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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.

Yemen

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6 June 2016
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Alarmed by Civilian Casualties, Secretary-General Accepts Proposed Joint Review of Yemeni Cases Cited in Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General has stated repeatedly his alarm at the civilian casualties caused by all parties to the fighting in Yemen. He has reminded all parties of the need to avoid civilian casualties and move immediately towards a lasting ceasefire. On the CAAC [Children and Armed Conflict] report, he accepts a proposal by Saudi Arabia that the United Nations and the Saudi-led Coalition review jointly the cases and numbers cited in the text. The Secretary-General shares the objective that the report reflects the highest standards of accuracy possible.

In this regard, the Secretary-General invites the Coalition to send a team to New York as soon as possible for detailed discussions, ahead of the Security Council's discussion of the report currently scheduled for August. **Pending the conclusions of the joint review, the Secretary-General removes the listing of the Coalition in the report's annex**

4 June 2016
SG/SM/17818

Condemning Targeted Attacks on Civilians in Yemen, Secretary-General Calls for Independent Investigation to Hold Perpetrators Accountable

The following statement was issued today by the Spokesman for UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon:

The Secretary-General condemns the attacks with heavy weapons, including rockets, mortars and artillery, in Taiz. Rocket fire reportedly hit a busy market in the city. Attacks directed against civilians and populated areas, including markets, are strictly prohibited. He underscores to all parties that targeting civilian areas is a violation of international humanitarian law and urges them to fully respect their obligations in this regard. The Secretary-General calls for an independent investigation to ensure that perpetrators are held accountable.

The Secretary-General continues to urge all parties to the conflict to cease all military activities in accordance with the nationwide cessation of hostilities. He further calls on them to refrain from any actions that could result in further civilian casualties. It is particularly regrettable that Taiz continues to pay a heavy toll in civilian losses despite the cessation of hostilities.

The Secretary-General calls on those participating in the peace talks in Kuwait to negotiate in good faith and urgently work with his Special Envoy, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, to bring a peaceful end to this devastating conflict. In this same spirit, he also urges the importance of the immediate release of prisoners and detainees.

The Secretary-General expresses his sincere condolences and sympathies to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured.

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Ban Ki-moon's Thankless Position

New York Times JUNE 10, 2016
The Opinion Pages / Editorial
By THE EDITORIAL BOARD

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It is distressing, but not surprising, that the United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon, succumbed to pressure from Saudi Arabia to erase a Saudi-led military coalition in Yemen from a list of armies that kill and maim children. What is surprising is that Mr. Ban made the incident public and declared that the sort of pressure he came under was unacceptable.

He was right to do so: Saudi Arabia stands doubly named and shamed — for supporting a coalition that contributed to most of the deaths and injuries to children in Yemen last year and for leaning on Mr. Ban by threatening to withhold financing from humanitarian operations in the Palestinian territories, South Sudan and Syria.

For many people, the affair will not come as a shock. The United Nations has developed an unenviable reputation over the years for hypocrisy in its approach to human rights. The United Nations Human Rights Council is famous for the human-rights violators who have figured among its rotating membership, which currently includes Saudi Arabia.

As for Saudi Arabia's threat to withdraw financial support, the United States, while not making threats on this scale, has itself refused to pay its dues, both to achieve policy objectives and to reform a bureaucracy that Congress has long regarded as bloated.

Dag Hammarskjöld, the second United Nations secretary general, once declared that the organization "was created not to lead mankind to heaven, but in order to save humanity from hell," and that is especially true today for the grouping of 193 nations, ranging from geographic specks like Nauru to giants like China and great powers like the United States. A clash of agendas, perspectives and contributions is inevitable, with richer countries trying to use their wealth to get their way and poorer countries using their greater numbers to get theirs.

But for all its inefficiency, the United Nations provides a unique venue for nations to mingle and meet and, through its many agencies, one of the most effective global means of gathering and distributing development and medical aid, helping children around the world, protecting world heritage sites, supplying peacekeepers to separate warring armies and doing myriad other global missions. As the cliché has it, if there were no United Nations you'd have to invent it.

So to accuse Mr. Ban of caving in to Saudi intimidation, as some human rights organizations have done, is not fair. A South Korean who as a child studied from books provided by Unicef, he would have far preferred to name and shame those who harm children. But the complexity and competing interests of the organization he leads do not allow for moral absolutism. The loss of Saudi Arabian financing for humanitarian operations in the Palestinian territories, South Sudan and Syria would, Mr. Ban said, have caused millions of children to "suffer grievously."

Which is another way of saying he had no real choice. The pity is that Saudi Arabia put him in such a terrible position.

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Syria

[**Besieged Syrian Town Gets First Food Aid Since 2012, Then Gets Bombed**](#)

New York Times, JUNE 10, 2016

By HWAIDA SAAD and RICK GLADSTONE

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Relief trucks delivered food aid for the first time in four years to Daraya, the rebel-held Syrian town just outside of Damascus that has come to symbolize civilian suffering in the war, the United Nations said Friday.

But even as the relief convoy's success was announced by the World Food Program, the United Nations anti-hunger agency, residents of Daraya were reporting that Syrian military aircraft were bombing the town, making it difficult to distribute the food. They also said the amount delivered was roughly half of what was needed.

"People didn't come in large numbers to receive the convoy, they were afraid of the bombing," Amjad Abbar, a member of a local council in Daraya, said by telephone, with sounds of explosions and aircraft heard in the background. "Several barrel bombs have fallen," he said. News of the bombing nearly overshadowed the aid delivery, provoking anger among some Western powers hostile to President Bashar al-Assad of Syria.

"It is an extraordinary duplicity of the regime which we are witnessing," Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault of France said at the United Nations, where he was visiting to preside over a Security Council meeting on protection of civilians in armed conflict...

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"Attacks on medical units in Syria may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity" – UN expert warn

GENEVA (10 June 2016) – The UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Dainius Pūras, today condemned the direct targeting and continued damage and destruction of medical units, such as hospitals and other healthcare facilities, in the context of the ongoing war in Syria.

"These incidents amount to war crimes and may constitute crimes against humanity, as well as a violation of the right to health, and those responsible must be brought to justice," the expert warned.

