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***Human Rights Action: Humanitarian Response: Health:  
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***Week ending 9 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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## **EU Turkey Agreement**

### ***Editor's Note:***

*We lead again this week with the "EU-Turkey Agreement" and its apparently sporadic implementation – with challenges continuing from many quarters.*

### **Europe is imprisoning refugee children**

*Greece*

Norwegian Refugee Council

(04.04.2016)

*"It is outrageous that young and innocent children fleeing war are kept imprisoned behind barbed wire in overcrowded detention facilities on European soil", said Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council Jan Egeland.*

Refugees and migrants arriving on the Greek islands after the EU-Turkey deal came into effect on 20 March are being sent to closed camps – while awaiting a chance to seek asylum or face being returned to Turkey. Some of the men, women and children on the Greek islands have now been kept in detention for up to two weeks.

"The camps in Greece need to be opened immediately. There are no justifications for keeping asylum seekers in Greece in closed facilities and the situation inside the camps is deteriorating rapidly, putting people in danger", said Egeland.

"The way the EU-Turkey deal is being implemented at the moment is a disgrace to Europe", he added. "We would never have accepted this for our own children – and we cannot accept it for others."

NRC and other humanitarian organizations have suspended some activities at the registration center at Chios after it was turned into a detention facility.

"We cannot support the running of enforced detention facilities, but we are ready to assist if the authorities agree to open the camps", said Egeland.

According to the plan, Greece may start returning people to Turkey as early as Monday 4 April, despite concerns that many of those arriving have not had their legal rights explained to them, nor had a chance to receive a fair asylum hearing.

"Europe gave birth to the Refugee Convention when our own forefathers were displaced by war. Now Europe risks becoming the same convention's burial agent. No people should be returned to Turkey before necessary safeguards are in place – and all people who seek asylum in Greece must be secured a fair, individual process, said Egeland.

The agreement with Turkey, aimed at discouraging people from crossing the Mediterranean from Turkey to Greece, may end up putting refugees and migrants at increased risk, argues NRC.

"As long as we are not solving the real problems, the wars in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan and the desperate situation for refugees in neighbouring countries, people will continue to flee to Europe for protection. We fear people will seek other and more dangerous routes, like going from Libya to Italy or across the Black Sea", said Egeland.

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### **UNICEF urges full hearings for refugee and migrant children stranded in Greece**

GENEVA, 6 April 2016 - With the process of returning refugees and migrants from the Greek islands to Turkey underway as part of the EU-Turkey agreement, UNICEF reminds States of their duty to care and protect all children and give them a full and fair hearing when deciding on their future.

UNICEF welcomes a new Greek law, which came into force on 4 April, exempting certain vulnerable groups, including unaccompanied and separated children, children with disabilities, victims of distress and trauma, pregnant women and women who recently gave birth, from "exceptional border procedures" or returns. However more needs to be done.

Currently more than 22,000 refugee and migrant children are stranded in Greece, facing an uncertain future and even forms of detention since the agreement went into effect last month.

UNICEF calls for a well-managed process to be put in place to determine each child's best interests and fulfill the basic needs of all children – including adequate accommodation, health care and protection against trafficking and exploitation in line with international and European laws.

Children have specific grounds to claim international protection; such as if faced with the threat of recruitment to armed forces or forced marriage. The European Commission has stipulated that returns will be in accordance with international and European law.

"Any decision about any child, whether a toddler or a teenager, whether with family or not, should be guided by the best interests of that child," said Marie-Pierre Poirier, Special Coordinator for the Refugee and Migrant Crisis in Europe.

"Children need to be heard. A rushed decision to return can lead to a rash result and going back to a place of fear and violence. Children, no matter where they come from, must have access to basic services at all times," she added.

Capacity to care and support for unaccompanied and separated children has been overstretched in Greece. With nowhere to house them, many are taken into temporary "protective custody", or de facto detention within closed first reception or police facilities, for increasingly extended periods.

"UNICEF is concerned about reports that some children are being detained due to their migration status. Escaping war and seeking survival is never a crime," said Poirier.

Unaccompanied and separated children, are among the most vulnerable and make up about 10 percent of all refugee and migrant children in Greece, or some 2,000, but not all are registered.

Between January and mid-March 2016, 1,156 unaccompanied and separated children had been registered in Greece (an increase of over 300 per cent in the rate of registration compared to the same period in 2015).

The first returns to Turkey from the Greek islands were monitored this week by UNICEF's partners, in Dikili port, Izmir province. UNICEF will continue to work closely with Turkish Government authorities to provide humanitarian assistance. Turkey currently hosts over 2.7 million Syrian refugees.

UNICEF has been helping Syrian refugee children and families since 2012. Last year UNICEF, working with government and civil society partners, provided support to over 400,000 Syrian children with education, protection and basic services.

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### **Increasing Economic Growth in Fragile States Can Help Prevent Future Refugee Crises—World Bank President**

BERLIN, April 5, 2016—World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today said that the world's powers need to pay far greater attention to boosting developing economies and creating jobs in the most fragile countries in order to give more opportunity to people in those nations and to prevent future refugee crises.

Speaking at the German Institute for Economic Research, Kim noted that boosting inclusive economic growth and reducing extreme poverty was critical to helping avoid an even greater refugee crisis in the coming years. Citing World Bank projections that extreme poverty globally would only fall to 6 percent by 2030 if economic growth mirrors the average growth rate of the last decade, Kim said that would mean that in the most fragile states, the poverty rate would remain extraordinarily high, at 47 percent of the population.

"All of Europe and all of Germany are rightly focused on the refugee crisis on the continent today, but if fragile states still have 47 percent of their people living on less than 2 euros a day by 2030, while the developed world prospers, the flow of migrants and refugees will not stop," said Kim.

Kim stated that how the World Bank Group engages in the fight against poverty will need to change, and that global issues such as forced displacement carry important implications for how the World Bank will operate going forward.

"For instance, our Board – in a groundbreaking decision just last month – offered Jordan, a middle-income country, rates that we had reserved for the poorest countries, because of their enormous generosity in hosting more than 1 million Syrian refugees," Kim stated. "We have provided an initial \$100 million loan at concessional rates normally reserved for only the poorest countries and will provide an additional \$200-400 million dollars in concessional financing to build a special economic enterprise zone, which will help create many thousands of jobs for both Syrian refugees and Jordanians over the next five years. This is a truly novel effort that must now be taken to scale and implemented in other countries as well."...

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***Editor's Note:***

*We highlight below announcements by the World Bank Group (among others this week highlighted in Agency Watch below) reflecting our view of their scale of impact and aspiration.*

**World Bank Group Unveils New Climate Action Plan**

*Plan to Help Countries Meet Paris COP21 Pledges*

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2016—The World Bank Group today announced plans to help developing countries add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy – enough to power 150 million homes – to the world's energy capacity, bring early warning systems to 100 million people and develop climate-smart agriculture investment plans for at least 40 countries – all by 2020.

These are among a number of ambitious targets laid out in the World Bank Group's new *Climate Change Action Plan*, approved today, which aims to accelerate efforts to tackle climate change over the next five years and help developing countries deliver on their national climate plans submitted for the historic climate agreement reached at COP21 in Paris in December last year.

The release of the Climate Change Action Plan comes just two weeks before world leaders officially sign the Paris Agreement in New York. As part of the Paris process, 140 countries working with the Bank Group lodged national climate plans, known as Nationally Determined Contributions, or NDCs.

"Following the Paris climate agreement, we must now take bold action to protect our planet for future generations," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. "We are moving urgently to help countries make major transitions to increase sources of renewable energy, decrease high-carbon energy sources, develop green transport systems, and build sustainable, livable cities for growing urban populations. Developing countries want our help to implement their national climate plans, and we'll do all we can to help them."

To maximize impact, the Action Plan is focused on helping countries shape national policies and leverage private sector investment. IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, aims to expand its climate investments from the current \$2.2 billion a year to a goal of \$3.5 billion a year, and lead on leveraging an additional \$13 billion a year in private sector financing by 2020. As well its own financing, the World Bank also intends to mobilize \$25 billion in commercial financing for clean energy over the next five years. The Bank Group will also continue to deepen its work to help countries to put a price on carbon pollution to create incentives for public and private sector decision makers to make the right climate choices...

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**Payment aspects of financial inclusion**

Bank for International Settlements and World Bank Group//Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the World Bank Group  
April 2016 :: 82 pages :: ISBN 978-92-9197-216-6 (online)

Pdf: <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/pubdocs/publicdoc/2016/4/963011459859364335/payment-systems-PAFI-Report2016.pdf>

#### *Executive summary*

The CPMI-World Bank Group Task Force on the Payment Aspects of Financial Inclusion (PAFI) started its work in April 2014. The Task Force was mandated to examine demand and supply side factors affecting financial inclusion in the context of payment systems and services, and to suggest measures that could be taken to address these issues.

This report is premised on two key points: (i) efficient, accessible and safe retail payment systems and services are critical for greater financial inclusion; and (ii) a transaction account is an essential financial service in its own right and can also serve as a gateway to other financial services. For the purposes of this report, transaction accounts are defined as accounts (including e-money/prepaid accounts) held with banks or other authorised and/or regulated payment service providers (PSPs), which can be used to make and receive payments and to store value.

The report is structured into five chapters. The first chapter provides an introduction and general overview, including a description of the PAFI Task Force and its mandate, a brief discussion of transaction accounts, and the barriers to the access and usage of such accounts. The second chapter gives an overview of the retail payments landscape from a financial inclusion perspective. The third chapter forms the core analytical portion of the report and outlines a framework for enabling access and usage of payment services by the financially excluded. Each component of this framework is discussed in detail in the report.

The fourth chapter of the report describes the key policy objectives when looking at financial inclusion from a payments perspective, and formulates a number of suggestions in the form of guiding principles and key actions for consideration.

In this context, financial inclusion efforts undertaken from a payments angle should be aimed at achieving a number of objectives. Ideally, all individuals and businesses – in particular, micro-sized and small businesses - which are more likely to lack some of the basic financial services or be financially excluded than larger businesses – should be able to have access to and use at least one transaction account operated by a regulated payment service provider:

- (i) to perform most, if not all, of their payment needs;
- (ii) to safely store some value; and
- (iii) to serve as a gateway to other financial services.

The guiding principles for achieving these objectives of improved access to and usage of transaction accounts are the following:

:: Commitment from public and private sector organisations to broaden financial inclusion is explicit, strong and sustained over time.

:: The legal and regulatory framework underpins financial inclusion by effectively addressing all relevant risks and by protecting consumers, while at the same time fostering innovation and competition.

:: Robust, safe, efficient and widely reachable financial and ICT infrastructures are effective for the provision of transaction accounts services, and also support the provision of broader financial services.

:: The transaction account and payment product offerings effectively meet a broad range of transaction needs of the target population, at little or no cost.

:: The usefulness of transaction accounts is augmented with a broad network of access points that also achieves wide geographical coverage, and by offering a variety of interoperable access channels.

:: Individuals gain knowledge, through awareness and financial literacy efforts, of the benefits of adopting transaction accounts, how to use those accounts effectively for payment and store-of-value purposes, and how to access other financial services.

:: Large-volume and recurrent payment streams, including remittances, are leveraged to advance financial inclusion objectives, namely by increasing the number of transaction accounts and stimulating the frequent usage of these accounts.

Finally, the fifth chapter of the report addresses a number of issues in connection with measuring the effectiveness of financial inclusion efforts in the context of payments and payment services, with a particular emphasis on transaction account adoption and usage.

*Press Release*

[Seven essential guiding principles to boost financial inclusion laid out in new report](#)

Date: April 5, 2016

...A transaction account is an essential financial service that can serve as a gateway to other financial services such as savings, credit and insurance. However, nearly 40% of the world's adult population – about 2 billion people – still have no account with a bank or authorised non-bank servicer provider.

In addition to outlining principles to help countries advance financial inclusion, the report suggests possible key actions, including providing basic accounts at little or no cost, stepping up efforts to increase financial literacy, and leveraging large-volume payment programmes, such as government payments, by adopting electronic payment services. Financial inclusion efforts are beneficial not only for those who will become financially included, but also for the national payments infrastructure and, ultimately, the economy.

The CPMI and the World Bank Group believe that the guidance developed in this report will be essential to helping central banks and other stakeholders achieve effective financial access and broader financial inclusion. Given that safe, efficient and accessible retail payment systems and services are critical for greater financial inclusion, the report will be instrumental in supporting the goal of achieving Universal Financial Access by 2020.

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[G20 Leaders Launch Global Partnership and Website to Help Advance Inclusive Business](#)

Nanjing, China, April 6, 2016—The G20 officially launched the Global Platform on Inclusive Business (GPIB) today in Nanjing, China. The Platform is a global partnership that will provide support to policymakers and accelerate the adoption of inclusive business policies and programs globally.

The GPIB is being implemented under the [Chinese 2016 G20 Presidency](#). The creation of the Platform was called for in the [Leaders Call on Inclusive Business](#) issued at the G20 Leaders Summit in November 2015 in Ankara, Turkey. During the Summit, leaders also endorsed the

G20 Inclusive Business Framework. The GPIB will connect policymakers and businesses to better understand the role that governments can play in supporting inclusive companies more effectively.

"The Chinese G20 Presidency is happy to announce the launch of the Global Platform on Inclusive Business", said Zhang Shaogang, Chair of the DWG meeting. "GPIB seeks to connect policy-makers and businesses. It is both pro-poor and pro-business and strives to better understand the role of governments in supporting inclusive business."

Inclusive businesses provide low-income men and women with goods, services, and improved livelihoods by including them in their core business model. Inclusive businesses – by working directly with low-income people – have the potential to be a driving force for inclusion and sustainability. These are companies that extend last-mile water, power, and mobile phone service to customers in rural areas. They train and create markets for small farmers. They treat low-income patients and teach low-income students.

However, companies struggle with challenging operating environments and gaps in the institutional, informational, and infrastructural conditions that are required to make inclusive markets work. These issues prevent companies from reaching the 4.5 billion people who are considered to be living at the base of the economic pyramid.

