minorities, reentry, and public health-explores innovative research, services, and programs that deal with the health of the offender population. The social justice system is burdened with imperfections deleterious to health equity. The system disproportionately lessens the life opportunities of African Americans, Latinos, and other disadvantaged ethnic minority groups. Eliminating such imperfections is a formidable task, but nevertheless one that must be accomplished if the nation is to achieve true health equity.

The articles in this issue of the JHCPU report on strategies for change. In the commentary by Ferguson, et al., a strong case is made that systems change is the "order of the day"; this case is eloquently presented as a "Call for Action." While there have been many other such appeals, this call offers recommendations for clinical practice, criminal justice studies, health science institutions, and communities. Much like the compelling call for action in Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, a stage is set for sector stakeholders to move in a new direction, one involving sector accountability without compromise. We must change the mass incarceration practices and eliminate their catastrophic effects on racial and ethnic minorities, in the U.S. In the manuscript by Coughlin, Lewis, and Smith, developments in ethics in the context of the racial/ethnic disparities that exist in corrections, are discussed. Ethical considerations in clinical and public health research on HIV in prison and jail settings are considered. Factors in mental health research are summarized, along with issues pertaining to research involving female inmates. The ethics of research involving incarcerated people extends beyond traditional ethical concerns related to human subjects to include issues in the domains of bioethics and public health ethics. Tamburello and Ferguson present a commentary on marginalized individuals diagnosed with mental health conditions and the medication-prescribing practices in correctional facilities. Several articles in this issue concern incarcerated women specifically...

#### *Commentaries*

#### **Ethical and Social Issues in Health Research Involving Incarcerated People**

pp. 18-28

Steven S. Coughlin, Sharon R. Lewis, Selina A. Smith

#### *Abstract:*

The use of inmates in research in the U.S. was restricted by the recommendations of the National Commission and by federal regulations and guidelines that followed. By the 1980s, many health care officials became concerned about the exclusion of inmates from experimental treatments for human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV). These developments in ethics occurred in the context of racial/ethnic disparities in health. In this article, ethical considerations in clinical and public health research on HIV in prison and jail settings are considered. Ethical considerations in mental health research are summarized as well as issues pertaining to research involving female inmates. Issues related to oversight of research involving incarcerated people are considered along with the ethics of public health research. The ethics of research involving incarcerated people extends beyond traditional issues in human subjects ethics to include issues within the domains of bioethics and public health ethics.

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## **Journal of Infectious Diseases**

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## **Journal of International Development**

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*Research Articles*

### **[In Harm's Way: Children's Work in Risky Occupations in Brazil \(pages 447–472\)](#)**

Deborah S. DeGraff, Andrea R. Ferro and Deborah Levison

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*Abstract*

There were large numbers of child workers in domestic services, street work, construction and selected areas of agricultural production in Brazil at the turn of the century. These kinds of occupations are often problematic for youth. We show that children engaged in these risky categories of work are more disadvantaged than other employed children and non-employed children. Results from a large representative survey show that children in 'risky' work are more likely to have parents also engaged in hazardous activities or be living without both parents, characteristics that may be useful for targeting policy.

### **[Evidences on Donors Competition in Africa: Traditional Donors versus China \(pages 528–551\)](#)**

Eric Gabin Kilama

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*Abstract*

This paper describes the aid allocation behaviours of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) donors and their response to the emergence of China in the aid landscape. Our analysis presents evidences of donors' competition in Africa.

We investigate whether African countries with the Chinese influence expanding receive favourable aid modalities from G7 donors over the period 2000–2011. We find a robust positive

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relationship between the level of aid and the number of China projects a country receives and the level of bilateral aid from G7 donors, even after accounting for standard economic and political factors. Results indicate that DAC donors use bilateral aid to tackle the increasing influence of China in Africa, by delivering more aid to countries with natural resources or strategic political interest. The paper also assesses empirically whether strategic interests and economic competition between DAC donors and China have influenced the composition of aid flows received by African countries.