"Medical units are being damaged and destroyed in large numbers throughout Syria, revealing what has become a repugnant hallmark of this horrific conflict," Mr. Pūras said. "The sheer number of such facilities being hit, as well as information relating to some of the incidents, suggests that some hospitals and other medical facilities may have been directly targeted."

The Special Rapporteur stressed that the intentional deprivation of people's right to access medical care, goods and services through the destruction of hospitals and other medical facilities "is a clear violation of the right to health."

From the beginning of May 2016 alone, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights documented incidents involving at least 8 medical units in Syria in which dozens of civilians were killed and injured...

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UNICEF - Attacks on medical facilities in Syria "should shake the moral compass of the world."

Statement attributable to Dr. Peter Salama, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa

AMMAN, 8 June, 2016 – "Everyone must question their humanity when babies have to be taken out of incubators because of attacks on hospitals.

"UNICEF confirms that three medical facilities were attacked in Aleppo today in the space of three hours. The al-Bayan and al-Hakeem hospitals, within a distance of 300 metres, and the Abdulhadi Fares clinic, all in the eastern part of the city were hit.

"The Al Hakim hospital, a UNICEF supported facility, is one of the few that still provide pediatric services. This is the second attack on the hospital.

"This devastating pattern of warfare in Syria seems to have no checks and balances.

"The past five years of war have brought daily tragedies to millions of people in Syria. Children, including babies just a few days old, have been injured and lost their lives whilst seeking medical care. Health personnel have been injured and lost their lives on duty.

"Hundreds of medical facilities that provide critical life-saving health care for thousands have been damaged or destroyed. In the past two weeks alone, six health facilities were attacked across the country.

"Surely this should shake the moral compass of the world. How long will we allow the children of Syria to suffer like this?"

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Migration / Refugees / Asylum

[Selected reports and announcement, complemented by numerous agency and NGO announcements in Watch sections below]

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 207,260; Deaths 2,856

06/10/16

Italy - IOM reports an estimated 207,260 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 8 June, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

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IOM Welcomes Guidelines to Protect Migrants

Posted: 06/10/16

Switzerland - IOM today welcomed the publication of the "Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster" by the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative.

Almost all countries host a migrant population and no country is immune to conflict or natural disaster. IOM's experience has shown that migrants were among those worst affected in every humanitarian crisis of the last decade.

"We have a collective responsibility to improve protection for vulnerable migrants in countries experiencing crisis," said IOM Director General, William Lacy Swing. "States, international organizations, employers, recruiters and civil society all have a role to play in ensuring that migrants and their particular needs and vulnerabilities are taken into account in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from crisis."

Before today, little guidance existed to clearly identify what States, international organizations and others should do to better protect migrants in crises.

Despite being resilient and resourceful in the face of crises, during emergency responses, migrants "often fall between the cracks," explained Michele Klein-Solomon, Director of the MICIC Initiative Secretariat, which is based at IOM. "This should be a concern for all countries."

The governments of the Philippines and the United States launched the MICIC Initiative in 2014 to develop voluntary, non-binding guidance on how to better protect and assist migrants in countries experiencing conflicts or natural disasters.

The MICIC Initiative is co-chaired by the Philippines and the United States, and supported by a Working Group comprised of Australia, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, the European Commission, IOM, UNHCR, ICMPD, Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of International Migration, and the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for International Migration....

The Guidelines can be accessed on the MICIC Initiative website at:

<http://micicinitiative.iom.int/>

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SOS Children's Villages and Erste Group partner on crowd-sourced app for refugee crisis emergency response

6 June 2016

A new crowd-sourced emergency response platform, developed in response to the European refugee crisis, will enable refugees, NGOs and volunteers to share up-to-date and local information to respond to human needs.

Eden, the online emergency response platform developed in response to the European refugee crisis by BeeTwo, which was set up by the innovation hub of Erste Group, together with SOS Children's Villages International, is now being tested along the refugee route in the Balkans.

The new platform enables refugees to share real-time information, such as where there is a need for urgent medical assistance, and also enables NGOs on the ground to share information about the resources they have available, and to coordinate quickly where these resources should be sent to respond to urgent needs.

The platform was developed based on input from NGOs working on the ground in the Balkan refugee route as well as feedback from Andreas Papp, International Director of Emergency Response at SOS Children's Villages International.

Mr Papp said, 'Technology such as online resources has opened up new ways of sharing information and resources with the stakeholders on the ground. The context of the refugee crisis is fast evolving and I'm excited to see how, together with BeeTwo, we can harness this to improve the coordination, reactivity and quality of services of NGOs working in the field.'

...The platform is currently aimed at refugees and NGOs working on the ground in the refugee crisis; however it is anticipated that in the future Eden will also be available to individuals wishing to volunteer their services, such as doctors.

A user can create an issue, which is coded according to type of issue, such as a medical issue. For example, if a pregnant woman refugee is going into labour and is about to give birth, and there are three medical organisations in the area, the platform allows the organisations to coordinate who will respond. This avoids situations where more than one organisation goes to the same incident, wasting valuable resources.

The platform also includes a real-time map and users can adapt their settings so they only see issues relevant to them, such as a medical organisation based in a city choosing to only see medical issues in their city.

The beta version is currently being tested by SOS Children's Villages and other NGOs working on the Balkan route to support refugees on the ground...

Commission announces New Migration Partnership Framework: reinforced cooperation with third countries to better manage migration

European Commission - Press release

Strasbourg, 7 June 2016

The European Commission has today set out plans for a new results-oriented Partnership Framework to mobilise and focus EU action and resources in our external work on managing migration.

The European Commission has today set out plans for a new results-oriented Partnership Framework to mobilise and focus EU action and resources in our external work on managing migration. The EU will seek tailor made partnerships with key third countries of origin and transit using all policies and instruments at the EU's disposal to achieve concrete results.

Building on the European Agenda on Migration, the priorities are saving lives at sea, increasing returns, enabling migrants and refugees to stay closer to home and, in the long term, helping third countries' development in order to address root causes of irregular migration. Member State contributions in these partnerships – diplomatic, technical and financial – will be of fundamental importance in delivering results.