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### **Haiti: Launch of the Humanitarian Response Plan 2016: The Government of Haiti and the humanitarian community seek \$193.8 million to meet the critical needs of 1.3 million people**

*UN OCHA Press Release*

Port-au-Prince, April 7, 2016. The Government of Haiti and the Humanitarian Country Team launch today a call for funds of \$ 193.8 million to meet the critical humanitarian needs of 1.3 million people. This humanitarian planning document aims at ensuring protection and access to basic services to the most vulnerable people, and also strengthening the resilience of the population and the Haitian institutions.

Indeed, 2015 was marked by a deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the country due to multiple factors, including the persistence of cholera, the deterioration of the food insecurity context and the binational mixed migration issue with the Dominican Republic. The high vulnerability to natural disasters and the ongoing presence of about 62,000 people displaced from the 2010 earthquake in 36 camps, have also contributed to worsen this context.

"We appreciate this effort to put together priorities and coordinate the response between national authorities and members of the humanitarian community. The plight of thousands affected by these multiple factors, especially by food insecurity, requires a rapid and effective response to prevent the deterioration of the humanitarian context in a moment where we are laying the foundations of a sustainable development of the country "said Aviol Fleurant, Minister of Planification and External Cooperation.

The ultimate goal of the plan is to reduce the vulnerability of 1.3 million targeted people. Although the priority concerns the most basic humanitarian needs, the plan also anticipates the implementation of structural measures to reduce the vulnerability of the population in need, as well as to advance towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"Structural problems associated with multiple emergencies continue to increase the vulnerability of millions of Haitians. We must act together to allow them to recover, said Mourad Wahba, Humanitarian Coordinator and Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Haiti.

To achieve this objective, the [2016 Humanitarian Response Plan](#) identifies a number of humanitarian needs that must be addressed. Thus, it aims to address the severe food insecurity that affects more than 1 million (U\$ 105.5 million in needs expressed) and to ensure the protection and basic services to more than 120,000 deportees / returnees from the Dominican Republic (U\$ 21.2 million) and to 62,000 IDPs living in post-earthquake camps (U\$ 38.2 million). Moreover, the plan envisages providing a rapid and effective response to cholera epidemics and to counteract the vulnerability to cholera in high-risk areas (U\$ 20 million). Lastly, funds will be mobilized to support the preparation for natural disasters (U\$ 4.1 million) and strengthen the humanitarian coordination (2.9 millions). As part of this response, 100,000 people amongst the 500,000 that may be affected by natural disasters in 2016 are also targeted.

In a global context with increasingly large humanitarian crises, funding for humanitarian aid in Haiti risks to diminish. Hence, the humanitarian community calls for the strengthening of the commitment of partners. "We urge Haiti's partners to have a sustained commitment to the country. This deepened commitment will help to enhance the resilience of vulnerable communities and to maintain the progress achieved in the recent years. In addition, it will help to initiate a sustainable exit from the multiple humanitarian challenges while continuing the process of sustainable development for the country", concluded Mr. Wahba.

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### **Key Nuclear Security Agreement to Enter Into Force on 8 May**

Anthony Wetherall, IAEA Office of Legal Affairs ; Vincent Fournier, IAEA Office of Public Information and Communication

8 April 2016 *News Story*

A nuclear security agreement that will take effect on 8 May will reduce the risk of a terrorist attack on a nuclear power plant and make it harder to smuggle nuclear material.

The entry into force of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (CPPNM) was secured today with the deposit of the instrument of ratification by Nicaragua, which brought the number of adherences to 102 States Parties to the CPPNM, the threshold required for the agreement to come into effect in 30 days. The Amendment, adopted more than a decade ago, will make it legally binding on countries to protect nuclear facilities. It will also extend the CPPNM's application to nuclear material in domestic use, storage and transport.

"This is an important day for efforts to strengthen nuclear security around the world," said IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano in a [statement](#). The Amendment "will help reduce the risk of a terrorist attack involving nuclear material, which could have catastrophic consequences."

The CPPNM, the only legally binding international undertaking in the area of physical protection of nuclear material, entered into force in 1987. It focuses on the physical protection of nuclear material used for peaceful purposes during international transport, but does not cover the protection of nuclear facilities or nuclear material in domestic use, storage and transport. In July 2005, the Parties to the CPPNM adopted the Amendment. The adherence of two-thirds of the States Parties to the CPPNM was required for entry into force of the Amendment. Currently, there are 152 State Parties to the Convention.

"The entry into force of the Amendment demonstrates the determination of the international community to act together to strengthen nuclear security globally," Mr Amano said. He urged States Parties that have not yet done so to adhere to the Amendment.

#### *What States have to do under the Amendment*

The Amendment makes it legally binding for States to establish, implement and maintain an appropriate physical protection regime applicable to nuclear material and nuclear facilities under their jurisdiction. It provides for the criminalization of new and extended specified acts, and requires countries to put in place measures to protect nuclear material and nuclear facilities against sabotage.

The Amendment expands the existing offences identified in the CPPNM, including the theft and robbery of nuclear material, and establishes new ones, such as the smuggling of nuclear material and the actual or threatened sabotage of nuclear facilities. A number of the offences were also expanded to include substantial damage to the environment.

*Read the full text of the Amendment [here](#) and a consolidated version of the Amendment and the CPPNM [here](#)...*

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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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**[Amid 'Explosive' Hostilities, Security Council Must Shoulder Responsibility to Protect in Occupied Territory, Palestinian Rights Committee Hears](#)**

The United Nations Security Council must shoulder its responsibility vis-à-vis international protection in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People heard during a brief meeting this afternoon.

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**Peacekeeping Chief, Briefing Security Council, Blames Intensified Fighting for Rapidly Deteriorating Situation, Large-scale Displacement in Darfur**

Intensified fighting since January had resulted in a rapidly worsening security situation and large-scale displacement in Darfur, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations told the Security Council today.

6 April 2016

SG/SM/17655-OBV/1603

**Concerned about Rising Incidence of Diabetes, Secretary-General Calls for Joint Action to Halt Preventable, Treatable Disease in World Health Day Message**

4 April 2016

SG/SM/17648-IHA/1390

**Secretary-General Calls World Humanitarian Summit Unique Chance to Show Solidarity with 125 Million People in Immediate Crisis**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 9 April 2016]

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

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**Press briefing notes on Bangladesh**

We are concerned about the latest death sentences handed down against two men by the Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal, particularly given continued concerns in relation to international due process and fair trial standards.

**Panama Papers: UN rights expert calls for the end of financial secrecy to halt flow of illicit funds**

GENEVA (8 April 2016) – The United Nations Independent Expert on foreign debt and human rights, Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, today called on the international community to urgently put an end to financial secrecy. He warned that tax evasion and the flow of funds of illicit origin undermine justice and deprive Governments of resources needed for the realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

The expert's call comes as leaked documents have shown how corporations, wealthy individuals and politically exposed persons have systematically hidden assets in more than 21 offshore jurisdictions.

**Press briefing notes on Mob killings in Malawi**

Date: 5 April 2016

We are concerned about the increasing number of people killed in mob attacks in Malawi. Over the past two months, at least nine separate incidents leading to the death of 16 people have been reported across the country.

### **Tunisia torture prevention: UN body to make advisory visit**

GENEVA (8 April 2016) –Tunisia's efforts to establish a functioning independent body to monitor places of detention will be the focus of the first visit to the country by the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture (SPT) from 12 to 14 April.

Tunisia ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture in June 2011 and, as part of its treaty obligations, has to set up such a monitoring body, officially known as a National Preventive Mechanism (NPM). Tunisia passed legislation in 2013 to establish the body and its 16 members were appointed in March this year.

“Tunisia is the first country in the region to establish, albeit with some delay, a national preventive mechanism. We see this as a hugely positive step and look forward to advising the Government, as well as other stakeholders, on the next steps to ensure the body is swiftly able to function effectively,” said Hans-Jörg Bannwart, who will head the three-member SPT delegation. “We are especially looking forward to meeting the newly elected members of the NPM in order to discuss with them the challenges they will face in setting up and starting work,” he added.

### **UN human rights expert to assess freedom of expression situation in Japan**

GENEVA (8 April 2016) – United Nations Special Rapporteur expert David Kaye will carry out his first visit to Japan, from 12 to 19 April 2016, to assess the situation of the right to freedom of opinion and expression in the country.

“I look forward to visiting Japan and learning at first-hand about its norms and policies in the area of freedom of expression as well as the main challenges faced in the country today,” said the independent expert designated by the UN Human Rights Council to monitor and report on violations of the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

“The independence and the freedom of the Japanese media, the space for protesting and the access of the public to information held by the State are among the issues I will study during my stay in Japan,” he noted.

### **What is permissible and what is not when countering terrorism? UN experts welcome new African guidelines**

GENEVA (7 April 2016) – A group of eighteen United Nations independent experts\* has welcomed the new Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights while Countering Terrorism in Africa launched this year by the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR). Speaking ahead of an upcoming ACHPR’s panel discussion in Banjul, The Gambia (11 April), in which Member States will be briefed on the new Principles and Guidelines, the UN experts called on all African governments to fully implement the Commission’s recommendations in order to respect human rights in the context of fighting terrorism.

### **Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 9 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**

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

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### **Sale and exploitation of children: UN rights expert launches official visit to Georgia**

GENEVA / TBILISI – United Nations Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, will carry out a monitoring visit to Georgia from 11 to 18 April 2016.

"I look forward to evaluating the scope of sale and exploitation of children in the country, as well as the progress made and the challenges faced by Georgia to fight it," said the independent expert mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to promote strategies to prevent and combat the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and to make recommendations for the care, recovery and reintegration of child victims.

"I will reach out to child victims of abuse, violence and exploitation, and to children in vulnerable situations, such as children placed in institutions and children living in settlements for the internally displaced, to take their opinions into account in my recommendations to the Government and other concerned parties," said Ms. de Boer-Buquicchio, who visits the country at the invitation of the Government...

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 9 April 2016]

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

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### **Sudan Moving Forward to End and Prevent the Recruitment of Children in National Security Forces**

New York- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Leila Zerrougui, is encouraged by the commitment expressed by Sudanese authorities following the signing of an Action Plan to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children in the country's national security forces.

"The Vice-President, the Ministers of Defence, Foreign Affairs and Social Affairs and other senior officials of the Sudanese Government expressed their intention to act quickly to enhance the protection of the country's children. They have my support and I look forward to the Action Plan's full implementation," said Leila Zerrougui.

The Action Plan, signed on Sunday in a ceremony presided by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, marked a new milestone in the campaign Children, Not Soldiers. Sudan already has laws that set the minimum age for recruitment at 18 and criminalize underage recruitment. The Action Plan details steps and measures to end and prevent underage recruitment, including strengthening age verification mechanisms and ensuring accountability for child recruiters...

### **Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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

**UNICEF** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 9 April 2016]

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

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**[UNHCR reopens Nansen Refugee Award nominations for 2016](#)**

The prestigious humanitarian award honors an individual or group who has gone beyond the call of duty to assist refugees, internally displaced or stateless persons. The award consists of a commemorative medal and a \$100,000 monetary prize donated by the governments of Norway and Switzerland to support a project of the winner's choice to benefit refugees.

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 9 April 2016]

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

04/08/16

**[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 172,458; Deaths: 714](#)**

Greece - IOM reports that an estimated 172,458 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea into Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain through 6 April 2016.

**[Germany Funds IOM Cash Aid to Vulnerable Displaced in Ukraine](#)**

04/08/16

Ukraine - IOM reported that 4,350 internally displaced Ukrainians (IDPs) will benefit from a new IOM cash assistance project funded by the German government.

**[IOM Resettles Syrian Refugees from Turkey to Europe Following "Swap" Deal](#)**

04/08/16

Turkey - Over the past week IOM Turkey has facilitated the resettlement of 109 Syrians to European Union (EU) countries.

### **First of 10,000 Syrian Refugees Resettled to USA in "Surge" Operation**

04/08/16

United States - Ahmad's family were this week the first Syrian refugees to leave Amman, Jordan to be resettled in the United States as part of a three-month, US "surge" operation to process 10,000 refugees.

### **Ghana Launches National Migration Policy**

04/08/16

Ghana formally launched a National Policy on Migration and an implementation plan in Accra on 5 April 2016 with support from IOM.

The comprehensive policy will guide the management of the country's internal, intra-regional and international migration flows. Its aim is to promote the benefits and minimize the costs of migration.

The development of the policy was supported by an IOM Development Fund (IDF)-backed project: "Developing a Migration Policy to integrate Migration into the National Development Framework for Ghana".

IOM worked with the Migration Unit of the Ministry of the Interior and the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Migration (IMSCM) throughout the development of the policy culminating in its validation and adoption.

### **Japan Funds IOM Emergency Operations in Yemen**

04/08/16

Yemen - IOM has received USD 2 million from the Government of Japan to continue to provide humanitarian assistance in Yemen, which now has an estimated 2.7 million people displaced by conflict in over 13 governorates.

### **IOM, Ogilvy & Mather Launch Perception Change Campaign**

04/05/16

Switzerland - IOM is partnering with Ogilvy & Mather, the international advertising, marketing and public relations agency, to run 'Picture Perfect Europe,' a perception change campaign on the current migration and refugee emergency in Europe.

**UN Women** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Date: 07 April 2016

### **As World Health Day is commemorated globally, actions intensify in response to the Zika virus in Brazil**

On World Health Day (7 April), UN Women and partners are beginning the second phase of targeted communication efforts around women's rights in response to the Zika virus

Date: 05 April 2016

### **UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women issues annual Call for Proposals**

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women invites civil society organizations and governments to apply for funding through the 20th grant cycle (2016). The deadline for submitting concept notes is 4 May 2016, 23:59 EDT (GMT–4).

## **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 9 April 2016]

### [World Health Day 2016: Action needed to halt rise in diabetes](#)

6 April 2016 -- The number of people living with diabetes has nearly quadrupled since 1980 to 422 million adults, with most living in developing countries. WHO is marking World Health Day, 7 April, by calling for action on diabetes. In its first "Global report on diabetes", WHO highlights the need to step up prevention and treatment of the disease.