Our empirical strategy is sharpened by the use of a spatial-X model and a difference-in-difference estimation that leverages a 'natural' experiment in DAC aid flows in the aftermath of the financial crisis, with China increasing his sphere of influence in Africa.

#### *Field Report*

#### **[How a Strong Sense of Community Led to Improvements in Rural Health Care: The Case of Patanatic, Guatemala \(pages 631–639\)](#)**

Jeffrey S. Smith, Rachel J. Loder, Sonia Xiquin and Ana Adela Garcia

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#### *Abstract*

Improving rural health in the Global South has been approached from different perspectives. Since World War II, most aid has been funded through top-down approaches seeking to eliminate specific problems. There is a growing push, however, to involve local residents in the process, and the literature asserts that programs meshing with local cultural traditions and drawing upon resident knowledge are more successful. Here is a case study of how Patanatic, Guatemala developed its own rural health program. The lessons learned are worth considering and show promise of being applicable to other rural Global South locations.

#### **The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics**

Winter 2015 Volume 43, Issue 4 Pages 673–913

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#### ***Special Issue: SYMPOSIUM: Harmonizing Privacy Laws to Enable International Biobank Research: Part I***

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#### **Journal of Public Health Policy**

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Our Co-Editor reports on developments from Paris, where he joined 40,000 people in November at the Summit at Le Bourget

Anthony Robbins

J Public Health Pol 37: 129-132; advance online publication, January 7, 2016;  
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**Zika virus: An international emergency?** FREE

A distinguished Mexican researcher anguishes about next steps to control this epidemic and its frightening consequences

Adolfo Martinez Palomo

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*Abstract*

This Viewpoint discusses the World Health Organization's Declaration on 1 February 2016 that the epidemic infection caused by the Zika virus is a public health emergency of international concern – the basis of the decision and controversy surrounding it.

*Viewpoints*

**Unhealthy marketing of pharmaceutical products: An international public health concern**

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*Abstract*

I consider the current state of pharmaceutical marketing vis-à-vis ethical and legal standards and advocate measures to improve it. There is abundant evidence of unethical or illicit marketing. It fuels growing concerns about undue corporate influence over pharmaceutical research, education, and consumption. The most extensive evidence of industry transgressions comes from the United States (US), where whistle-blowers are encouraged by financial rewards to help uncover illicit marketing and fraud. Outside the US increasing evidence of transgressions exists. Recently I have observed a range of new measures to align pharmaceutical marketing practices with ethical and legal standards. In the interest of public health, I highlight the need for additional and more profound reforms to ensure that information about medicines supports quality and resource-efficient care

*Original Articles*

**Misconceptions about Ebola virus disease among lay people in Guinea: Lessons for community education**

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*Abstract*

To characterize the perception of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Guinea, we administered, from November 2014 to February 2015, a questionnaire to a convenience sample of 200 lay people in Conakry and a group of 8 physicians. We found widespread misconceptions among lay people, including that praying to God can protect against EVD, that traditional healers are more competent than physicians in treating EVD, that people get infected through physical proximity without contact, that the Ebola epidemic is the result of Western bioterrorism experiments, that

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Western medical staff disseminated the virus, and that the purpose of quarantine measures is to hasten the death of Ebola patients. Major educational interventions, sensitive to local cultural beliefs, are needed to overcome the misconceptions about Ebola in Guinea.

### **Social world of organ transplantation, trafficking, and policies**

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#### *Abstract*

Although success of organ transplants reflects advances in medical procedures, the success has generated debates about the ethical standards and policies that govern transplants, especially the acquisition of organs for transplants. We focus on laws, policies, and organ trafficking to highlight the interdisciplinary perspectives that can shape our understanding of transplantation as a social phenomenon. We discuss international policies and country-specific legislation from Pakistan to point to gaps and their implications for protecting vulnerable people who are exploited for organ removal. International collaboration and the legal framework need to be strengthened to fight the menace globally and to deal with the cases of organ trafficking within the legal ambit of human trafficking so that the rights of victims are upheld by states, justice systems, and ultimately medical establishments and practitioners.