First Vice-President Frans Timmermans said: "To stop the unacceptable loss of life in the Mediterranean Sea and bring order into migratory flows, we need to rethink how the EU and its Member States join efforts to work together with third countries. The Commission proposes a new partnership framework: starting with a first group of priority third countries, compacts tailored to the circumstances of each of them will mobilise all our policies and tools to achieve these objectives, tapping into the EU's collective influence in close coordination with Member States and focusing our resources including through the swift deployment of €8 billion over the next five years. We will also work on an ambitious External Investment Plan to help create opportunities and tackle the root causes of migration. Without concrete results from our partners in managing migration better, we should collectively be ready to adapt our engagement and financial aid."

High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini added: "Millions of people are on the move worldwide and we can only manage this if we act globally, in full partnership. For this reason, we are proposing a new approach for strong partnerships with key countries. Our goal, while staying focused on saving lives at sea and dismantling smugglers' networks, is to support the countries that host so many people and foster growth in our partner countries. We are ready to increase financial and operational support and to invest in long-term economic and social development, security, rule of law and human rights, improving people's life and tackling the drivers of migration. Our duty, and also our interest, is to give people the chance and the means for a safe and decent life. It is a responsibility Europe shares with the rest of the world: we can only do it together."

Migratory pressure is the 'new normal' both for the EU and for partner countries and is part of a broader global displacement crisis. Responding together in a meaningful way requires a more coordinated, systematic and structured approach, matching the EU's interests and the interests of our partners. The renewed partnership with third countries will take the form of tailored "compacts" that will be developed according to the situation and needs of each partner country, depending on whether they are a country of origin, country of transit or a country hosting many

displaced persons. In the short term we will deliver compacts with Jordan and Lebanon and take steps to agree further ones with Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali and Ethiopia. We also intend to increase our engagement with Tunisia and Libya.

The full range of EU policies and EU external instruments will be brought to bear:

:: **Focused engagement:** EU assistance and policies will be tailored to produce concrete results; the short term objectives are to save lives in the Mediterranean Sea, increase rates of return to countries of origin and transit, and enable migrants and refugees to stay close to home and avoid people taking dangerous journeys. Immediate action with partners will focus on improving the legislative and institutional framework for migration and capacity building on border and migration management, including providing protection to refugees. A mix of positive and negative incentives will be integrated into the EU's development and trade policies to reward those countries willing to cooperate effectively with the EU on migration management and ensure there are consequences for those who refuse.

:: **Enhanced Support:** All EU policies, tools and resources will help to support the Partnership Framework in an innovative focused and coordinated way. Increased efforts to implement the Valletta Action plan, including its financial aspects will be also beneficial to this process. Financial support and development and neighbourhood policy tools will reinforce local capacity-building, including for border control, asylum procedures, counter-smuggling and reintegration efforts.

:: **Breaking the business model of the people smugglers** who look to exploit migrants for profit is central to tackling irregular migration. Effective returns will be crucial to this objective. It is also necessary to build on the experience of cooperating with Turkey and the Western Balkan countries and the EUNAVFOR MED Operation Sophia to effectively deliver results. The further deployment of European Migration Liaison Officers to priority source and transit countries will help coordinate EU cooperation. EU Cooperation Platforms on migrant smuggling will be finalised in key locations.

:: **Creating legal routes:** Dissuading people from taking these dangerous journeys also requires alternative legal pathways to Europe and greater humanitarian reception capacities closer to their place of origin. The EU will support the establishment of a UN-led global resettlement scheme to contribute to fair sharing of displaced persons and further discourage irregular movements. The upcoming proposal for a structured resettlement system will be a direct demonstration of the EU's commitment.

:: **Financial Instruments:** Financial allocations devoted to tackling the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement will be increased, as will flexibility for deploying the programmes. The new Partnership approach will make use of a smart mix of short-term resources and long-term financial instruments to deliver immediate results but also address fundamental drivers of migration. In the short term, the Trust Fund for Africa will be strengthened with €1 billion, consisting of €500 million from the European Development Fund Reserve and €500 million requested from Member States. In addition, traditional financial programmes should be reoriented. In the longer term, the Commission is proposing to fundamentally reconsider the scale and nature of traditional development co-operation models. In autumn 2016, the Commission will make a proposal for a new Fund as part of an ambitious External Investment Plan in order to mobilise investments in developing third countries, building on the experience of the successful Investment Plan for Europe. €3.1 billion will be mobilised to this end, expected to trigger total investments of up to €31 billion and the potential to increase to €62 billion if Member States and other partners match the EU contribution. The European

Investment Bank (EIB) is also already working on an initiative to mobilise additional financing in Africa over the next five years. The External Investment Plan will also focus on targeted assistance to improve the business environment in the countries concerned.

:: Working together: The new partnership brings together the EU and its Member States to deliver results. We need a coordinated engagement and a multiplication of resources to achieve shared objectives. Member States are called to do their part by making available equivalent financial resources and working in partnership with the EU in delivering the compacts.

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Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS: On the Fast-Track to Accelerate the Fight against HIV and to End the AIDS Epidemic by 2030

UN General Assembly Seventieth session

Agenda item 11

Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the political declarations on HIV/AIDS

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly :: 26 pages

Press release

Bold commitments to action made at the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS

The new Political Declaration adopted by United Nations Member States charts a course to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 10 June 2016—United Nations Member States have committed to implementing a bold agenda to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 during the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, held in New York, United States of America, from 8 to 10 June. The progressive, new and actionable Political Declaration includes a set of specific, time-bound targets and actions that must be achieved by 2020 if the world is to get on the Fast-Track and end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS was convened by the President of the General Assembly and co-facilitated by Switzerland and Zambia. At the opening, the President of the General Assembly, Mogens Lykketoft, urged Member States to commit to action.

"All stakeholders must now step up to the plate. Today is the day that we collectively say that we will end the AIDS epidemic by 2030," said Mr Lykketoft. "We must pay greater attention to equality and inclusion, uphold human rights and speak out against stigma and discrimination." During the opening plenary, the United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, said that the AIDS response had been a "source of innovation and inspiration," and the Executive Director of UNAIDS outlined the progress made in recent years, with 17 million people accessing antiretroviral treatment and significant declines in AIDS-related deaths and new HIV-infections among children.