[\*Read the news release\*](#)

### *Highlights*

#### [WHO Director-General visits Angola; urgent action needed to contain yellow fever outbreak](#)

April 2016 -- The Director-General of WHO, Dr Margaret Chan, arrived today in Angola's capital Luanda for a two-day visit to assess the situation of the current outbreak of yellow fever virus.

#### [General Assembly proclaims the Decade of Action on Nutrition](#)

April 2016 -- The United Nations General Assembly today agreed a resolution proclaiming the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition from 2016 to 2025. The resolution aims to trigger intensified action to end hunger and eradicate malnutrition worldwide, and ensure universal access to healthier and more sustainable diets.

#### [The Weekly Epidemiological Record \(WER\) celebrates 90 years](#)

April 2016 -- On 1 April 1926, epidemiologists in the Health Office of the League of Nations, Geneva created the first WER. The publication's mission was to provide the world with information about disease hazards that, at that time, mostly travelled by sea: plague, cholera, yellow fever, typhus and smallpox.

#### [Austria: Measles in the spotlight](#)

April 2016

In Austria, where elimination of measles is tantalizingly close, a creative and innovative campaign seeks to encourage vaccination among unimmunized adults.

#### [Disease Outbreak News \(DONs\)](#)

- :: [8 April 2016](#) Lassa Fever – Sweden
- :: [6 April 2016](#) Yellow Fever – Kenya
- :: [6 April 2016](#) Yellow Fever – China

## **WHO Regional Offices**

### WHO African Region AFRO

#### [:: WHO Director General and WHO Regional Director for Africa Conclude Official Visit to Angola](#)

7 April 2016, Luanda – The World Health Organization Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti and the Director-General of WHO, Dr Margaret Chan have concluded a three-day official visit to Angola. The visit aimed at assessing the ongoing efforts to prevent and

control the yellow fever epidemic which has gripped the country since December 2015, and to identify ways of further strengthening support to Angola.

#### WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: [PAHO offers to provide technical support for pilot studies of new mosquito control technologies](#) (04/08/2016)
- :: [PAHO Director lauds Mexico's soda tax as a model measure to fight diabetes](#) (04/07/2016)
- :: [The number of people with diabetes in the Americas has tripled since 1980](#) (04/06/2016)
- :: ['Don Francisco' joins PAHO to promote diabetes prevention and control](#) (04/05/2016)

#### WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: [Urgent, concerted efforts needed to stem diabetes epidemic: WHO](#)  
SEAR/PR/1620

New Delhi, 29 March 2016: Countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region must take vigorous and concerted action to 'prevent, treat and beat' diabetes, a potentially fatal disease that has reached epidemic proportions and is expected to further increase in coming years.

#### WHO European Region EURO

- :: [Poliomyelitis \(polio\) and the vaccines used to eradicate it – questions and answers](#) 08-04-2016
- :: [European countries to participate in global polio vaccine switch](#) 08-04-2016
- :: [WHO calls for global action on diabetes](#) 07-04-2016
- :: [World Health Day 2016: Living with diabetes and educating others](#) 07-04-2016
- :: [Consensus on causal link between Zika and neurological disorders](#) 06-04-2016

#### WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: [WHO condemns attack on Ma'arib Hospital, Yemen](#) 6 April 2016
- :: [Kuwait boosts treatments for chronic diseases in Syria](#) 6 April 2016
- :: [New WHO policy aims to lower sugar intake to fight obesity and overweight in the Region](#)  
5 April 2016

#### WHO Western Pacific Region

- :: [World Health Day 2016: Together on the front lines against diabetes](#)

MANILA, 7 April 2016 – On World Health Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Western Pacific Region stands with all Member States and partners to renew its commitment to advance the understanding of diabetes and calls on all communities across the Region to work together to effectively manage and prevent the disease.

#### **UNAIDS** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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#### **Investing in community-led action will be critical to ending the AIDS epidemic**

NEW YORK —At the Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing on HIV, civil society organizations have called on United Nations Member States and partners to ensure that the response to HIV is fully funded and that financing for community-led action is increased significantly over the next few years. They also called for 30 million people to have access to life-saving HIV treatment by 2020 and for ambitious HIV prevention targets to be met...

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 9 April 2016]

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

Apr 7, 2016

### **[New Grant to Support Efforts to Prevent and Treat Malaria in Guinea-Bissau](#)**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) today signed a EUR 16.4 million grant to prevent and treat malaria among the country's most vulnerable populations, specifically pregnant women, children under five and health workers. The new grant will run until end of 2017 in partnership with the Government of Guinea Bissau.

### **[G20 leaders launch global partnership and website to help advance inclusive business](#)**

Apr 7, 2016

The G20 officially launched the Global Platform on Inclusive Business (GPIB) today in Nanjing, China. The Platform is a global partnership that will provide support to policymakers and accelerate the adoption of inclusive business policies and programs globally.

### **[New tool launched to improve HIV Prevention Programmes for Transgender People](#)**

Apr 6, 2016

A new UN publication was launched today to enable governments, public-health officials, programme managers, NGOs and health workers to create and improve HIV prevention programmes for transgender people.

### **[Helen Clark: Opening Remarks at Ministerial Conference on Implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Arab Countries Social Dimensions](#)**

Apr 6, 2016

Cairo, Egypt

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 9 April 2016]

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

April 7, 2016

### **[Global Urban Networks endorse proposal for a new IPCC special edition on cities and climate change](#)**

Mayors, city networks and urban stakeholders worldwide call for an IPCC Special Report on Cities and Climate Change during the IPCC 43rd Session on April 11-13.

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 9 April 2016]

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

07/04/2016

**[African Universities See Wealth in Waste](#)**

Interview with Professor David Mungai, Deputy Director of the Wangari Maathai Institute for Peace and Environmental Studies and member of the First University Consortium to tackle Solid Waste Management.

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 9 April 2016]

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

8 Apr 2016

**[Build better boost for Sendai Framework](#)**

GENEVA, April 8, 2016 - The World Bank Group has announced a major new building policy which should address concerns expressed in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the global plan for reducing disaster risk and disaster losses.

The initiative has been launched weeks before the anniversary of the Nepal earthquake which cost 8,857 lives and US\$10 billion or 50% of the impoverished country's GDP. The April 25 earthquake was followed by another on May 12, strong reminders of how non-compliance with building codes can exact a high price.

The World Bank's Building for Resilience program will leverage good practice in building regulation as part of a strategy to reduce both chronic risk and disaster risk. By avoiding the creation of new risk, it will help set developing countries on the path to effective reform and long-term resilience...

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 9 April 2016]

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

5 April 2016, New York

**[Redefining development cooperation within SDGs context](#)**

Gathering at this year's Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) High-Level Symposium, stakeholders from both developed and developing countries will design a new path for how development cooperation should support developing countries, in particular the poorest and most vulnerable, in view of [the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

**UNESCO** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Selected Press Releases/News*

8 April 2016

### **Senegal Moves Towards Open access**

Open access is the online availability of scholarly information to everyone, free of most licensing and copyright barriers to promote access to scientific knowledge. Open access helps to promote global knowledge exchange to contribute to scientific discoveries, innovation and socio-economic development.

In the framework of open access, a conference on the open access movement and the future of Africa's knowledge economy took place in Dakar at the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) from 30 March to April 1, 2016. During this conference Senegal played a key role.

Aware of the lack of open access policies in African countries and the challenge of access to scientific and educational information on the Continent, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Senegal, in consultation with all national stakeholders concerned and with the technical support of UNESCO, has decided to begin the process to ensure the establishment of a national open access policy. The result of this policy will encourage the creation of open platforms free and accessible for all researchers, innovators, teachers, students, media professionals and the public and will encourage collaboration, production, dissemination, and knowledge economies.

Senegal will be the first African country to establish an open access policy, which represents an important lever for accelerated development in the country and positions Senegal as a leader in this domain.

7 April 2016

### **UNESCO partners with Zhi Zheng Art Museum to organize a High Level Forum on Museums**

The Zhi Zeng Art Museum, located in Shenzhen, People's Republic of China, recently announced its decision to support the organization of the first UNESCO High Level Forum on Museums, as part of a partnership agreement signed on 7 March by UNESCO and Mr. Wu Fuqing, the Museum's Director-General.

Scheduled to be held this November in Shenzhen, a UNESCO Creative City of Design, the forum will bring together numerous ministers of culture and directors of the world's leading museums to discuss the social, educational and economic value of museums, as well as their key role in promoting intercultural dialogue and sustainable development.

The forum will also represent a timely opportunity to discuss the implementation of UNESCO's recently adopted [2015 Recommendation on the Protection and Promotion of Museums and Collections, their Diversity and their Role in Society](#), which provides a set of innovative policy guidelines for strengthening and broadening the role of museums in a new era of social, economic and technological change. At a time when culture is increasingly facing new challenges and threats, UNESCO believes that the city of Shenzhen's commitment to supporting the protection and promotion of museums can serve as a model for similar initiatives around the world.

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 9 April 2016]

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

08/04/2016

### **Statement at the High-Level Segment of the Conference on Preventing Violent Extremism**

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 9 April 2016]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global announcement and initiatives]*

Posted April 8, 2016

### **UN-Habitat unveils the first batch of Emerging Community Champions**

Nairobi, 8 April 2016—UN-Habitat last month hosted and honored the first cohort of Emerging Community Champions. These are young people who have made remarkable achievements and continue to inspire hope, provide leadership both at the community level and...

### **Campaign to improve the lives of slum dwellers launched in South Africa**

Pretoria, 9 April 2016: UN-Habitat's Participatory Slum Upgrading Programme (PSUP) has launched the 'Up for Slum Dwellers – Transforming a Billion Lives' campaign.

Posted April 8, 2016

### **UfM and UN-Habitat join forces to promote sustainable urban development in the Mediterranean**

Barcelona, 6 April 2016. UN-Habitat Executive Director Dr Joan Clos and UfM Deputy Secretary General for Transport and Urban Development Ambassador Yigit Alpogan signed a Memorandum of Understanding to undertake joint actions for an integrated approach...

Posted April 6, 2016

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 9 April 2016]

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

8-04-2016

### **FAO Regional Conference boosts Africa Solidarity Trust Fund**

Results achieved through Africa Solidarity Trust Fund (ASTF) financed projects are adding continent.

### **Robust outlook for global cereal supplies in 2016**

FAO's first forecast for the new season put world cereal production at 2 521 million tonnes in 2016, just 0.2 percent off last year's large output. The FAO Food Price Index for March rose by 1.0 percent compared to February, as soaring sugar prices and continued increase in palm oil quotations more than offset plunging dairy product prices.

7-04-2016

### **Africa makes great strides towards Zero Hunger, despite hurdles**

Africa has made great strides in tackling hunger -- achieving a 30 percent drop in the proportion of its people facing hunger over the 1990-2015 period -- but climate change, conflict and social inequality continue to present major challenges in the continent's quest for a future free from hunger and want, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said today.

7-04-2016

### **Food gap widens in conflict-stricken South Sudan - UN assessment**

Cereal prices have shot up nearly five-fold since early last year, making it increasingly difficult for people to get enough to eat, according to a new joint Crop and Food Security Assessment

Mission report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP).

5-04-2016

### **Plants vital to human diets but face growing risks from pests and diseases**

The annual meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM), the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention ( IPPC), brings together senior plant health specialists from 182 contracting parties as well as a number of other international organizations and the private sector.

4-04-2016

### **Transforming Africa's food systems for inclusive growth and shared prosperity**

"Transforming African Agri-food systems for inclusive growth and a shared prosperity" is the theme of the 29th FAO Regional Conference for Africa, taking place this week in Côte d'Ivoire's capital.

4-04-2016

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Berlin meeting*

### **ILO welcomes call for stronger efforts to promote decent work and inclusive growth**

05 April 2016

A meeting between the German Chancellor and the heads of the OECD, WTO, IMF, World Bank and the ILO has agreed on the central role of decent work in meeting policy challenges in the coming year.

*326th session of ILO Governing Body*

### **How the ILO is improving workers' protection through dialogue**

04 April 2016

Interview with the President of the ILO's Workers' Group on the achievements of the governing body meeting held in March. Luc Cortebeeck explains how the protection of workers' rights in Qatar, Venezuela, Fiji and Guatemala was a major focus of the discussions as well as the protection of migrant workers and the application of international labour standards by multinational enterprises.

*Reducing inequalities*

### **ILO: Domestic workers should have the right to rest**

04 April 2016

ILO publication says domestic workers should enjoy the same right to sufficient rest as other workers.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 9 April 2016]

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

5/4/16

### **Competition Issues Top Agenda at Landmark Air Transport Event**

MONTRÉAL, 5 April 2016 – States and aviation industry groups addressed a wide range of competition and regulatory issues for international air transport this week at a high-level symposium at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)...

...The Symposium provided a unique opportunity for high-level experts from governments, airlines, airports, air navigation services providers and academic institutions to further define the practical balance needed between competitive market expectations and regulatory responsibility, while fostering convergence in competition policies. This included: the need for deeper understanding and greater consensus on States' varying competition policies and their principles of fair competition; greater transparency in addressing competition issues, including on State aids and subsidies; the expectation from every corner for liberalization to support global connectivity enabling States and regions to effectively access global markets and trade flows, and the difficulties inherent in determining aviation-specific liberalization safeguards...

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 9 April 2016]  
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 9 April 2016]  
<http://public.wmo.int/en>

5 April 2016

#### **Climate change worsens risks to public health: US report**

The United States Global Change Research Program has released a new assessment of a growing public health threat, The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment. Drawing from decades of advances in the physical science of climate change, the report strengthens our understanding of the growing risks that a changing climate poses to human health and welfare, and highlights factors that make some individuals and communities particularly vulnerable.

The assessment is based on a coordinated effort by eight Federal agencies (with leadership from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and more than 100 experts from across the United States to inform public health officials, urban and disaster response planners, decision makers, and other stakeholders about the risks climate change presents to human health...).