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*Life Sciences–Mathematics interface*

### **Introduction of rubella-containing-vaccine to Madagascar: implications for roll-out and local elimination**

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#### *Abstract*

Few countries in Africa currently include rubella-containing vaccination (RCV) in their immunization schedule. The Global Alliance for Vaccines Initiative (GAVI) recently opened a funding window that has motivated more widespread roll-out of RCV. As countries plan RCV introductions, an understanding of the existing burden, spatial patterns of vaccine coverage, and the impact of patterns of local extinction and reintroduction for rubella will be critical to developing effective programmes. As one of the first countries proposing RCV introduction in part with GAVI funding, Madagascar provides a powerful and timely case study. We analyse serological data from measles surveillance systems to characterize the epidemiology of rubella in Madagascar. Combining these results with data on measles vaccination delivery, we develop an age-structured model to simulate rubella vaccination scenarios and evaluate the dynamics of rubella and the burden of congenital rubella syndrome (CRS) across Madagascar. We additionally evaluate the drivers of spatial heterogeneity in age of infection to identify focal locations where vaccine surveillance should be strengthened and where challenges to successful vaccination introduction are expected. Our analyses indicate that characteristics of rubella in Madagascar are in line with global observations, with an average age of infection near 7 years, and an impact of frequent local extinction with reintroductions causing localized epidemics. Modelling results indicate that introduction of RCV into the routine programme alone may initially decrease rubella incidence but then result in cumulative increases in the burden of CRS in some regions (and transient increases in this burden in many regions). Deployment of RCV

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with regular supplementary campaigns will mitigate these outcomes. Results suggest that introduction of RCV offers a potential for elimination of rubella in Madagascar, but also emphasize both that targeted vaccination is likely to be a lynchpin of this success, and the public health vigilance that this introduction will require.

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*Editorial*

#### **The next Director-General of WHO**

The Lancet

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*Summary*

WHO last week fired a starting pistol to launch the election for its next Director-General. The final vote does not take place until May, 2017. Procedures have been substantially revised since 2012, when Margaret Chan was elected to serve a second term. It is likely that this lengthy process will therefore be more transparent, accountable, and disputatious (and considerably less corrupt) than past elections.

### **The Lancet Infectious Diseases**

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## New England Journal of Medicine

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*Original Article*

### **[A Monovalent Chimpanzee Adenovirus Ebola Vaccine Boosted with MVA](#)**

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*Abstract*

Background

The West African outbreak of Ebola virus disease that peaked in 2014 has caused more than 11,000 deaths. The development of an effective Ebola vaccine is a priority for control of a future outbreak.

Methods

In this phase 1 study, we administered a single dose of the chimpanzee adenovirus 3 (ChAd3) vaccine encoding the surface glycoprotein of Zaire ebolavirus (ZEBOV) to 60 healthy adult volunteers in Oxford, United Kingdom. The vaccine was administered in three dose levels —  $1 \times 10^{10}$  viral particles,  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$  viral particles, and  $5 \times 10^{10}$  viral particles — with 20

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participants in each group. We then assessed the effect of adding a booster dose of a modified vaccinia Ankara (MVA) strain, encoding the same Ebola virus glycoprotein, in 30 of the 60 participants and evaluated a reduced prime–boost interval in another 16 participants. We also compared antibody responses to inactivated whole Ebola virus virions and neutralizing antibody activity with those observed in phase 1 studies of a recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus–based vaccine expressing a ZEBOV glycoprotein (rVSV-ZEBOV) to determine relative potency and assess durability.