"For the first time in history we can say that in Africa there are more people initiating HIV treatment than there are new HIV infections," said UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé. He also underlined the importance of inclusion, saying, "The doors of the United Nations should be open to all."

In addition to the plenary sessions around 600 participants, including 10 Heads of State and Government and more than 60 ministers, people living with HIV, representatives of civil society, representatives of international organizations and the private sector, scientists and researchers took part in five official panels and more than 30 side events to translate the new Political Declaration into action and results.

The five official panels were under the following themes:

- :: AIDS within the Sustainable Development Goals: leveraging the end of AIDS for social transformation and sustainable development.
- :: Financing and sustaining the end of AIDS: the window of opportunity.
- :: Getting ahead of the looming treatment crisis: an action agenda for getting to 90–90–90.
- :: Leaving no one behind: ending stigma and discrimination through social justice and inclusive societies.
- :: Children, adolescent girls and young women: preventing new HIV infections.

Participants called for access to comprehensive sexuality education and harm reduction services as well as strengthening outreach to young women and adolescent girls and key populations, including men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who inject drugs, transgender people and prisoners as well as migrants.

During the High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, major announcements were made in support of ending the epidemic by 2030:

- :: The United States of America announced the launch of a new US\$ 100 million Key Populations Investment Fund to increase access to HIV services for sex workers, gay men and other men who have sex with men, people who inject drugs, transgender people and prisoners. The new fund will focus on reducing stigma and discrimination, empowering community leadership in the design and delivery of services and increasing the quality of data on key populations.
- :: Yusuf K. Hamied, Chair of the Indian pharmaceutical company CIPLA, announced a package of assistance to African countries to facilitate the local production of medicines in Africa.
- :: UNAIDS and the United States President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) released a final report on the progress made since the Global Plan towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive was launched at the last United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS, in 2011.

There has been a 60% decline in new HIV infections among children since 2009 in the 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa that have been most affected by the epidemic. To build on the enormous progress made in stopping new HIV infections among children, UNAIDS, PEPFAR and partners released a framework for ending AIDS among children, adolescents and young women—Start Free, Stay Free, AIDS-Free. The initiative sets ambitious targets to eliminate new infections among children, ensure access to treatment for all children living with HIV and prevent new HIV infections among adolescents and young women in order to put the world on a path to ending the AIDS epidemic among young women, adolescents and children.

:: Armenia, Belarus and Thailand joined Cuba in receiving official certificates of validation from the World Health Organization for eliminating new HIV infections among children. Thailand is the first country with a major HIV epidemic (450 000 people living with HIV in 2014) to receive such validation.

Events were held on the wider health agenda, including learning the lessons learned from responding to emerging epidemics, such as AIDS, Ebola and Zika, and on empowering adolescent girls and young women to access integrated health-care services, which was organized by the Organisation of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS.

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Perils and Possibilities: Growing up online

UNICEF

June 2016 :: 8 pages

Findings in *Perils and Possibilities: Growing up online* are from an April 2016 UNICEF/Ipsos global poll of more than 10,000 18-year-olds in 25 countries: Albania, Algeria, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Paraguay, the Philippines, Serbia, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom, United State, Vietnam.

To better protect children online, UNICEF is calling for:

Governments and the Information Communication and Technology (ICT) sector to listen to children and young people's viewpoints through direct consultation or through research, and to incorporate their thinking into policies, strategies and programmes designed to tackle online sexual abuse and exploitation.

ICT companies to work with government ministries, other ICT companies, law enforcement, and civil society organizations to create a safe online environment for children by implementing the Guidelines for Industry on Child Online Protection. This includes protecting privacy by default, developing tools to report and remove child sexual abuse material, and promoting online safety education for children, parents and educators.

National governments to establish coordinated responses between criminal justice systems including law enforcement, and child welfare, education, health and the ICT sectors as well as civil society, to better protect and empower children online.

Parents and other caregivers to talk to their children about online safety, make sure children understand online risks and what to do if they find themselves in trouble.

National governments to design and implement laws and policies that protect children from online violence, sexual exploitation and abuse. Laws should be in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols. Legislation should prioritize the best interests of the child and link to broader child protection laws and policies, such as criminalising all forms of sexual abuse and exploitation of children, including possession of child sexual abuse material.

Teachers to learn about the social tools and online platforms children use in their country to better understand the risks children face online and where there are opportunities for their empowerment.

Schools can incorporate information on digital safety into the curriculum and provide school-based counsellors and peer-to-peer support for children who have had negative experiences online.

Children and young people to support one another by sharing information about how to protect each other, and speaking out against online violence, as they explore the many opportunities available through the online world.

Press Release

[Eighty per cent of 18-year-olds believe young people are in danger of online sexual abuse – UNICEF/Ipsos global poll](#)

NEW YORK, 7 June 2016 – Eight out of ten 18-year-olds believe young people are in danger of being sexually abused or taken advantage of online, and more than five out of 10 think friends participate in risky behaviours while using the internet, a new UNICEF study shows.

Perils and Possibilities: Growing up online is based on an international opinion poll of more than 10,000 18-year-olds from 25 countries, revealing young people's perspectives on the risks they face growing up in an increasingly connected world.

"The internet and mobile phones have revolutionized young people's access to information, but the poll findings show just how real the risk of online abuse is for girls and boys," said UNICEF's Associate Director of Child Protection, Cornelius Williams. "Globally, one in three internet users is a child. Today's findings provide important insights from young people themselves. UNICEF aims to amplify adolescents' voices to help address online violence, exploitation and abuse, and make sure that children can take full advantage of the benefits the internet and mobile phones offer."

The new report finds that adolescents appear confident with their own ability to stay safe, with nearly 90 per cent of interviewees believing they can avoid online dangers. Approximately six out of 10 said meeting new people online is either somewhat or very important to them, but only 36 per cent strongly believe they can tell when people are lying about who they are online. More than two-thirds of girls, 67 per cent strongly agree they would be worried if they received sexual comments or requests over the internet, this compares to 47 per cent of boys. When online threats do occur, more adolescents turn to friends than parents or teachers, but less than half strongly agree they know how to help a friend facing an online risk.