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 9 April 2016]  
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>

Friday, 08 April 2016

#### **UNIDO hosts annual meeting of international partners on ways to help small farmers and land holders in Africa**

VIENNA, 8 April 2016 – Investment opportunities as well as new projects designed to help small farmers and land holders in Africa were the focus of a meeting hosted in Vienna this week by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The two-day annual meeting of the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF), related to the African Agriculture Fund (AAF), a USD 250 million private equity fund, ended today. A total of three new technical assistance projects supporting agribusiness development in Africa were approved.

The African Agriculture Fund invests in high potential agribusinesses involved in the food value chain across Africa with a focus on those that are targeting local production for local and regional consumption.

Representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the European Commission, TechnoServe, Data Bank and Zairo Consulting Group attended the meeting.

### **[Bahrain officials praise UNIDO's contribution to investment promotion in the region, economic empowerment of youth and women](#)**

MANAMA, 6 April 2016 – The United Nations Industrial development Organization (UNIDO) has been helping Bahrain promote investment and economic empowerment of young people and women, according to the country's finance minister.

Speaking today at the annual meeting of Arab Financial Institutions in Manama, Shaikh Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Finance of Bahrain, stressed the urgent need to develop programmes for the economic empowerment of youth and for the diversification of national economies through the development of small and medium enterprises...

### **International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 9 April 2016]**

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

8 April 2016

#### **[Consumer warranties to get standard treatment](#)**

When is a good deal really a lemon? Sometimes the biggest bargains come with the heaviest hidden costs, thanks to unclear warranties that cover little when things go wrong. Faulty goods and ambiguous warranties are one of the greatest bugbears for consumers and retailers. A new ISO standard in development aims to help.

4 April 2016

#### **[Health standards for World Health Day](#)**

This week, on the occasion of World Health Day, ISO is launching a social media campaign to raise awareness about the importance of ensuring health standards are in place everywhere in the world.

### **UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 9 April 2016]**

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

8 April 2016

#### **[UNWTO – a decade building capacity in tourism policy in Asia/Pacific](#)**

Under the title 'Human Capital Development in Tourism', the UNWTO Asia/Pacific Executive Training Programme on Tourism Policy and Strategy has gathered policy makers and tourism executives in Seoul, Republic of Korea, to enhance skills and understanding on the latest trends in tourism management. The initiative, organized by UNWTO and sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Korea, has reached a decade in this last edition, as the first Training Programme on Tourism Policy and Strategy in the Asia/Pacific region launched in 2006.

### **ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 9 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)

5 April 2016

## **Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2016: new edition of ITU's flagship ICT regulatory report**

*From IoT and interoperability to new models for stimulating broadband roll-out*

Geneva, – The latest edition of ITU's annual global ICT regulatory report, Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2016, charts and analyzes the challenges and opportunities facing today's ICT regulators as services proliferate, platforms converge and network operators ready their infrastructure for the next round of data-intensive technologies, from 5G mobile to the Internet of Things (IoT).

The world's most comprehensive overview of ICT policy and regulatory trends, ITU's Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2016 brings together insights from a broad range of leading global experts to help regulators, ICT analysts and tech journalists gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing an increasingly broad array of ICT players – and consumers...

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 9 April 2016]

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

2016-04-07

## **Latin America and Caribbean nations declare support for biodiversity mainstreaming efforts under Convention on Biological Diversity**

Montreal 7 April 2016 – In anticipation of the discussions to take place at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 13) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) later this year, Latin American and Caribbean Ministers of Environment have adopted a decision to enhance implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

In particular, the decision supports actions to mainstream biodiversity into productive sectors, and to implement regional and sub-regional plans to support implementation efforts...

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**USAID** [to 9 April 2016]

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

April 7, 2016

## **USAID Joins Nespresso and TechnoServe to Support South Sudan's Coffee Farmers**

*\$.18 million investment will accelerate development of the country's coffee market*

Today the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced it will invest \$3.18 million to strengthen efforts to rebuild the coffee industry in South Sudan and improve coffee farmer livelihoods.

April 6, 2016

## **United States Announces Nearly \$139 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for Yemen**

*New aid helps address the ongoing humanitarian crisis*

The United States announced nearly \$139 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the Yemen crisis today. The contribution will help meet the urgent humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable people in the Middle East's poorest and most food insecure country. Since the beginning of the current conflict in March 2015, approximately 2.7 million Yemenis have been displaced and over 20 million Yemenis are in need of humanitarian protection and assistance. The USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) estimates that at least 6 million people in Yemen are currently in need of life-saving food assistance.

**DFID** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECHO** [to 9 April 2016]

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

08/04/2016

**EU boosts aid to Ethiopia amid worsening drought**

The European Commission has announced €122.5 million for Ethiopia to address the immediate needs of people affected by the worsening humanitarian situation caused by one of the most extreme El Niño weather phenomenon on record.

05/04/2016

**EU announces €52 million funding to provide over 2.3 million children with access to education**

Today the European Commission has announced a €52 million humanitarian aid package for 2016, which is aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations.

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**African Union** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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*Website not responding at inquiry.*

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 9 April 2016]

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

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April 8th, 2016

**ASEAN launches center of military medicine**

BANGKOK, 8 April 2016 – The ASEAN Center of Military Medicine (ACMM) was officially launched in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday to drive regional efforts in pursuing cooperation in the area of military medicine. The Center would also develop joint medical response plans, assess medical needs in crisis situation, as well as conduct training courses and researches in emergency medical services...

...As military medicine is a crucial area during disasters, Secretary-General Minh also mentioned that, with a specific niche on military medical collaboration, the ACMM will add value to the overall humanitarian assistance and disaster relief framework of the region. The ACMM would also complement the work of the ASEAN Coordination Centre for Humanitarian Assistance in improving the region's response and coordination mechanisms...

### **ASEAN endorses action plans for financial integration 2025**

VIENTIANE, 6 April 2016 - The Second ASEAN Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting (2nd AFMGM), the Twentieth ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting, and the Twelfth ASEAN Central Bank Governors' Meeting (12th ACGM) were held on 4 April in Vientiane, Lao PDR. \

The 2nd AFMGM reviewed the progress of regional initiatives on financial integration and financial cooperation, and endorsed the Strategic Action Plans for ASEAN financial integration 2025. The ASEAN Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors are committed to implementing the action plans to promote financial integration, financial inclusion and financial stability in the region, in support of ASEAN macroeconomic stability and growth. The meeting endorsed the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum Action Plan 2016-2020 and the establishment of the ASEAN Insurance Forum, the Working Committee on Financial Inclusion, and the Working Committee on ASEAN Banking Integration Framework. Meanwhile, the finance ministers meeting endorsed the six broad strategies of taxation action plans...

### **European Union [to 9 April 2016]**

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

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### **EU boosts aid to Ethiopia amid worsening drought**

Date: 08/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 8 April 2016 The European Commission announces €122.5 million to help Ethiopia deal with a deteriorating humanitarian situation caused by the El Niño extreme weather phenomenon.

### **Commission presents options for reforming the Common European Asylum System and developing safe and legal pathways to Europe**

Date: 06/04/2016

European - Press release Commission Brussels, 6 April 2016 Commission presents options for reforming the Common European Asylum System and developing safe and legal pathways to Europe Today the European Commission is launching the process for a reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), presenting: options for a fair...

### **EU to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries with education in emergency situations**

Date: 05/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 5 April 2016 EU quadruples its humanitarian financing to education in emergencies worldwide. Today the European Commission has announced a €52 million humanitarian aid package aimed specifically at educational projects for children in emergency situations in 2016.

**EU to announce €100 million development package for Sudan to address root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement**

Date: 05/04/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 5 April 2016 During a visit to Sudan today, Commissioner Mimica will discuss increased EU cooperation with Sudan on issues of common interest. He will also announce a €100 million Special Measure for the country, to be implemented under the EU Emergency Trust Fund...

**Implementing the EU-Turkey Agreement – Questions and Answers**

Date: 04/04/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 4 April 2016 Implementing the EU-Turkey Agreement – Questions and Answers On 18 March 2016, EU Heads of State or Government and Turkey agreed to end the irregular migration from Turkey to the EU and replace it instead with legal channels of resettlement of...

**OECD** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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4-April-2016

**Statement from OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría on the “Panama Papers”**

The “Panama Papers” revelations have shone the light on Panama’s culture and practice of secrecy. Panama is the last major holdout that continues to allow funds to be hidden offshore from tax and law enforcement authorities.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 9 April 2016]

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

April 6, 2016

**OAS to Debate its Role in Combating Climate Change and Managing the Risk of Natural Disasters**

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation** (OIC) [to 9 April 2016]

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

*[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]*

**OIC Calls for Urgent Support to Falluja Inhabitants**

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is following with deep concern the impacts of the siege imposed on the inhabitants of Falluja as a result of Daesh’s control of the city, which has badly affected the conditions of its inhabitants. The Iraqi Parliament has declared Al Anbar a disaster province following the significant losses sustained by most areas and inhabitants of the Province and due to the ongoing battles with Daesh.

08/04/2016

**Group of 77** [to 9 April 2016]

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

(New York, 6 April 2016)

**first informal consultation with member states on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level**

*Remarks on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Mrs. Chulamanee Chartsuwan, Chargé d'affaires and Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations*

...the Group stresses the importance of ensuring the integrated and indivisible nature of the SDG while maintaining the ambition of the 2030 Agenda. In our view, all 17 goals are of equal importance and evolving in nature. We believe that the integrated and indivisible nature of the goals should lead to a review system that is systematic and promotes a cross-cutting understanding of the significant interlinkages across the goals and targets...

**UNCTAD** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Trade Organisation** [to 9 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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*WTO NEWS*

**Trade growth to remain subdued in 2016 as uncertainties weigh on global demand**

Growth in the volume of world trade is expected to remain sluggish in 2016 at 2.8%, unchanged from the 2.8% increase registered in 2015. Imports of developed countries should moderate this year while demand for imported goods in developing Asian economies should pick up. Global trade growth should rise to 3.6% in 2017, WTO economists reported on 7 April.

**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 9 April 2016]

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

06/04/2016

**Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, regarding Trial Chamber's decision to vacate charges against Messrs William Samoei Ruto and Joshua Arap Sang without prejudice to their prosecution in the future**

*[2007-2008 election violence in Kenya]*

...The Chamber declined to acquit the accused due to the special circumstances of this case. In so doing, the Chamber endorsed the Prosecution's position that this case has been severely undermined by witness interference and politicisation of the judicial process. The decision further noted that other evidence may have been available to the Prosecution "had it been able to prosecute the case in a different climate, less hostile to the Prosecution, its witnesses and the Court in general."

The Chamber made it clear that their decision is without prejudice to the presumption of innocence or the Prosecution bringing the case on the basis of the same charges in the future, or in a different form, in light of new evidence.

We regret that due to deliberate and concerted efforts to derail this case through witness interference, the Judges have been prevented from determining the guilt or innocence of the Accused on the full merits of the case. What is also troubling is that the onslaught against this case has – for now – denied the victims of the 2007-2008 election violence in Kenya the justice they so rightly deserve....

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**World Bank** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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**Growth Recovery in South East Europe Underpinned by Investment, Says Latest World Bank Economic Report**

VIENNA, April 8, 2016—The countries of South East Europe (SEE6[1]) are projected to have grown at 2.1 percent on average in 2015. This growth is significantly higher than the 0.3 percent growth in 2014,...

Date: April 8, 2016 Type: Press Release

**World Bank Group Unveils New Climate Action Plan**

Plan to Help Countries Meet Paris COP21 Pledges WASHINGTON, April 7, 2016—The World Bank Group today announced plans to help developing countries add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy – enough to power...

Date: April 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

**Mauritius, Mozambique, and Seychelles Partner to Boost Trade and Regional Integration**

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2016 — The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved today a total of US\$29.9 million for Mauritius, Mozambique and Seychelles to support their efforts to collaborate and create...

Date: April 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

**Europe and Central Asia: Growth Struggles in the West, Volatility Increases in the East**

KIEV, April 7, 2016 – The economies of Europe and Central Asia (ECA) continue to face difficult headwinds in an increasingly complex and uncertain global economic environment, with short-term prospects...

Date: April 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

**World Bank Moves Forward in Fight against Poverty in West Africa**

*Grant will improve data collection and understanding of living conditions in eight countries*

WASHINGTON, April 6, 2016— The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved an International Development...

Date: April 6, 2016 Type: Press Release

## **G20 Leaders Launch Global Partnership and Website to Help Advance Inclusive Business**

Nanjing, China, April 6, 2016—The G20 officially launched the Global Platform on Inclusive Business (GPIB) today in Nanjing, China. The Platform is a global partnership that will provide support to policymakers...

Date: April 6, 2016

## **Seven essential guiding principles to boost financial inclusion laid out in new report**

Seven guiding principles to help countries increase financial inclusion were set out in a report released today by the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures (CPMI) and the World Bank...

Date: April 5, 2016 Type: Press Releases

## **Remarks by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim: Development in a Time of Global Interdependence**

Good afternoon. I'd like to thank our host today, Mr. Fratzscher, and the German Institute for Economic Research/DIW. We are grateful that we can have this event in such a remarkable setting. And I would...

Date: April 5, 2016 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

## **Increasing Economic Growth in Fragile States Can Help Prevent Future Refugee Crises—World Bank President**

BERLIN, April 5, 2016—World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today said that the world's powers need to pay far greater attention to boosting developing economies and creating jobs in the most fragile...

Date: April 5, 2016 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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April 5, 2016

## **Decisive Action to Secure Durable Growth; Lecture by Christine Lagarde, IMF Managing Director, at an event hosted by Bundesbank and Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, April 5, 2016**

**African Development Bank Group** [to 9 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]*

## **With AfDB support, 150,000 Liberian farmers to benefit from financing, innovative technology**

08/04/2016 –

Liberia, a small country of 4 million inhabitants located in West Africa, is on the verge of undergoing one of the most transformational moments in its agricultural history.

With 10% of its adult population having subscribed to mobile money accounts, Liberia can boast of soon being able to double this figure thanks to the Liberian Agriculture Transformation Agenda (LATA), launched by the Government of Liberia with the support of the African Development Bank.