## Results

No safety concerns were identified at any of the dose levels studied. Four weeks after immunization with the ChAd3 vaccine, ZEBOV-specific antibody responses were similar to those induced by rVSV-ZEBOV vaccination, with a geometric mean titer of 752 and 921, respectively. ZEBOV neutralization activity was also similar with the two vaccines (geometric mean titer, 14.9 and 22.2, respectively). Boosting with the MVA vector increased virus-specific antibodies by a factor of 12 (geometric mean titer, 9007) and increased glycoprotein-specific CD8+ T cells by a factor of 5. Significant increases in neutralizing antibodies were seen after boosting in all 30 participants (geometric mean titer, 139;  $P < 0.001$ ). Virus-specific antibody responses in participants primed with ChAd3 remained positive 6 months after vaccination (geometric mean titer, 758) but were significantly higher in those who had received the MVA booster (geometric mean titer, 1750;  $P < 0.001$ ).

## Conclusions

The ChAd3 vaccine boosted with MVA elicited B-cell and T-cell immune responses to ZEBOV that were superior to those induced by the ChAd3 vaccine alone. (Funded by the Wellcome Trust and others; ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT02240875](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02240875).)

## Original Article

### **Phase 1 Trials of rVSV Ebola Vaccine in Africa and Europe**

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## Abstract

### Background

The replication-competent recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV)–based vaccine expressing a Zaire ebolavirus (ZEBOV) glycoprotein was selected for rapid safety and immunogenicity testing before its use in West Africa.

### Methods

We performed three open-label, dose-escalation phase 1 trials and one randomized, double-blind, controlled phase 1 trial to assess the safety, side-effect profile, and immunogenicity of rVSV-ZEBOV at various doses in 158 healthy adults in Europe and Africa. All participants were injected with doses of vaccine ranging from 300,000 to 50 million plaque-forming units (PFU) or placebo.

#### Results

No serious vaccine-related adverse events were reported. Mild-to-moderate early-onset reactogenicity was frequent but transient (median, 1 day). Fever was observed in up to 30% of vaccinees. Vaccine viremia was detected within 3 days in 123 of the 130 participants (95%) receiving 3 million PFU or more; rVSV was not detected in saliva or urine. In the second week after injection, arthritis affecting one to four joints developed in 11 of 51 participants (22%) in Geneva, with pain lasting a median of 8 days (interquartile range, 4 to 87); 2 self-limited cases occurred in 60 participants (3%) in Hamburg, Germany, and Kilifi, Kenya. The virus was identified in one synovial-fluid aspirate and in skin vesicles of 2 other vaccinees, showing peripheral viral replication in the second week after immunization. ZEBOV-glycoprotein-specific antibody responses were detected in all the participants, with similar glycoprotein-binding antibody titers but significantly higher neutralizing antibody titers at higher doses. Glycoprotein-binding antibody titers were sustained through 180 days in all participants.

#### Conclusions

In these studies, rVSV-ZEBOV was reactogenic but immunogenic after a single dose and warrants further evaluation for safety and efficacy. (Funded by the Wellcome Trust and others; ClinicalTrials.gov numbers, [NCT02283099](#), [NCT02287480](#), and [NCT02296983](#); Pan African Clinical Trials Registry number, [PACTR201411000919191](#).)

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*Perspective*

### **Child Homicide: A Global Public Health Concern**

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Despite recent increases in child survival, some 5.9 million children still die each year, and reducing global childhood mortality remains a public health priority [1]. The greatest numbers of deaths are due to infections, intrapartum events, and preterm births, but reductions in all causes of mortality are needed to reach the Sustainable Development Goal target of 25 deaths for every 1,000 live-born infants. In a research article in PLOS Medicine, Naeemah Abrahams and colleagues shed some light on the occurrence of child homicide [2]. Tragedy radiates from such events, backward in time to the pressure and emotional burden that might lead people, willfully or not, to end the life of a child, and forward to the effects on parents and families. Children who survive attempted homicide may go on to suffer long-term traumatic consequences [3].