Other findings from *Perils and Possibilities: Growing up online* include:

:: Two-thirds of 18-year-olds in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean believe children and adolescents are in danger of being sexually abused or taken advantage of online. This compares to 33 per cent polled in the Middle East and North Africa.

:: Two-thirds of interviewees in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean either believe strongly, or somewhat, that friends put themselves at risk online, compared to 33 per cent in the United States and United Kingdom.

:: Eighteen-year-olds in the United States and United Kingdom are most confident they can avoid online dangers with 94 per cent strongly or somewhat agreeing they can protect themselves on social media. In the Middle East and North Africa only 41 per cent strongly agree and an additional 37 per cent agree somewhat.

:: Adolescents in Sub-Saharan Africa appear to value meeting new people online most, with 79 per cent saying it is either very or somewhat important. In the United States and United Kingdom 63 per cent say it is not very, or not at all important to meet new people online.

:: In Central European countries, 63 per cent of interviewees strongly agree they would tell a friend if they felt threatened online, compared to 46 per cent who would tell their parent. Only 9 per cent would tell a teacher.

To engage children and adolescents in ending violence online, UNICEF is launching [#ReplyforAll](#), which is part of its global End Violence Against Children initiative. [#ReplyforAll](#) puts adolescents' front and centre as messengers and advocates to keep themselves safe online. Children and adolescents will be asked to give their advice on the best ways to respond to online violence or risks and to raise awareness among friends through social media. This work has been supported by the WePROTECT Global Alliance, which is dedicated to ending the sexual exploitation of children online through national and global action.

UNICEF, together with the WePROTECT Global Alliance, is calling on national governments to establish coordinated responses between criminal justice systems including law enforcement, and child welfare, education, health and the Information Communication Technology (ICT) sectors, as well as civil society, to better protect children from online sexual abuse and exploitation.

"When young people, governments, families, the ICT sector and communities work together, we are more likely to find the best ways to respond to online sexual abuse and exploitation, and send a strong message that confronting and ending violence against children online – indeed anywhere – is all of our business," said Williams.

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ILO: Ending child labour in supply chains is everyone's business

World Day Against Child Labour

Media advisory | 08 June 2016

GENEVA – This year, the focus for [World Day Against Child Labour](#) – marked on 12 June - is on child labour and supply chains. With 168 million children still in child labour, all supply chains, from agriculture to manufacturing, services to construction, run the risk that child labour may be present.

"Child labour has no place in well-functioning and well-regulated markets, or in any supply chain. The message that we must act now to stop child labour once and for all has been affirmed by the Sustainable Development Goals. Acting together, it is within our means to make the future of work a future without child labour," said ILO Director-General Guy Ryder.

To support businesses in their actions to remove child labour from their supply chains, the ILO and the International Organisation of Employers (IOE) have jointly created the [Child Labour Guidance Tool](#), a resource for companies to increase their knowledge and ability to conduct business in line with international labour standards on child labour.

The tool draws on the long experience of the ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (ILO-IPEC) in collaborating with employers to combat child labour in supply chains and incorporates contributions from a wide variety of companies including Coca-Cola Company, AngloGold Ashanti, Vale, Japan Tobacco and Sterling Manufacturing.

In addition, the ILO provides peer-to-peer best practice and knowledge sharing through the [Child Labour Platform](#), which aims to identify the obstacles to the implementation of the ILO Conventions on child labour in supply chains, develop practical ways of overcoming these obstacles, and catalyse collective action...

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The Economic Consequences of Outdoor Air Pollution

OECD, Published on June 09, 2016 :: 120 pages

Objective and background

This report provides for the first time a plausible global projection of the magnitude of the economic consequences of outdoor air pollution in absence of policy action other than those already in place. The projections thus reflect the costs of inaction of outdoor air pollution.

The OECD Environmental Outlook to 2050: Consequences of Inaction took no account of the feedbacks from environmental challenges and resource scarcity to the economy. This report seeks to address this gap through a detailed economic modelling framework that links outdoor air pollution to economic growth and welfare.

The report focuses on the impacts of outdoor air pollution caused by high concentrations of particulate matter (PM2.5) and ground level ozone for the period 2015-2060. The report projects the market costs of outdoor air pollution (focusing on labour productivity, health care expenditures due to illness and changes in crop yields) using a modelling approach, which links economic activity to emissions of air pollutants, concentrations, biophysical impacts and finally feedback effects from these impacts on the economy. The analysis also evaluates non-market health impacts (mortality and morbidity) using results from direct valuation studies.

Main findings

:: Increasing economic growth and energy demand will lead to a significant increase in global emissions of air pollutants.

:: Rising emissions, together with other factors, such as climate change, will lead to increasing concentrations of particulate matter (PM2.5) and ground level ozone.

:: Increasing concentrations of PM2.5 and ozone will lead to substantial effects on health and the environment. In particular, premature deaths from outdoor air pollution in 2010 amounted to around 3 million people, while they are projected to be 6 – 9 million in 2060.

Press Release

Air pollution to cause 6-9 million premature deaths and cost 1% GDP by 2060

9/6/216 - Outdoor air pollution could cause 6 to 9 million premature deaths a year by 2060 and cost 1% of global GDP – around USD 2.6 trillion annually – as a result of sick days, medical bills and reduced agricultural output, unless action is taken, according to a new OECD report.

The Economic Consequences of Air Pollution finds the consequent reduction in global economic output by 2060 will equate to around USD 330 per person, as annual healthcare costs related to air pollution rise to USD 176 billion from USD 21 billion in 2015 and the number of work days lost to air pollution-related illness jumps to 3.7 billion from 1.2 billion.

"The number of lives cut short by air pollution is already terrible and the potential rise in the next few decades is terrifying. If this is not motivation enough to act, this report shows there will also be a heavy economic cost to not taking action," said OECD Environment Director Simon Upton, presenting the report at the 8th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference in Batumi, Georgia. "We must prevent these projections from becoming reality."