### **MoU signed to strengthen collaboration between AfDB and UN Women**

07/04/2016 –

The African Development Bank's Senior Management Coordinating Committee (SMCC) recently approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bank and UN Women.

### **Africa50 announces the appointment of Alain Ebobissé as Chief Executive Officer**

06/04/2016 –

The Board of Directors of Africa50 is pleased to announce the appointment of Alain Ebobissé as Chief Executive Officer of Africa50, the Pan-African infrastructure investment platform capitalized by the African Development Bank and, so far, by 22 African countries with an initial capitalization of USD 830 million.

### **East Africa leads the way in regional integration, says Index**

05/04/2016 –

The Africa Regional Integration Index (ARII) Report – Africa's first effort to measure progress on regional integration – was launched Saturday, April 2 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during African Development Week, which is taking place from March 31 to April 5. Out of all the Regional Economic Communities, the report cites the East African Community as the most integrated region.

### **Asian Development Bank [to 9 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]*

8 April 2016

### **Takehiko Nakao to Stand for Reelection as ADB President**

ADB President Takehiko Nakao today expressed his intention to stand for reelection as President for the next 5-year term, after the current term ends on 23 November 2016.

### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 9 April 2016]**

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

### **IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 9 April 2016]**

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

7 April 2016 :

### **Independent evaluation shows IFAD-supported operations in Nigeria improve the livelihoods of rural poor people**

6 April 2016:

**Despite being “the biggest threat facing humanity” climate change and its impacts fail to make headlines, says IFAD study**

French | Italian | Spanish

6 April 2016:

**Where a woman lives in Latin America increases her risk of being disadvantaged – new report**

Spanish

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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 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Thursday, 07 April 2016 00:00

**Sir Fazle Hasan Abed receives Thomas Francis, Jr. Medal**

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG, founder and chairperson of BRAC, was given the Thomas Francis, Jr. Medal in Global Public Health award by the University of Michigan. Mark Schlissel, president of University of Michigan presented the medal at a ceremony at the Ross School of Business on April 6, 2016.

**CARE International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

6th Apr 2016

**Fiji hit by floods as Cyclone Zena approaches**

Fijians are bracing for another major cyclone, less than two months after surviving the biggest storm in their country's history.

**Casa Alianza** [to 9 April 2016]

**Covenant House** [to 9 April 2016]

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

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

04/06/2016

**[Cheering a Contempt Case Against Backpage.com](#)**

The controversy over Backpage.com's escort service ads and their link to child sex trafficking has taken a new turn as the United States Senate takes the website to court. Covenant House President Kevin Ryan expresses hope that this new development will stop Backpage.com and other sites like it from selling kids.

04/0/2016

**[Let's Study What Works Best For Homeless Youth](#)**

In his *Huffington Post* blog, Covenant House President Kevin Ryan argues that both rapid re-housing initiatives AND the support provided by transitional living programs must be used to meet the complex needs of homeless youth.

**Clubhouse International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 9 April 2016]

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

04.04.2016

**[DRC concerned about returns from Greece to Turkey](#)**

Returns from Greece to Turkey began today, in accordance with the EU-Turkey agreements of March 18. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) expressed concerns about the premature nature of the returns and not least whether all procedures are in place for the returns to start, the organization said in a statement today.

**ECPAT** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Handicap International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Posted on April 04, 2016 10:30 AM

### **Use of banned weapons reaches record levels**

The worldwide use of banned explosive weapons such as landmines and cluster bombs increased significantly in 2014 and 2015, largely due to unchecked use in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, and Tunisia. To mark the international day of landmine and cluster munition awareness, April 4, Handicap International is calling on the international community to strongly condemn this practice, and for an immediate end to the use of these weapons.

Banned under international law, these weapons have been used at an alarming rate in recent years. Cluster munitions use is at its highest level since 2010, when the Convention on Cluster Munitions entered into force. Handicap International is calling on States and non-State armed groups to immediately end the use of anti-personnel mines and cluster munitions, as well as their sale, and transfer. Any use of these weapons must be unanimously and systematically condemned...

**Heifer International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Tuesday, Apr 05, 2016

### **Heifer International Weekly**

**HelpAge International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Posted: 06 April 2016

### **Tanzanian older people join their compatriots for increased attention to the rising prevalence of diabetes**

Older activists in Tanzania will today join a global campaign calling for action to tackle the growing health threat caused by diabetes through screening, testing, treatment and education. The actions, taking place on this World Health Day, which is being commemorated under the theme: "Beat Diabetes: Scale up Prevention, Strengthen Care and Enhance Surveillance", are part of HelpAge International's annual Age Demands Action campaigns led by older activists from across the world to draw attention to the challenges they face.

**ICRC** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Selected News Releases and Articles*

### **Jordan: Officials discuss better health care for detainees**

*News release*

07 April 2016

Amman (ICRC) – The third regional conference on health care in detention organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in cooperation with Jordan's Public Security Directorate and Ministry of Health, drew to a close today.

### **Ukraine: ICRC concerned by repeated attacks against civilian infrastructure in east**

*News release*

06 April 2016

Kiev (ICRC) – Intensified shelling in eastern Ukraine is compounding the hardship of displaced and local people living in the vicinity of the line of contact. In particular, repairs to a gas pipeline which was damaged in the summer of 2014 are now being held up by security incidents in the Marinka area. On 31 March, for the second time in two weeks, technicians laying some 3,000 metres of underground pipe came under fire.

**Nagorno-Karabakh: ICRC ready to act as a neutral intermediary**

*News release*

03 April 2016

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is concerned about the humanitarian impact of fighting along the line of contact in Nagorno-Karabakh, which seriously deteriorated on 2 April 2016. Casualties reported on both sides included civilians.

**IFRC** [to 9 April 2016]

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

7 April 2016

**Families fleeing fighting in Nineveh receive Red Crescent assistance in Erbil**

Recent fierce clashes in Iraq's northern governorate of Nineveh have left at least 50 people dead, and led to a growing number of people fleeing the region to safer parts of the country.

7 April 2016

**Kuwait Red Crescent Society supports Jordan Red Crescent in Syrian refugee response**

For more than five years now, Jordan has been home for thousands of Syrian refugees who fled the neighbouring country's fighting.

6 April 2016

**Displaced Mongolian herders destined for a life of deprivation in urban slums**

Lack of occupational skills in an urban setting are forcing herders to live in extreme deprivation and unhealthy living conditions

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 9 April 2016]

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

31 Mar 2016

**In the global response to the refugee crisis, European leaders are lagging behind**

29 Mar 2016

**Open Letter to Global Leaders in advance of the UNHCR High Level Meeting on Global Responsibility Sharing through Pathways for Admission of Syrian Refugees on March 30 in Geneva**

**IRCT** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Statements & declarations*

**IRCT and international NGO coalition pressures Mexico on anti-torture law**

07 April 2016

*News*

**IRCT receives German grant to promote documentation and rehabilitation for torture victims in the Philippines**

05 April 2016

**Islamic Relief** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Press Releases*

**South Sudan: MSF Issues Open Letter on Nationwide Lack of Essential Medicines**

GENEVA/JUBA/NEW YORK, APRIL 7, 2016 — International donors and the broader humanitarian community must take immediate action to address widespread shortages of essential medicines in South Sudan, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) warned today in an open letter from MSF international president Dr. Joanne Liu.

*Field News*

**Syria: Despite Ceasefire, "Catalog of Horror" Continues in Besieged Areas**

April 07, 2016

*Operational Update*

BRUSSELS/NEW YORK—Despite a ceasefire in fighting and the arrival of humanitarian convoys, the situation remains critical in many besieged areas of Syria, said the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Thursday.

**Mercy Corps** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Operation Smile** [to 9 April 2016]

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

**Program Schedule**

*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 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 9 April 2016]

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

07. april 2016

*Greece*

**Five reasons why the EU-Turkey deal is a disgrace**

How the EU-Turkey deal is being implemented is a disgrace to Europe. Here are five reasons why it must be stopped now.

04. april 2016

*Greece*

**Europe is imprisoning refugee children**

"It is outrageous that young and innocent children fleeing war are kept imprisoned behind barbed wire in overcrowded detention facilities on European soil", said Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council Jan Egeland.

07.04.2016

*Press Release*

**Access urgently needed to 30,000 people displaced in eastern DRC**

...Some 30,000 people were forced to flee the area following fighting between government forces and armed groups between 25 and 26 March. Most of these people were already vulnerable and had been staying in camps before the fighting broke out.

"All parties to the conflict, leaders of armed groups and individual fighters must spare civilians and respect international humanitarian law," said NRC's Head of Mission in DR Congo, Mickael Amar. "Families – including many women and children – have been forced to flee multiple times. Their situation is incredibly dire."

NRC has been working to support local and displaced communities in Mpati, but had to suspend operations on 21 March due to the volatile security situation. It was about to set up education and food-security projects to help 34,000 vulnerable people in the area...

**Pact** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 9 April 2016]

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

Apr 07, 2016

**Saving Melva Fernandez**

Melva Fernandez has suffered her entire life with tuberculosis. In January, doctors diagnosed her with an immunological disease that limits her ability to respond to TB. No matter how many times her doctors threw the best medicine available at her illness, her body would not be able to launch a proper defense. PIH is helping her access a possible cure.

Apr 04, 2016

## **Fighting the Zika Virus in Haiti**

We're working with Haiti's Ministry of Public Health and Population to address the risks associated with the Zika virus.

**PATH** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Announcement | April 04, 2016*

### **PATH announces leader for malaria and neglected tropical diseases**

Dr. Laurence Slutsker to lead PATH's malaria and neglected tropical diseases portfolios

**Plan International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 9 April 2016]

<http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press Releases 2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp>

April 3, 2016

### **Conditions Rapidly Deteriorating for Children Detained in Moria Camp on Lesvos**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

7 April 2016

### **The ABCs of reconstruction: How SOS Children's Villages helps a new generation in Nepal**

In the year since the Nepal earthquake struck on 25 April 2015, SOS Children's Villages has been on the ground setting up child friendly spaces, providing humanitarian support for families in need, reuniting children with parents, and offering alternative care for children who could not be reunited with parents.

### **New beginnings for child beggars in Senegal and Mali**

01.04.2016 - Child beggars, known as 'talibés', are a familiar sight in cities across Senegal and Mali. Far from home, and forced to beg, their situations have been likened to modern slavery. SOS Children's Villages together with the European Commission is running a project to protect these children, bring them home to their families, and give them access to formal education.

**Tostan** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 9 April 2016]

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

April 6, 2016 | *International Business Times*

### **[Rwanda Genocide Anniversary: How Rwanda's Women Rebuilt Their Country](#)**

WfWI-Rwanda Country Director Antoinette Uwimana shares how women have led her country's recovery since the genocide, and how WfWI's programs have invested in women since 1997 to help them rebuild. For example, graduates of WfWI's programs have begun cooperatives in the male-dominated field of beekeeping, and have provided income-generating opportunities to hundreds of women.

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### **ChildFund Alliance** [to 9 April 2016]

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

:: [On the Migrants' Trail \(Part Three\): Reaching Serbia](#)

:: [On the Migrants' Trail \(Part Two\): Children Traveling Without Parents](#)

:: [On the Migrants' Trail \(Part One\): In Search of a New Life](#)

### **CONCORD** [to 9 April 2016]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Apr 5, 2016

### **[Migration and refugees – Civil Society in the frontline](#)**

Seamus Jeffreson, CONCORD director, visited our member, the Greek NGDO platform. Discover what Seamus has learned on the agenda 2030 implementation as well as on the migration flows arriving to Greece. A reflection on the role of Civil Society!

### **Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 9 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 9 April 2016]

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

News 6 April 2016

### **[Annual Report 2015: Reflecting the past, facing the future](#)**

The Elders have released their latest Annual Report. From Climate Change and the SDGs to Equality for Girls and Women and strengthening the UN, read highlights of The Elders' work from 2015.

*Videos* 6 April 2016

### **[The Elders - Mission Statement](#)**

Video of The Elders - Mission Statement

[Who are The Elders?](#)

The Elders are independent global leaders working together for peace and human rights. They are not bound by the interests of any nation, government or institution. Join us to work towards a better future.

**END Fund** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 9 April 2016]

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

04 April 2016

**Norway strengthens commitment to immunisation in developing countries**

Increased funding will help immunise 300 million more children in the world's poorest countries by 2020.

**Global Fund** [to 9 April 2016]

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

04 April 2016

**Global Fund Names Rahul Singhal as Chief Risk Officer**

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has named Rahul Singhal, a senior global risk management and treasury executive, as its new Chief Risk Officer.

Mr. Singhal has 28 years of experience in risk management in the financial services industry, building and leading risk management teams, and executing complex global initiatives including acquisitions and strategic investments. Mr. Singhal joined the Global Fund in October 2015 as Deputy Chief Risk Officer, and has been Acting Chief Risk Officer since January 2016...

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

April 7, 2016:

**Landesa Welcomes Hilton Prize Coalition Fellow**

**InterAction** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*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 9 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 9 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 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CHS Alliance** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 9 April 2016]

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

07.04.2016

**Applying design thinking to humanitarian Gender Based Violence**

As part of its Gender Based Violence (GBV) innovation programme supported by SIDA, and drawing on global consultations and literature reviews, the HIF identified interest and potential opportunities for synergies between those with humanitarian GBV expertise and those from beyond the sector working in various aspects of innovation and design practice.

These cross-sector conversations were initiated late last year by hosting a workshop in London convening leading research and practitioner experts in GBV, as well as those working with creative approaches to solving problems, such as human-centred design actors applying agile thinking and behavioural science approaches to humanitarian challenges.

Leading on from this inception workshop, seed funding has been made available to foster the creation of new, cross-sector collaborations to tackle GBV in humanitarian settings. Proposals needed to be exploratory in nature and could encompass any area of GBV in emergencies...

**Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA)** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**The Sphere Project** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 9 April 2016]

<https://phap.org/>

7 April 2016

**Syria INGO coordinator briefs on Whole of Syria approach**

On 5 April 2016, Mathieu Rouquette, Representative of the Syria INGO Regional Forum (SIRF), gave an informal presentation in a hybrid onsite/online event on the Whole of Syria approach and his organization's work. Following a short historical overview of the Whole of Syria approach and cross-border...

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**Center for Global Development** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Blog Posts, Publications*

**Can GMOs Deliver for Africa?**

4/5/16

Kimberly Ann Elliott and Janeen Madan

The debate over genetically modified organisms (GMOs) has been raging for twenty years and there is still more heat than light around the topic. While some developing countries have embraced the technology, much of Africa has followed the European Union's precautionary approach. While not a panacea, GMOs could be part of a new green revolution in Africa if governments address the policy and institutional weaknesses that prevented Africa from participating in the first one, and if GM technology continues to develop.

**Can GMOs Play a Role in a New Green Revolution for Africa?**

4/4/16

Kimberly Ann Elliott and Janeen Madan

The world will struggle to achieve the goals of ending extreme poverty and hunger by 2030 unless there is a sharp increase in agricultural productivity in Africa. Across sub-Saharan Africa, most people live in rural areas and rely on agriculture for their livelihoods; most of them are poor and many are hungry. Could genetically modified organisms (GMOs) help to address some of the causes contributing to Africa's lagging agricultural productivity? Our answer is a qualified maybe.

**ODI** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Urban Institute** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*News 6 Apr 2016*

**Ten Steps to build the Cities of the Future**

:: The World Economic Forum has released a new report, Inspiring Future Cities & Urban Services

:: The report highlights the emerging technologies and business models that are changing the way urban services are delivered and proposes a 10-step action plan to enable cities to navigate the journey of urban transformation

:: The report proposes a “city maturity” model that highlights the various stages of urban development

:: The full report is available [here](#)

*News 5 Apr 2016*

**Can We Predict Real Estate Bubbles?**

:: The World Economic Forum’s Shaping the Future of Real Estate initiative defines real estate asset ecosystems and how real estate bubbles could be limited through innovative solutions

:: An early warning system prototype to flag markets that may experience dramatic downturns has been designed

:: Download the full reports:

-[Understanding the Commercial Real Estate Investment Ecosystem: An Early Warning System Prototype](#)

-[Understanding the Commercial Real Estate Investment Ecosystem: Case Study](#)

-[Infographic Commercial Real Estate Investment Ecosystem](#)

-[Shaping the Future of Real Estate Asset Pricing Dynamics Project page](#) (all project reports)

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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 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Press Release*

**More than 900 New Student Commitments to Action Announced at Ninth Annual CGI University Meeting**

April 2, 2016

President Clinton and Chelsea Clinton conclude Clinton Global Initiative University 2016 at UC Berkeley, engaging more than 1,200 student leaders on Education, Poverty Alleviation, Peace and Human Rights, Public Health, and Environment and Climate Change

**Ford Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 9 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.*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Press Release*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Awards More Than \$20 Million in Grants in the First Quarter of 2016**

(LOS ANGELES) April 5, 2016— The board of directors of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation announced today that it approved \$20.56 million in grants during the first quarter of 2016, including a \$5.44 million grant to the UCLA WORLD Policy Analysis Center (WORLD) for the creation of an initiative that will train the next generation of world leaders and thinkers, and a \$2.5 million grant to City of Hope to launch a cancer prevention initiative that will target poor diet and obesity as key risk factors for disease.

**Grameen Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]  
<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]  
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Research [ April 4, 2016 ]*

**Command and Control System Monitors Food Intake of Flies**

HHMI scientists have discovered a command center in the brain that controls how much insects eat and how quickly they consume their food.

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

April 4, 2016

**Grantee Jesuit Social Research Institute releases new report measuring states' progress on social justice**

WKKF grantee [Jesuit Social Research Institute](#) recently released a new report on social justice indicators: issues like poverty, racial disparities and immigrant exclusion, in each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

The report, "JustSouth INDEX 2016," identifies where inequity is concentrated and examines the historic, structural and systemic factors that have – and continue to – contribute to inequity in certain communities and states.

Michigan ranked highest of all four of the Kellogg Foundation's priority places, coming in at 30th. Other priority places included New Mexico, which ranked 46th; Mississippi came in at 50th; followed by Louisiana, which trailed at 51st.

The report provides valuable information for advocates, philanthropists, community leaders and policymakers to better understand the social justice challenges in their communities so that we can all move forward and focus on addressing critical barriers and increasing equity.

Learn more about the findings by viewing the [full report](#).

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*Publication*

**A Mid-term Evaluation of The Conservation & Sustainable Development Program**

Published April 5, 2016

Total Awarded: \$83m

Total Grants: 221

Duration: 2011 - 2016

Geographic Focus: Andes, Greater Mekong, Great Lakes of East and Central Africa

*[Excerpt]*

...In addition, the evaluation produced the following lessons:

:: Sustained engagement and flexibility are key to impact. The program's long-term commitment to the priority land and seascapes, including strong, enduring relationships with grantees that emphasize shared long-term program goals over projects have facilitated results.

:: Striking the right balance between traditional and innovative approaches to conservation is a process that requires experimentation and course corrections.

:: Donor partnerships and coordinated grantmaking around common objectives can enhance collective impact. Working in a donor collaborative helped us to establish a common, and sometimes more sophisticated, understanding of the threats and opportunities in a region.

:: A universal theory of change is most useful for developing and communicating a grantmaking strategy; it is less helpful to guide grantmaking in a given problem and geographic context. The product of a global theory of change may be too broad, and too simplistic, to usefully guide regional grantmaking, where opportunities, threats, and players shift quickly.

:: When investing in science, good planning will determine the conservation payoff. Scientific analysis and communication are valuable, but insufficient means to ensure effective environmental conservation.

:: Defining an appropriate grantmaking niche is critical to success.

### **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 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Open Society Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/issues/media-information>

April 6, 2016

*Voices*

#### **The Message of the Panama Papers**

by Julie McCarthy

The massive data leak reveals how vast amounts of wealth are secretly moved around the world. Now, political leaders must close the loopholes that allow this to happen.

### **David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 9 April 2016]

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

<http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/newsroom>

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 9 April 2016]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/news-releases.html>

Wed Apr 06 08:30:00 EDT 2016

**[Mood Challenge for ResearchKit Calls for Proposals](#)**

The Challenge, a New Venture Fund program funded by RWJF and powered by Luminary Labs, will award \$500,000 to further our understanding of mood and how it relates to daily life.

**Wellcome Trust** [to 9 April 2016]

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/News/2016/index.htm>

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**[Pharma industry leader Bill Burns joins Wellcome Trust Board of Governors](#)**

Pharmaceutical industry expert William (Bill) Burns this week joins the Board of Governors of the Wellcome Trust.

6 April 2016

**[Kevin Moses, Director of Science, to leave the Wellcome Trust](#)**

Kevin Moses, Director of Science, will be leaving the Wellcome Trust in August later this year. He is returning to the United States to become a partner of The Column Group, a venture capital firm building on novel scientific ideas from the academic sector and early stage companies. His new role will take him closer to family based in the US.

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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.*

**American Journal of Disaster Medicine**

Summer 2015, Volume 10, Number 3

<http://pnpcsw.pnpsc.com/cadmus/testvol.asp?year=2015&journal=ajdm>

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Infection Control**

April 2016 Volume 44, Issue 4, p373-494, e37-e58

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

April 2016 Volume 50, Issue 4, p427-552, e91-e122

<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

Volume 106, Issue 4 (April 2016)

<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

April 2016; 94 (4)

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/current>

*Perspective Piece*

**An Improved Ward Architecture for Treatment of Patients with Ebola Virus Disease in Liberia**

Jianping You and Qing Mao

Am J Trop Med Hyg 2016 94:701-703; Published online January 11, 2016,

doi:10.4269/ajtmh.15-0209

*Abstract*

During the recent outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in west Africa, we established an Ebola treatment center (ETC) with improved ward architecture. The ETC was built with movable prefabricated boards according to infectious disease unit standard requirements. The clinical staff ensured their own security while providing patients with effective treatment. Of the 180 admissions to the ETC, 10 cases were confirmed with EVD of which six patients survived. None of the clinical staff was infected. We hope that our experience will enable others to avoid unnecessary risks while delivering EVD care.

**Infectious Diseases in Sub-Saharan Immigrants to Spain**

Núria Serre Delcor, Begoña Treviño Maruri, Antoni Soriano Arandes, Isabel Claveria Guiu, Hakima Ouaarab Essadik, Mateu Espasa Soley, Israel Molina Romero, and Carlos Ascaso

Am J Trop Med Hyg 2016 94:750-756; Published online February 15, 2016,

doi:10.4269/ajtmh.15-0583

*Abstract*

Immigrants may be carriers of infectious diseases because of the prevalence of these diseases in their country of origin, exposure during migration, or conditions during resettlement, with this prevalence being particularly high in sub-Saharan Africans. We performed a retrospective review of 180 sub-Saharan immigrants screened for infectious diseases at an International

Health Center from January 2009 to December 2012. At least one pathogenic infectious disease was diagnosed in 72.8% patients: 60.6% latent tuberculosis infection, 36.8% intestinal parasites (intestinal protozoa or helminths), 28.1% helminths, 14.8% hepatitis B surface antigen positive, 1.2% anti-hepatitis C virus positive, 1.2% human immunodeficiency virus–positive, and 1.2% malaria. Coinfections were present in 28.4%. There was significant association between eosinophilia (absolute count or percentage) or hyper-IgE and the presence of helminths ( $P < 0.001$ ). Relative eosinophilia and hyper-IgE were better indicators of helminth infection than absolute eosinophilia, particularly for schistosomiasis and strongyloidiasis. We found a high prevalence of infectious diseases in sub-Saharan immigrants, which could lead to severe health problems (in the absence of prompt treatment), representing a high cost to the public health system and possible transmission in the host country. Accurate screening and tailored protocols for infectious diseases are recommended in sub-Saharan immigrants.

### **Retrospective Analysis of the 2014–2015 Ebola Epidemic in Liberia**

Katherine E. Atkins, Abhishek Pandey, Natasha S. Wenzel, Laura Skrip, Dan Yamin, Tolbert G. Nyenswah, Mosoka Fallah, Luke Bawo, Jan Medlock, Frederick L. Altice, Jeffrey Townsend, Martial L. Ndeffo-Mbah, and Alison P. Galvani

Am J Trop Med Hyg 2016 94:833-839; Published online February 29, 2016,  
doi:10.4269/ajtmh.15-0328

#### *Abstract*

The 2014–2015 Ebola epidemic has been the most protracted and devastating in the history of the disease. To prevent future outbreaks on this scale, it is imperative to understand the reasons that led to eventual disease control. Here, we evaluated the shifts of Ebola dynamics at national and local scales during the epidemic in Liberia. We used a transmission model calibrated to epidemiological data between June 9 and December 31, 2014, to estimate the extent of community and hospital transmission. We found that despite varied local epidemic patterns, community transmission was reduced by 40–80% in all the counties analyzed. Our model suggests that the tapering of the epidemic was achieved through reductions in community transmission, rather than accumulation of immune individuals through asymptomatic infection and unreported cases. Although the times at which this transmission reduction occurred in the majority of the Liberian counties started before any large expansion in hospital capacity and the distribution of home protection kits, it remains difficult to associate the presence of interventions with reductions in Ebola incidence.

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

5 April 2016, Vol. 164. No. 7

<http://annals.org/issue.aspx>

[New issue; No new relevant content identified]

### **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

[No new content]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

*Research article*

**[Drivers of improved health sector performance in Rwanda: a qualitative view from within](#)**

*Rwanda has achieved great improvements in several key health indicators, including maternal mortality and other health outcomes. This raises the question: what has made this possible, and what makes Rwanda so ...*

Felix Sayinzoga and Leon Bijlmakers

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:123

Published on: 8 April 2016

*Research article*

**[Effectiveness, cost effectiveness, acceptability and implementation barriers/enablers of chronic kidney disease management programs for Indigenous people in Australia, New Zealand and Canada: a systematic review of mixed evidence](#)**

*Indigenous peoples in Australia, New Zealand and Canada carry a greater burden of chronic kidney disease (CKD) than the general populations in each country, and this burden is predicted to increase.*

Rachel Reilly, Katharine Evans, Judith Gomersall, Gillian Gorham, Micah D. J. Peters, Steven Warren, Rebekah O'Shea, Alan Cass and Alex Brown

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:119

Published on: 6 April 2016

*Abstracts*

**[Researching Complex Interventions in Health: The State of the Art](#)**

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

Peter Craig, Ingall Rahm-Hallberg, Nicky Britten, Gunilla Borglin, Gabriele Meyer, Sascha Köpke, Jane Noyes, Jackie Chandler, Sara Levati, Anne Sales, Lehana Thabane, Lora Giangregorio, Nancy Feeley, Sylvie Cossette, Rod Taylor, Jacqueline Hill...