Abrahams and colleagues examined data on homicides of children aged under five years in South Africa. They began by assessing records of unnatural deaths over a single year, 2009, in postmortem reports from a sample of medico-legal laboratories of different sizes and in urban and rural settings. They contacted investigating police officers and interviewed them to gather more information. Most of the deaths (74.4%) were of infants less than one year old (of whom 53.2% were neonates in their first 28 days of life). Mortality rates among neonates, infants, and children aged 1–4 years were 19.6, 28.4, and 1.0 per 100,000 live births, respectively. These figures are substantial: assuming an overall neonatal mortality rate of 12–14 per 1,000, the neonatal mortality estimate from homicide in the present study corresponds to ~1.5% of all neonatal deaths in South Africa in 2009.

Were the high rates of child homicide found in the study a product of South Africa's high aggregate homicide rate (31 per 100,000), or were they unexpected [4]? Global homicide rates average 6.2 per 100,000, but there is large variation. Young people under the age of 20 years make up around a quarter of homicide victims [4]: 95,000 children were killed in 2012, a rate of eight per 100,000. Rates are particularly high in Latin America (12 per 100,000) and east and central Africa (10 per 100,000). The highest estimate is for El Salvador, at 27 per 100,000 [3]. In some countries, such as Venezuela, improvements in child health have been vitiated by child homicides [3].

We should view global estimates with caution as data are often incomplete, analysis requires assumptions, and misclassification is particularly likely with regard to homicide of young infants

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[3]. In general, homicides are likely to be underreported, particularly for neonates in countries that do not have complete coverage of birth registration and where deliveries take place outside institutions. Categorisation is always going to be elusive, but Abrahams and colleagues used the best methods they could, with an emphasis on conservative estimates. The researchers excluded cases for which no information was available and deaths ascribed to sudden infant death syndrome (of which up to 10% might represent homicide) [5], which could have produced an underestimate of the burden of child homicide. Conversely, they classified all cases of abandonment and subsequent death as homicide, which might have produced an overestimate.

The most common antecedent to death was abandonment of young infants, but there was little information on cause of death beyond this. Concealment of pregnancy is relatively common worldwide [6], and other studies have shown that suffocation and drowning are frequent methods of infanticide [7]. Causal inference is difficult if the child's body is found in a partially decomposed state, and misclassification of stillbirths is possible. An assessment of abandoned fetuses and newborn infants in South Africa, by du Toit-Prinsloo and co-workers, found that 35% were decomposed. Amongst infants of greater than 26 weeks gestation, 28% ( $n = 31$ ) were thought to have been born alive, but differentiation was not possible in 31% [8].

Abrahams and colleagues found no difference in child homicide rates by sex, although there was a decreased likelihood of male deaths in rural settings compared to urban settings. They rightly draw comparisons with south Asia and China, where both feticide and infanticide of girls have been a serious concern [9,10], but we should be cautious, given the modest size of Abrahams and colleagues' study. In a related paper, Mathews and co-workers describe the epidemiology of child homicide in South Africa [11]. The pattern of homicide is similar for boys and girls, but changes with age. The homicide rate amongst males aged 15–17 years was five times that for females of the same age.

Abrahams and colleagues found—as have others—that mothers were the perpetrators in two-thirds of cases (maternal filicide). Studies from high-income countries suggest that the characteristics of mothers implicated in infanticide at birth and homicides of older infants are different. Women who commit neonaticide—the bulk of deaths—are more often young, unemployed or in school, and unmarried. Women implicated in the homicide of older infants tend to be older, and the homicide often occurs within a cycle of abuse [7]. The association of infanticide with maternal mental health is complex, and some studies support a link, while others do not [6]. Some women who commit infanticide are living with mental illness, including frank psychosis, but most infanticide does not seem to be associated with overt maternal mental illness [7].

What can the health community do? There are two general approaches: child protection and law enforcement, and primary prevention. Protecting vulnerable children is a priority, with an emphasis on supporting under-resourced and sometimes nonexistent child protection services, as is convicting perpetrators. In many cases, primary prevention of homicide through work with parents and families may be the best approach. Referring to deaths caused by parents, Resnick suggested a classification that included altruistic motives (to relieve suffering), acute psychosis, unwanted pregnancy, fatal consequences of child maltreatment, and revenge against another person, often a spouse [12]. Each of these categories has implications for the way we think about potential public health approaches. Some countries allow women to leave their infants anonymously in a safe place. The USA, for example, has introduced "safe havens" where infants can be abandoned legally. The effectiveness of such initiatives has yet to be determined, and it is not known whether mothers who might commit infanticide would call on them [13].