Outdoor air pollution caused more than 3 million premature deaths in 2010, with elderly people and children most vulnerable. The OECD projections imply a doubling, or even tripling, of premature deaths from dirty air – or one premature death every four or five seconds – by 2060.

The biggest rises in mortality rates from air pollution are forecast in India, China, Korea and Central Asian countries like Uzbekistan, where rising populations and congested cities mean more people are exposed to power plant emissions and traffic exhaust. Premature death rates are forecast to be up to three times higher in 2060 than in 2010 in China and up to four times higher in India. Death rates are seen stabilising in the United States and falling in much of Western Europe thanks in part to efforts to move to cleaner energy and transport...

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United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

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SC/12396

Speakers in Security Council Highlight Vital Role of United Nations Peacekeeping Missions in Protecting Civilians during Armed Conflict

All facets of United Nations peacekeeping missions had a vital role to play in keeping civilians safe, speakers in the Security Council said today, as high-ranking officials, including a Head of State and several ministers, participated in a wide-ranging open debate on the protection of civilians in the context of peacekeeping operations.

10 June 2016

SG/SM/17838-SC/12397

Finding Political Solutions Built on Rule of Law, Human Rights 'Ultimate Solution' to Protecting Civilians in Conflict, Secretary-General Tells Security Council

9 June 2016

SG/SM/17835-OBV/1624

Secretary-General, in Message for Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Urges Shifting Shame, Social Stigma Faced by Victims to Perpetrators

9 June 2016

GA/11788

Eradicating AIDS by 2030 Requires Balanced Prevention, Treatment, Care Policies, Speakers Say as High-Level General Assembly Meeting Continues

With 2 million people newly infected with HIV/AIDS last year and more than 20 million still lacking antiretroviral treatment, eradicating the disease by 2030 would require the right mix of prevention, treatment and care policies, speakers in the General Assembly said today amid calls for continued international support to complement national funding.

8 June 2016

GA/11786

Calling for Renewed Drive to Build Inclusive, AIDS-Free Future, General Assembly Adopts Political Declaration as Three-Day High-Level Meeting Begins

The General Assembly today opened a three-day high-level meeting on ending AIDS with the adoption, without a vote, of a Political Declaration calling for urgent action and intensified efforts to ensure that the global response to HIV and AIDS left no one behind.

8 June 2016

SG/SM/17828-GA/11787-AIDS/201

Future of People with HIV/AIDS Must Be 'Central to Every Decision' Made by International Community, Secretary-General Tells General Assembly

6 June 2016

SG/SM/17824

Alarmed by Civilian Casualties, Secretary-General Accepts Proposed Joint Review of Yemeni Cases Cited in Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict

4 June 2016

SG/SM/17818

Condemning Targeted Attacks on Civilians in Yemen, Secretary-General Calls for Independent Investigation to Hold Perpetrators Accountable

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 11 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

Press briefing note on (1) Yemen and (2) Israel / occupied Palestinian territory

Civilians fleeing Fallujah "facing double jeopardy" – Zeid

"Attacks on medical units in Syria may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity" – UN expert warn

UN child rights experts issue findings on Samoa, Nepal, UK, Slovakia, Pakistan, Gabon, Bulgaria, and Luxembourg

"Light in darkness for persons with albinism" – UN experts hail progress despite dire obstacles International Albinism Awareness Day – Monday 13 June

Ireland abortion ban subjected woman to suffering and discrimination – UN experts

Iran: Most recent backlash against Baha'i's exposes authorities' extreme intolerance for religious minority group

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 11 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>

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UN child rights experts issue findings on Samoa, Nepal, UK, Slovakia, Pakistan, Gabon, Bulgaria, and Luxembourg

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

[to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 11 June 2016]

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

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“Attacks on medical units in Syria may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity” – UN expert warn

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 11 June 2016]

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

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Iraq: Humanitarian funding is running out; Much more is needed to help people fleeing Fallujah

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Iraq (Baghdad, 8 June 2016): The United Nations is deeply concerned by the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Fallujah. More than 20,000 people have fled Fallujah and surrounding areas since 22 May. The UN Humanitarian Coordinator, Ms. Lise Grande travelled to Ameriyat al Falluja in eastern Anbar and met with people who have managed to reach safety...

07 Jun 2016

Mali: The Humanitarian Coordinator in Mali strongly condemns the looting of a warehouse of humanitarian goods in Kidal

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

(Bamako, 7 June 2016) – The acting Humanitarian Coordinator for Mali, Ms. Fatouma Seid, strongly condemns the looting of a food aid warehouse that occurred in Kidal on the morning of 6 June. "Such an act is unacceptable. It constitutes a violation of the rules of international humanitarian law guaranteeing the protection of humanitarian staff and goods," says Ms. Seid.

UNICEF [to 11 June 2016]

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http://www.unicef.org/media/media_89711.html

Selected Press Releases

UNICEF official: Attacks on medical facilities in Syria "should shake the moral compass of the world."

AMMAN, 8 June, 2016 – "Everyone must question their humanity when babies have to be taken out of incubators because of attacks on hospitals.

UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham visits Swaziland to focus attention on children at risk from regional drought crisis

LONDON/MBABANE, Swaziland 8 JUNE 2016 – UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador David Beckham travelled to Swaziland this week to see how 7: The David Beckham UNICEF Fund is helping UNICEF to support and protect HIV-positive children. During his visit Beckham heard and saw how the worst drought in decades - now taking hold of vast swathes of Eastern and Southern Africa - is threatening to wreak havoc on the lives of children and families already made vulnerable by HIV.

Thailand certified for freeing newborns from HIV

BANGKOK, 8 June 2016 – Thailand has been officially certified free of the transmission of HIV and syphilis from mothers to their children.

WHO validates elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in Armenia, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova

NEW YORK/COPENHAGEN/GENEVA/ISTANBUL, 7 JUNE 2016 – United Nations agencies congratulate Belarus for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of both HIV and syphilis and Armenia and the Republic of Moldova for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis, respectively.