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16(Suppl 1):101

Published on: 4 April 2016

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

[No new content]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

[No new content]

**BMC Medicine**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

*Research article*

### **[Are all immigrant mothers really at risk of low birth weight and perinatal mortality? The crucial role of socio-economic status](#)**

Judith Racape, Claudia Schoenborn, Mouctar Sow, Sophie Alexander and Myriam De Spieghelaere

Published on: 8 April 2016

*Research article*

### **[Birth preparedness, complication readiness and other determinants of place of delivery among mothers in Goba District, Bale Zone, South East Ethiopia](#)**

Semere Sileshi Belda and Mulugeta Betre Gebremariam

Published on: 6 April 2016

## **BMC Public Health**

<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

*Research article*

### **[Adherence to and acceptability of home fortification with vitamins and minerals in children aged 6 to 23 months: a systematic review](#)**

*Vitamin and mineral deficiencies affect more than two million people worldwide. In 2011, based on recent scientific evidence and the low effectiveness of current strategies, the World Health Organization recommends...*

Samara Fernandes de Barros and Marly Augusto Cardoso

BMC Public Health 2016 16:299

Published on: 7 April 2016

## **BMC Research Notes**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>

(Accessed 9 April 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

## **BMJ Open**

2016, Volume 6, Issue 4

<http://bmjopen.bmjjournals.org/content/current>

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

## **British Medical Journal**

9 April 2016 (vol 352, issue 8052)  
<http://www.bmj.com/content/353/8052>  
[New issue; No 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**

March 2016 Volume 42, Issue 2 Pages 149–295  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.2/issuetoc>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Complexity**

March/April 2016 Volume 21, Issue 4 Pages 1–93  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.3/issuetoc>  
[New issue; No relevant content identified]

### **Conflict and Health**

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>  
[Accessed 9 April 2016]

*Research*

**[A quantitative assessment of termination of sexual violence-related pregnancies in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo](#)**  
Shada A. Rouhani, Jennifer Scott, Gillian Burkhardt, Monica A. Onyango, Sadia Haider, Ashley Greiner, Katherine Albutt, Michael VanRooyen and Susan A. Bartels  
Published on: 6 April 2016

### **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

April 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 2 pp: v-v,99-228  
<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

April 2016 Volume 16, Issue 1 Pages 1–60  
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-1/issuetoc>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 26, Issue 2, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

March 2016 Volume 34, Issue 2 Pages 177–319

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2016.34.issue-2/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 11, Issue 4, 2016

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idd/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 10 - Issue 02 - April 2016

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=DMP&tab=currentissue>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

April 2016 Volume 40, Issue 2 Pages 183–383

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2016.40.issue-2/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emergency Medicine Journal**

March 2016, Volume 33, Issue 3

<http://emj.bmjjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 15, In Progress (June 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/17554365>

[No new relevant content]

### **End of Life Journal**

2016, Volume 6, Issue 1

<http://eolj.bmjjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 144 - Issue 07 - May 2016

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=HYG&tab=currentissue>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Spring 2016 (Issue 30.1) | March 10, 2016

<http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2016/spring-2016-issue-30-1/>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 26, Issue 2, 1 April 2016

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/2?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Eurosurveillance**

Volume 21, Issue 14, 07 April 2016

<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/Public/Articles/Archives.aspx?PublicationId=11678>

*Perspectives*

#### **[Risk communication as a core public health competence in infectious disease management: Development of the ECDC training curriculum and programme](#)**

by P Dickmann, T Abraham, S Sarkar, P Wysocki, S Cecconi, F Apfel, Ü Nurm

### **Food Policy**

Volume 61, In Progress (May 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 8, Issue 2, April 2016

<http://link.springer.com/journal/12571/8/2/page/1>

*Review*

#### **[Crops that feed the world 11. Pearl Millet \(\*Pennisetum glaucum\* L.\): an important source of food security, nutrition and health in the arid and semi-arid tropics](#)**

[K. Jukanti, C. L. Laxmipathi Gowda, K. N. Rai, V. K. Manga...](#)

*Abstract*

Pearl millet is a major cereal in the arid and semi-arid regions of Asia and Africa. It is primarily cultivated for grain production, but its stover is also valued as dry fodder. Pearl millet is resilient to climate change due to its inherent adaptability to drought and high temperatures. It is also tolerant of saline and acid soils, and is well adapted to marginal lands with low productivity. Pearl millet germplasm exhibits large genetic variability for yield components; and various agronomic, adaptation and nutritional traits. Open pollinated varieties and hybrids are two important cultivar options, but higher productivity is realized through hybrids. Pearl millet has fewer pest and disease problems compared to other cereals and is suited to different cropping

systems. It is highly responsive to improved crop management practices, as witnessed in parts of India where it is grown as an irrigated summer crop that produces higher yields and better quality grain. Pearl millet has high nutritional value in terms of high levels of energy, dietary fibre, proteins with a balanced amino acid profile, many essential minerals, some vitamins, and antioxidants. These play a significant role in prevention of important human ailments such as diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases. There is great potential for harnessing these positive attributes through genetic improvement, improved crop management, and grain processing and food products technologies. These should help to develop greater global awareness of the importance of this crop for food and nutritional security.

*Review*

**A review of postharvest handling and losses in the fresh tomato supply chain: a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa**

M. S. Sibomana, T. S. Workneh, K. Audain

*Abstract*

The mitigation of postharvest losses in the Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) tomato industry has the potential to improve profit margins, livelihoods and food security. This review focuses on the current status of postharvest handling of tomatoes in SSA. Recent peer-reviewed, industry, government and non-governmental organisations' documents were consulted. Descriptive and quantitative approaches were used to present the information from the literature. Postharvest losses in the fresh tomato supply chain in SSA occur predominantly at the pre-consumer level, in contrast to similar supply chains in developed countries. Overall, recent estimations of losses in fresh market tomatoes were similar across SSA; 9.5 % in East Africa, 9.8 % in Central and Southern Africa, and 10.04 % in West Africa. Examples of individual countries showed estimated losses of 10.1 % in Kenya, 10.2 % in South Africa and 13.4 % in Nigeria representing multi-million dollar losses from these supply chains. Inadequate monitoring and quantifying of losses was noted in SSA. This document identifies postharvest challenges and presents possible interventions and opportunities for both large and small-scale producers. Overall, the implementation of any solutions in the SSA tomato supply chains will have to account for the specific contexts of each chain and level of production.

*Original Paper*

**An assessment by subsistence farmers of the risks to food security attributable to climate change in Makwanpur, Nepal**

Rajendra P. Shrestha, Namita Nepal

*Abstract*

The potential impacts of climate change on the food security of subsistence farmers is a serious concern. This article explores the food security situations of two categories of subsistence farm households, vegetable- and cereal-based farming systems, in the Makwanpur district of Nepal in the context of climate change. Local climate data for the past 30 years were analyzed.

Interviews with local farmers and key informants, and focus group discussions were carried out to collect the primary data. Empirical data showed that changes in climate variables for the study period were in line with farmers' perceptions and that farming communities were negatively impacted. Perceived impacts were erratic rainfall, increased frequency of floods and droughts, soil degradation and insect pests, weeds and diseases. Farmers have modified traditional cropping patterns and calendar, changed crop varieties and increased fertilizer and pesticide applications in order to maintain crop yields. They have also sought off-farm employment. However, agricultural productivity in the area is declining and only one third of all

households in the area were food secure. Household food insecurity was at mild to moderate levels, but vegetable-based households were more secure than cereal-based ones. At the household level, locally successful adaptive measures, such as rainwater harvesting, mulching, planting date adjustments, off-farm opportunities, including infrastructure and extension support, could increase production and contribute to reversing the impact of increased risk attributed to climate change.

*Original Paper*

**Improved food quality, quantity and security among Kenyan orphans and vulnerable children: associations with participation in a multisectoral community-based program, age, gender, and sexual risk**

Michael L. Goodman, Beatrice J. Selwyn, Robert O. Morgan, Linda E. Lloyd...

*Abstract*

The present study evaluates factors associated with improved food quantity, quality and diversity among participants in a 3-year multisectoral program targeting sibling families of orphans and vulnerable children in rural Kenya. This cross-sectional study evaluates food adequacy and diversity using the World Food Programme's Food Consumption Score, food access over the previous year, and food dependence on outside-household resources among 1060 families of orphan or vulnerable siblings. The primary comparison group was program-enrolled households who had not yet received any program inputs. Mixed effects logistic models were used to assess the association of food quantity, quality and security with program participation, program inputs and respondent characteristics. Increased time in the program was significantly associated with improved food quantity, quality and security. Other covariates significantly predicting improved food quantity, quality and security included using program-funds to cultivate small-holder farms, increased monthly income, self-efficacy and the number of partners in previous year. After adjusting for monthly income and other covariates, duration of program participation remained a significant predictor of improved food consumption, quality and security. The study presents a unique community-based intervention, hybridizing insights from multiple disciplines that warrants further study to improve the food quantity, quality and security of orphans and vulnerable children across sub-Saharan Africa.

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*Editorial*

**[Zika virus outbreak and the case for building effective and sustainable rapid diagnostics laboratory capacity globally](#)**

Alimuddin Zumla, Ian Goodfellow, Francis Kasolo, Francine Ntoumi, Philippe Buchy, Matthew Bates, Esam I Azhar, Matthew Cotten, Eskild Petersen

p92–94

Published online: March 4 2016

*Preview*

New and re-emerging pathogens with epidemic potential have threatened global health security for the past century.<sup>1</sup> As with the recent Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) epidemic, the Zika Virus (ZIKV) outbreak has yet again surprised and overwhelmed the international health community with an unexpected event for which it might have been better prepared.

*Editorial*

**[Engaging high and low burden countries in the “TB end game”](#)**

B.J. Marais, A.C. Outhred, A. Zumla

p100–102

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*Preview*

Tuberculosis (TB) is now the single biggest infectious disease killer in the world, surpassing malaria and HIV/AIDS. In 2014, there were an estimated 9.6 million incident TB cases and 1.5 million deaths.<sup>1</sup> It is not widely appreciated that TB is also a major cause of disease and death in young children.<sup>2,3</sup> New estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO) are that 1 million children developed TB during 2014.<sup>1</sup> This is disconcerting because children have poor access to TB services in most resource-limited settings and paediatric cases provide an accurate reflection of uncontrolled TB transmission within communities.

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*Viewpoint*  
[\*\*What Pediatricians and Other Clinicians Should Know About Zika Virus\*\*](#) FREE  
Mark W. Kline, MD; Gordon E. Schutze, MD

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*Regular Articles*  
[\*\*The value of children: Inter-generational support, fertility, and human capital\*\*](#)  
Original Research Article  
Pages 1-16  
Jaqueline Oliveira  
*Abstract*  
This paper offers robust empirical evidence of a Darwinian pro-natalist mechanism: parents can improve their old-age support with an additional child. Using the incidence of first-born twins as an instrument for fertility outcomes, I find that Chinese senior parents with more children receive more financial transfers and are more likely to co-reside with an adult child. They are also less likely to work past retirement age. The estimated effects are large, despite the evidence that adult children from larger families are less educated and earn significantly less. Interestingly, the effect of an increase in the number of children on old-age support does not depend on the child's gender.

## [\*\*Impact of Village Savings and Loan Associations: Evidence from a cluster randomized trial\*\*](#)

Original Research Article

Pages 70-85

Christopher Ksoll, Helene Bie Lilleør, Jonas Helth Lønborg, Ole Dahl Rasmussen

*Abstract*

The vast majority of the world's poor live in rural areas of developing countries with little access to financial services. Setting up Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) has become an increasingly widespread intervention aimed at improving local financial intermediation. Using a cluster randomized trial we investigate the impact of VSLAs in Northern Malawi over a two year period. We find evidence of positive and significant intention-to-treat effects on several outcomes, including the number of meals consumed per day, household expenditure as measured by the USAID Poverty Assessment Tool, and the number of rooms in the dwelling. This effect is linked to an increase in savings and credit obtained through the VSLAs, which has increased agricultural investments and income from small businesses.

**Airtime transfers and mobile communications: Evidence in the aftermath of natural disasters**

Original Research Article

Pages 157-181

Joshua E. Blumenstock, Nathan Eagle, Marcel Fafchamps

*Abstract*

We provide empirical evidence that Rwandans use the mobile phone network to transfer airtime to those affected by unexpected shocks. Using an extensive dataset on mobile phone activity in Rwanda and exploiting the quasi-random timing and location of natural disasters, we show that individuals make transfers and calls to people affected by disasters. The magnitude of these transfers is small in absolute terms, but statistically significant; in response to the Lake Kivu earthquake of 2008, we estimate that roughly US\$84 in airtime was transferred to individuals in the affected region, that 70% of these transfers were immediately used to make outgoing calls, and that US\$16,959 was spent calling those near the epicenter. Unlike other forms of interpersonal transfers, mobile airtime is sent over large geographic distances and in response to covariate shocks. Transfers are more likely to be sent to wealthy individuals, and are sent predominantly between pairs of individuals with a strong history of reciprocal favor exchange.

**Witchcraft beliefs and the erosion of social capital: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa and beyond**

Original Research Article

Pages 182-208

Boris Gershman

*Abstract*

This paper examines the relationship between witchcraft beliefs, a deep-rooted cultural phenomenon, and various elements of social capital. Using novel survey data from nineteen countries in Sub-Saharan Africa we establish a robust negative association between the prevalence of witchcraft beliefs and multiple measures of trust which holds after accounting for country fixed effects and potential confounding factors at the individual, regional, and ethnic-group levels. This finding extends to other metrics of social capital, namely charitable giving and participation in religious group activities. Such coexistence of witchcraft beliefs and antisocial attitudes stands in stark contrast to a well-explored alternative cultural equilibrium characterized by religious prosociality. Evidence from societies beyond Africa shows that in preindustrial communities where witchcraft is believed to be an important cause of illness, mistrust and other antisocial traits are inculcated since childhood. Furthermore, second-

generation immigrants in Europe originating from countries with widespread witchcraft beliefs are generally less trusting.

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*Articles*

### **[Worldwide trends in diabetes since 1980: a pooled analysis of 751 population-based studies with 4·4 million participants](#)**

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*Summary*

Background

One of the global targets for non-communicable diseases is to halt, by 2025, the rise in the age-standardised adult prevalence of diabetes at its 2010 levels. We aimed to estimate worldwide trends in diabetes, how likely it is for countries to achieve the global target, and how changes in prevalence, together with population growth and ageing, are affecting the number of adults with diabetes.

*Methods*

We pooled data from population-based studies that had collected data on diabetes through measurement of its biomarkers. We used a Bayesian hierarchical model to estimate trends in diabetes prevalence—defined as fasting plasma glucose of 7·0 mmol/L or higher, or history of diagnosis with diabetes, or use of insulin or oral hypoglycaemic drugs—in 200 countries and territories in 21 regions, by sex and from 1980 to 2014. We also calculated the posterior probability of meeting the global diabetes target if post-2000 trends continue.