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We agree with Abrahams and colleagues that more funds should go into maternity services, and also suggest that interventions need to be instigated before conception. As many births are unwanted, accessible and contextually appropriate family planning interventions are needed. Much work needs to be done with adolescent women to provide advice and support on sexual health, contraception, and childbirth. For women who present antenatally, a mental health assessment should be part of routine practice, with extra support for those in whom conditions are diagnosed or predicted [14]. Mortality data should be disaggregated and include homicide statistics, even if the numbers are small, so that we can move forward with a clearer picture of where interventions would yield the greatest benefit. We know a little, but not enough.

#### *Research Article*

### **[Gender Differences in Homicide of Neonates, Infants, and Children under 5 y in South Africa: Results from the Cross-Sectional 2009 National Child Homicide Study](#)**

Naeemah Abrahams, Shanaaz Mathews, Lorna J. Martin, Carl Lombard, Nadine Nannan, Rachel Jewkes

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#### *Editorial*

### **[Nutritional Enteric Failure: Neglected Tropical Diseases and Childhood Stunting](#)**

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#### *[Initial text]*

Chronic malnutrition, defined by linear growth failure, or stunting, affects over 165 million children globally [1]. In many areas of the world with a high prevalence of stunting, children experience frequent and recurrent exposure to pathogens, including neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). These infections appear to have detrimental effects on linear growth [2–6], but interventions to promote linear growth have demonstrated limited benefit. Difficulty in establishing effective growth-promoting interventions is not unique to NTDs; even the optimal delivery of all interventions known to improve nutritional status is estimated to be able to reverse less than a quarter of all stunting [7]. The failure to identify effective interventions to reverse stunting offers the opportunity to develop a new conceptual model of chronic malnutrition that furthers our understanding of the mechanism linking pathogen and environmental exposures to linear growth failure. Such a conceptual model may guide the identification of new targets for intervention to reduce the substantial morbidity and mortality associated with chronic malnutrition [1]...

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#### *Research Article*

### **[Institutional Delivery and Satisfaction among Indigenous and Poor Women in Guatemala, Mexico, and Panama](#)**

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*Commentary:*

### **Anthropogenic disturbances infiltrate forest fragments**

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*Extract*

In the years after Edward O. Wilson and Robert MacArthur's seminal book, *The Theory of Island Biogeography* (1), which laid the foundations for understanding species diversity and extinction rates in isolated habitats, was published in 1967, a flurry of papers erupted on the effect of fragmentation in tropical rainforests. The big question at that time was whether it would be more advisable to protect massive tracts of continuous rainforest or smaller patches forming an archipelago of forest fragments within an anthropogenic matrix of pasturelands and tropical farms. Tom Lovejoy, who, like MacArthur, had earned his doctoral degree at Yale University under the mentorship of G. Evelyn Hutchinson, decided to put the question to a test by taking advantage of the ongoing land clearings around Manaus, Brazil, to create a large-scale experiment. In collaboration with Amazonian ranchers, the team cleared the trees around a series of fragments of rainforest of varying sizes to create islands of intact forest, and have been monitoring the plots since 1978, carefully documenting how deforestation harms neighboring pristine fragments as plants and animals of the mature forest give way to more opportunistic species that thrive in disturbed habitats (2–4). The Manaus experiment has been replicated in many different tropical regions with similar results, showing the vulnerability of small reserves to large-scale human disturbance. The detailed underlying mechanisms of biodiversity loss, however, remained to be unraveled. In PNAS, a group of Mexican ecologists tackle the problem of ecosystem fragmentation from a different perspective, the demography of understory plants, adding important information to our knowledge on the dynamics of forest fragments (5).

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## **Preventive Medicine**

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