Eighty per cent of 18-year-olds believe young people are in danger of online sexual abuse – UNICEF/Ipsos global poll

NEW YORK, 7 June 2016 – Eight out of ten 18-year-olds believe young people are in danger of being sexually abused or taken advantage of online, and more than five out of 10 think friends participate in risky behaviours while using the internet, a new UNICEF study shows.

"We came with nothing, we have nothing": Thousands flee Fallujah as fighting intensifies

BAGHDAD, 6 June 2016 – The UN and partners are in a race against time to provide life-saving assistance to people fleeing escalating violence in Anbar, particularly around the battle for Fallujah

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 11 June 2016]

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

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IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 11 June 2016]

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

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IOM Welcomes Guidelines to Protect Migrants

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Switzerland - IOM today (10/6) welcomed the publication of the "Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster".
[See *Week in Review* above for more detail]

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 207,260; Deaths 2,856

06/10/16

Italy - IOM reports an estimated 207,260 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 8 June, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

IOM Middle East and North Africa Launches 2015 Annual Report

06/10/16

Egypt - The IOM Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) has released its 2015 annual report. The report provides an overview of IOM's main priorities and the impact of its work in the region.

More Trafficked Fishermen Helped Home from Slavery in Asian Waters

06/07/16

Cambodia - IOM has helped 54 Cambodian fishermen – victims of human slavery – back home to Cambodia. The men arrived yesterday from Indonesia and were given temporary accommodation, medical check-ups and treatment, which included access to a psychologist, as many are disoriented and a few traumatized after their ordeal.

UN Women [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 11 June 2016]

[Safe blood transfusions save lives in South Sudan](#)

10 June 2016 -- In places with ongoing conflict, like South Sudan, safe blood transfusions are a life-saving necessity. In the run up to World Blood Donor Day, 14 June 2016, this story highlights the importance of giving blood. The theme of the Day is "Blood connects us all", and one of its aims is to create wider public awareness of the need for regular blood donation while inspiring those who have not yet donated blood to do so.

Four countries stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV or syphilis

8 June 2016 – WHO congratulates Thailand and Belarus for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of both HIV and syphilis. Likewise, WHO applauds Armenia for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and the Republic of Moldova for eliminating mother-to-child transmission of syphilis. A critical factor for country success has been the integration of maternal and child health programmes with sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services.

Read the statement

Highlights

[Eliminating lymphatic filariasis](#)

June 2016 -- Maldives and Sri Lanka have eliminated lymphatic filariasis, a disease that was crippling people for decades, forcing them to lead a life of stigma, discrimination and poverty.

However, there are still over 1 billion people living in over 50 countries that still have lymphatic filariasis.

[End of the most recent Ebola virus disease outbreak in Liberia](#)

June 2016 -- It has been 42 days (two 21-day incubation cycles of the virus) after the last confirmed Ebola patient in Liberia tested negative for the disease for the second time. Liberia now enters a 90-day period of heightened surveillance.

[Nearly 2 million people vaccinated against yellow fever in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

June 2016 -- A total of 1 947 567 people have been vaccinated against yellow fever in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The vaccination campaign began on 26 May 2016, and many people have rushed to be vaccinated, including people from districts not targeted for vaccination.

:: WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: African national regulatory agencies and ethics committees agree to harmonise practices to strengthen clinical trial oversight

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 10 June 2016 – Heads of national regulatory agencies and national ethics committees from across Africa have agreed to harmonise their practices to strengthen regulatory oversight of clinical trials.

At the end of a two-day extraordinary meeting of the African Vaccine Regulatory Forum (AVAREF) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, consensus was reached to expand AVAREF's scope and membership as well as to promote collaboration, harmonization of regulatory systems and best practices across the continent. This will be accomplished through a new governance structure that will help provide the foundation for the future African Medicines Agency which is scheduled to be launched in 2018.

The World Health Organization (WHO) established the AVAREF in 2006 to address the increased number of clinical trials, limited infrastructure, limited expertise and unclear operating models in African countries. The Forum is comprised of the National Regulatory Agencies (NRAs) and National Ethics Committees of 23 countries targeted for clinical trials of HIV, Malaria and TB vaccines.

"As a network of regulatory authorities and ethics committees, AVAREF has over these years strengthened the capacity of countries in Africa to regulate clinical trials, particularly of vaccines and has contributed to access to important vaccines such as the conjugate meningitis A vaccine, thereby helping to significantly reduce epidemics of meningitis", said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa, in a speech read on her behalf at the landmark event.

"Despite its success, the network still faces some challenges. The time has come for a new vision and blueprint for AVAREF which takes into account the rapidly evolving global and regulatory environment, as well as the opportunities presented by new initiatives", she added.

Currently African countries face significant regulatory challenges including the increased circulation of sub-standard/spurious/false labeled/falsified/counterfeit products, lack of technical expertise and capacity within individual NRAs and Ethics Committees, among others. Similarly product developers face challenges associated with disparate application requirements.

In an effort to address these challenges, participants unanimously agreed to expand the existing AVAREF with a new vision to address evolving global and regulatory challenges. The new AVAREF will be a pan-African network to provide robust clinical trial oversight and enhance other regulatory functions to increase access to safe and effective medical products such as medicines, vaccines and diagnostics for the African population. It will also facilitate increased efficiency and build capacity of its membership.

In his remarks, Dr Vincent Ahonkai, Senior Adviser for Regulatory Affairs, from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) noted that this vision is a game changer in the continent's regulatory environment. "We are living in an era of cooperative, collaborative networks, and strategic alliances. Building an efficient clinical trial platform is a core component of access to quality health products for Africa. AVAREF aims to build that platform and is a welcome initiative that will benefit the citizens of Africa," he said.

Speaking to reporters at the event, Dr Thomas Nyirenda, Director at the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) said: "Alignment, harmonization and expansion of the scope of AVAREF taking into account other regional initiatives on the African continent is timely and will complement the efforts of EDCTP which has an expanded mandate to fund all phases of clinical trials for products against targeted diseases".

Over 70 participants attended the meeting, including delegates from Member States, Regional Economic Communities, African Union Commission, NEPAD Agency, product developers, development partners and technical experts.