*Findings*

We used data from 751 studies including 4 372 000 adults from 146 of the 200 countries we make estimates for. Global age-standardised diabetes prevalence increased from 4·3% (95% credible interval 2·4–7·0) in 1980 to 9·0% (7·2–11·1) in 2014 in men, and from 5·0% (2·9–7·9) to 7·9% (6·4–9·7) in women. The number of adults with diabetes in the world increased from 108 million in 1980 to 422 million in 2014 (28·5% due to the rise in prevalence, 39·7% due to population growth and ageing, and 31·8% due to interaction of these two factors). Age-standardised adult diabetes prevalence in 2014 was lowest in northwestern Europe, and highest in Polynesia and Micronesia, at nearly 25%, followed by Melanesia and the Middle East and north Africa. Between 1980 and 2014 there was little change in age-standardised diabetes prevalence in adult women in continental western Europe, although crude prevalence rose because of ageing of the population. By contrast, age-standardised adult prevalence rose by 15 percentage points in men and women in Polynesia and Micronesia. In 2014, American Samoa had the highest national prevalence of diabetes (>30% in both sexes), with age-standardised

adult prevalence also higher than 25% in some other islands in Polynesia and Micronesia. If post-2000 trends continue, the probability of meeting the global target of halting the rise in the prevalence of diabetes by 2025 at the 2010 level worldwide is lower than 1% for men and is 1% for women. Only nine countries for men and 29 countries for women, mostly in western Europe, have a 50% or higher probability of meeting the global target.

#### Interpretation

Since 1980, age-standardised diabetes prevalence in adults has increased, or at best remained unchanged, in every country. Together with population growth and ageing, this rise has led to a near quadrupling of the number of adults with diabetes worldwide. The burden of diabetes, both in terms of prevalence and number of adults affected, has increased faster in low-income and middle-income countries than in high-income countries.

#### Funding

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#### Articles

#### [Guillain-Barré Syndrome outbreak associated with Zika virus infection in French Polynesia: a case-control study](#)

Van-Mai Cao-Lormeau, Alexandre Blake, Sandrine Mons, Stéphane Lastère, Claudine Roche, Jessica Vanhomwegen, Timothée Dub, Laure Baudouin, Anita Teissier, Philippe Larre, Anne-Laure Vial, Christophe Decam, Valérie Choumet, Susan K Halstead, Hugh J Willison, Lucile Musset, Jean-Claude Manuguerra, Philippe Despres, Emmanuel Fournier, Henri-Pierre Mallet, Didier Musso, Arnaud Fontanet, Jean Neil, Frédéric Ghawché  
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#### Summary

#### Background

Between October, 2013, and April, 2014, French Polynesia experienced the largest Zika virus outbreak ever described at that time. During the same period, an increase in Guillain-Barré syndrome was reported, suggesting a possible association between Zika virus and Guillain-Barré syndrome. We aimed to assess the role of Zika virus and dengue virus infection in developing Guillain-Barré syndrome.

#### Methods

In this case-control study, cases were patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome diagnosed at the Centre Hospitalier de Polynésie Française (Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia) during the outbreak period. Controls were age-matched, sex-matched, and residence-matched patients who presented at the hospital with a non-febrile illness (control group 1; n=98) and age-matched patients with acute Zika virus disease and no neurological symptoms (control group 2; n=70). Virological investigations included RT-PCR for Zika virus, and both microsphere immunofluorescent and seroneutralisation assays for Zika virus and dengue virus. Anti-glycolipid reactivity was studied in patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome using both ELISA and combinatorial microarrays.

#### Findings

42 patients were diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome during the study period. 41 (98%) patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome had anti-Zika virus IgM or IgG, and all (100%) had neutralising antibodies against Zika virus compared with 54 (56%) of 98 in control group 1 ( $p<0.0001$ ). 39 (93%) patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome had Zika virus IgM and 37 (88%) had experienced a transient illness in a median of 6 days (IQR 4–10) before the onset of neurological symptoms, suggesting recent Zika virus infection. Patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome had electrophysiological findings compatible with acute motor axonal neuropathy

(AMAN) type, and had rapid evolution of disease (median duration of the installation and plateau phases was 6 [IQR 4–9] and 4 days [3–10], respectively). 12 (29%) patients required respiratory assistance. No patients died. Anti-glycolipid antibody activity was found in 13 (31%) patients, and notably against GA1 in eight (19%) patients, by ELISA and 19 (46%) of 41 by glycoarray at admission. The typical AMAN-associated anti-ganglioside antibodies were rarely present. Past dengue virus history did not differ significantly between patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome and those in the two control groups (95%, 89%, and 83%, respectively).

#### Interpretation

This is the first study providing evidence for Zika virus infection causing Guillain-Barré syndrome. Because Zika virus is spreading rapidly across the Americas, at risk countries need to prepare for adequate intensive care beds capacity to manage patients with Guillain-Barré syndrome.

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#### Review

### **Increasing value and reducing waste in biomedical research: who's listening?**

David Moher, Paul Glasziou, Iain Chalmers, Mona Nasser, Patrick M M Bossuyt, Daniël A Korevaar, Ian D Graham, Philippe Ravaud, Isabelle Boutron

#### Summary

The biomedical research complex has been estimated to consume almost a quarter of a trillion US dollars every year. Unfortunately, evidence suggests that a high proportion of this sum is avoidably wasted. In 2014, *The Lancet* published a series of five reviews showing how dividends from the investment in research might be increased from the relevance and priorities of the questions being asked, to how the research is designed, conducted, and reported. 17 recommendations were addressed to five main stakeholders—funders, regulators, journals, academic institutions, and researchers. This Review provides some initial observations on the possible effects of the Series, which seems to have provoked several important discussions and is on the agendas of several key players. Some examples of individual initiatives show ways to reduce waste and increase value in biomedical research. This momentum will probably move strongly across stakeholder groups, if collaborative relationships evolve between key players; further important work is needed to increase research value. A forthcoming meeting in Edinburgh, UK, will provide an initial forum within which to foster the collaboration needed.

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## **Maternal and Child Health Journal**

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*Commentary*

### **Catalyzing a Reproductive Health and Social Justice Movement**

Sarah Verbiest, Christina Kiko Malin, Mario Drummonds...

*Abstract*

**Objectives** The maternal and child health (MCH) community, partnering with women and their families, has the potential to play a critical role in advancing a new multi-sector social movement focused on creating a women's reproductive and economic justice agenda. Since the turn of the twenty-first century, the MCH field has been planting seeds for change. The time has come for this work to bear fruit as many states are facing stagnant or slow progress in reducing infant mortality, increasing maternal death rates, and growing health inequities.

**Methods** This paper synthesizes three current, interrelated approaches to addressing MCH challenges—life course theory, preconception health, and social justice/reproductive equity.

**Conclusion** Based on these core constructs, the authors offer four directions for advancing efforts to improve MCH outcomes. The first is to ensure access to quality health care for all. The second is to facilitate change through critical conversations about challenging issues such as poverty, racism, sexism, and immigration; the relevance of evidence-based practice in disenfranchised communities; and how we might be perpetuating inequities in our institutions. The third is to develop collaborative spaces in which leaders across diverse sectors can see their roles in creating equitable neighborhood conditions that ensure optimal reproductive choices and outcomes for women and their families. Last, the authors suggest that leaders engage the MCH workforce and its consumers in dialogue and action about local and national policies that address the social determinants of health and how these policies influence reproductive and early childhood outcomes.

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*Editorials*

### **Viral complacency**

The first outbreak of yellow fever in Angola in almost 30 years illustrates the danger of a short attention span when confronting epidemic threats.

## **Mind matters**

Mental illness is moving up the global agenda — but there is still much to do.

## **Nature Medicine**

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## **PharmacoEconomics**

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*Original Research Article*

### **What Can We Expect from Value-Based Funding of Medicines? A Retrospective Study**

Anthony Harris, Jing Jing Li, Karen Yong

*Abstract*

*Objective*

Deciding on public funding for pharmaceuticals on the basis of value for money is now widespread. We suggest that evidence-based assessment of value has restricted the availability of medicines in Australia in a way that reflects the relative bargaining power of government and the pharmaceutical industry. We propose a simple informal game-theoretic model of bargaining

between the funding agency and industry and test its predictions using a logistic multiple regression model of past funding decisions made by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee in Australia.

#### Method

The model estimates the probability of a drug being recommended for subsidy as a function of incremental cost per quality-adjusted life-year (QALY), as well as other drug and market characteristics. Data are major submissions or resubmissions from 1993 to 2009 where there was a claim of superiority and evidence of a difference in quality of life. Independent variables measure the incremental cost per QALY, the cost to the public budget, the strength and quality of the clinical and economic evidence, need as measured by severity of illness and the availability of alternative treatments, whether or not a resubmission, and newspaper reports as a measure of public pressure. We report the odds ratio for each variable and calculate the ratio of the marginal effect of each variable to the marginal effect of the cost per QALY as a measure of the revealed willingness to pay for each of the variables that influence the decision.

#### Results

The results are consistent with a bargaining model where a 10,000 Australian dollar (\$A) fall in value (increase in cost per QALY) reduces the average probability of public funding from 37 to 33 % (95 % CI 34–32). If the condition is life threatening or the drug has no active comparator, then the odds of a positive recommendation are 3.18 (95 % CI 1.00–10.11) and 2.14 (95 % CI 0.95–4.83) greater, equivalent to a \$A33,000 and a \$A21,000 increase in value (fall in cost per QALY). If both conditions are met, the odds are increased by 4.41 (95 % CI 1.28–15.24) times, equivalent to an increase in value of \$A46,000. Funding is more likely as time elapses and price falls, but we did not find clear evidence that public or corporate pressure influences decisions.

#### Conclusion

Evidence from Australia suggests that the determinants of public funding and pricing decisions for medicines reflect the relative bargaining power of government and drug companies. Value for money depends on the quality of evidence, timing, patient need, perceived benefit and opportunity cost; these factors reflect the potential gains from striking a bargain and the risk of loss from not doing so

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*Editorial*

### **Neglected Tropical Diseases in the Anthropocene: The Cases of Zika, Ebola, and Other Infections**

Peter J. Hotez

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### **Effects of Mother's Illness and Breastfeeding on Risk of Ebola Virus Disease in a Cohort of Very Young Children**

Hilary Bower, Sembia Johnson, Mohamed S. Bangura, Alie Joshua Kamara, Osman Kamara, Saidu H. Mansaray, Daniel Sesay, Cecilia Turay, Francesco Checchi, Judith R. Glynn

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### **"We Are Now Free to Speak": Qualitative Evaluation of an Education and Empowerment Training for HIV Patients in Namibia**

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### **Predicting and Evaluating the Epidemic Trend of Ebola Virus Disease in the 2014-2015 Outbreak and the Effects of Intervention Measures**

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### **Optimizing Real-Time Vaccine Allocation in a Stochastic SIR Model**

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*Abstract*

Real-time vaccination following an outbreak can effectively mitigate the damage caused by an infectious disease. However, in many cases, available resources are insufficient to vaccinate the entire at-risk population, logistics result in delayed vaccine deployment, and the interaction between members of different cities facilitates a wide spatial spread of infection. Limited vaccine, time delays, and interaction (or coupling) of cities lead to tradeoffs that impact the overall magnitude of the epidemic. These tradeoffs mandate investigation of optimal strategies that minimize the severity of the epidemic by prioritizing allocation of vaccine to specific

subpopulations. We use an SIR model to describe the disease dynamics of an epidemic which breaks out in one city and spreads to another. We solve a master equation to determine the resulting probability distribution of the final epidemic size. We then identify tradeoffs between vaccine, time delay, and coupling, and we determine the optimal vaccination protocols resulting from these tradeoffs.

### **[A Performance Analysis of Public Expenditure on Maternal Health in Mexico](#)**

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*Biological Sciences - Sustainability Science:*

#### **[Tradeoffs between fisheries harvest and the resilience of coral reefs](#)**

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#### *Significance*

Fisheries management must avoid adverse impacts on the ecosystem. Doing so can be challenging in highly complex systems, particularly if the target species serves an important ecosystem function. Caribbean coral reefs provide a classic example in which herbivorous parrotfish are both an important fishery and key driver of ecosystem resilience. We developed and tested a multispecies fisheries model of parrotfish and linked it to a coral reef ecosystem experiencing climate change. We found that corals can remain resilient if less than 10% of the fishable parrotfish biomass is harvested and a minimum size of 30 cm is implemented. To our knowledge, this work is the first attempt to identify harvest levels that have little adverse effect on corals.

#### *Abstract*

Many countries are legally obliged to embrace ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management. Reductions in bycatch and physical habitat damage are now commonplace, but mitigating more sophisticated impacts associated with the ecological functions of target fisheries species are in their infancy. Here we model the impacts of a parrotfish fishery on the future state and resilience of Caribbean coral reefs, enabling us to view the tradeoff between harvest and ecosystem health. We find that the implementation of a simple and enforceable size restriction of >30 cm provides a win:win outcome in the short term, delivering both ecological and fisheries benefits and leading to increased yield and greater coral recovery rate for a given harvest rate. However, maintaining resilient coral reefs even until 2030 requires the addition of harvest limitations (<10% of virgin fishable biomass) to cope with a changing climate and

induced coral disturbances, even in reefs that are relatively healthy today. Managing parrotfish is not a panacea for protecting coral reefs but can play a role in sustaining the health of reefs and high-quality habitat for reef fisheries.

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**Yellow fever outbreak triggers vaccine alarm**

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*Summary*

A big yellow fever outbreak in Angola has depleted the world's emergency vaccine stockpile and raised worries that future outbreaks of the mosquito-borne virus could be impossible to control. The Angolan outbreak has caused 490 confirmed cases and 198 deaths so far, but experts say the real toll may be 10 times as high. A vaccination campaign has already reached 6 million people in Luanda, where the outbreak began, but the disease has spread to other provinces as well and the vaccine is running out. Only four facilities in the world produce yellow fever vaccine, and their production methods are antiquated and difficult to scale up. Additional outbreaks in other African cities, or in Asia, where yellow fever has never gained a foothold, could be catastrophic, experts say.

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### ***World Heritage and gender equality***

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