:: WHO declares the end of the most recent Ebola virus disease outbreak in Liberia - 09 June 2016

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Latin America and the Caribbean approaching half-way mark toward goal of 100% voluntary blood donation (06/10/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Thailand is first country in Asia to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis 07 June 2016

WHO European Region EURO

:: One nurse's quest to track down TB on the eastern edge of Greenland 10-06-2016

:: WHO validates elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis in Armenia, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova 08-06-2016

:: Fighting TB in Greenland 07-06-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Kuwait supports insulin-dependent Syrians 8 June 2016

:: "We came with nothing, we have nothing": thousands flee Fallujah as fighting intensifies 6 June 2016

:: Egypt's deworming campaign targets 2 million school-age children June 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

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UNAIDS [to 11 June 2016]

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

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Bold commitments to action made at the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS

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UNAIDS welcomes United States of America's announcement of a new US\$ 100 million investment fund to increase access to HIV services for key populations ...

Press Release

Breaking the silos: empowering adolescent girls and young women to access integrated health-care services

Press Statement

2016 United Nations Political Declaration on Ending AIDS sets world on the Fast-Track to end the epidemic by 2030

World leaders commit to reach three goals and 20 new Fast-Track Targets by 2020,...

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 11 June 2016]

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

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UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 11 June 2016]

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

Jun 8, 2016 New York, USA

Helen Clark: Annual Statement to the UNDP Executive Board

Ensuring success of SDGs a top priority for UNDP

Jun 8, 2016

The head of UNDP Helen Clark said today that ensuring the success of the 2030 Agenda, an ambitious plan which includes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), remains one of the organisation's greatest priorities.

UNDP Innovation Facility releases '2015 Year in Review': Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires investments in innovation

Jun 7, 2016

International organisations can leverage the power of innovation to better address some of the world's most challenging development problems, according to a new report launched today by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Innovation Facility.

Helen Clark named 22nd most powerful woman in the world

Jun 6, 2016

Forbes Magazine today announced Helen Clark, chief of the United Nations Development Programme, as one of the world's 100 most powerful women, this year with a ranking of no. 22.

Helen Clark: Speech on 'A Commitment to Leave No One Behind: Equity in the SDGs'

Jun 4, 2016 Save the Children Annual Member's Meeting Reception - New York, USA

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 8, 2016

Agricultural Transformation Pathways Initiative Report Launched in Brussels

On May 31, 2016, SDSN members and additional stakeholders met to discuss agriculture and food systems within the context of the Agricultural Transformation Pathways initiative and launch their 2016 Report.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 11 June 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 11 June 2016]

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

Press Releases

GEF Steps Up Efforts to Combat Wildlife Crime with Additional \$40 Million to Expand Program

Washington DC, June 8, 2016 - The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council today approved an additional \$40 million for the Global Wildlife Program (GWP) expanding its support in the fight against illegal trafficking to 19 countries in Africa and Asia.

The GWP is a global partnership established to address the growing poaching crisis and an international call to action. The value of illegal trade has been estimated at between \$10 and \$23 billion per year, making wildlife crime the fourth most lucrative illegal business after narcotics, human trafficking and weapons.

The new \$131 million program is expected to leverage \$704 million in additional co-financing over seven years. The national projects aim to promote wildlife conservation, wildlife crime prevention, and sustainable development in order to reduce adverse impacts to known threatened species from poaching and illegal trade. Additionally, a global coordination grant from the GEF will strengthen cooperation and facilitate knowledge exchange between national governments, development agency partners, and leading practitioners...

First-Ever Global Standard to Measure Food Loss and Waste Introduced by International Partnership

New international framework launched to empower businesses, governments, and other organizations to measure, report on and manage food loss and waste

An estimated one-third of all food is lost or wasted worldwide as it moves from where it is produced to where it is eaten, even as more than 800 million people are undernourished

Food loss and waste globally costs up to \$940 billion per year

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New funding to help cities world-wide implement efficient district energy

Copenhagen, 6 June 2016 - The Bitten and Mads Clausen Foundation, which owns the Danfoss Group, today announced DKK 9 million in new funding to support UN's District Energy in Cities initiative under the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Partnership and its Global Energy Efficiency Accelerator Platform.

The new funds, spread over three years, will create a team of deployable district energy experts to support UNEP's District Energy in Cities initiative in scaling-up, retrofitting and developing district energy projects.

The team will assist up to 31 cities that have been chosen as part of an extensive consultation process to determine municipalities of high district heating or cooling potential. Deeper engagements are initially planned in China, India, and Serbia...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 11 June 2016]

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

7 Jun 2016

Speech by Robert Glasser on implementing the Sendai Framework in the Americas

This meeting marks the beginning of a new phase in the region's growing sophistication when it comes to strengthening disaster risk governance and ensuring that risk informed decision making becomes part of the daily life of government.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 11 June 2016]

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

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From Science to Policy to Action-Promoting the Virtuous Cycle of STI for SDGs

New York, 7th June 2016 – UN Headquarters

On the occasion of the First annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (STI Forum), which took place at the UNHQ on 6-7 June, UNESCO, hosted a side event discussing the critical importance of all the different components of STI systems which are needed to ensure that STI truly realizes its potential as a major driver and enabler for the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda. The event brought together Member States, researchers, young scientists, the UN system, and other key STI stakeholders to contribute to the STI Forum by promoting multi-stakeholder dialogue and networking; hence contribute to the networking and the matchmaking objective of the STI Forum.

10 June 2016

UNESCO calls for innovative use of ICTs for disadvantaged groups

UNESCO is calling for candidatures for the 2016 edition of the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Education Prize. Since 2005, the Prize has recognized innovations in teaching and learning that leverage technology to improve educational outcomes.

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Discover the new 2016-2017 map of the World Network of Biosphere Reserves

Twenty new sites were added in 2016 to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves which numbers now 669 sites in 120 countries, including 16 transboundary/transcontinental sites.

6 June 2016

The Ngorongoro Declaration: A major breakthrough for African World Heritage and sustainable development

Experts from nearly 40 countries, including 12 outside the Africa region, gathered in Arusha (Tanzania) for the international conference "Safeguarding African World Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development" co-organized by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, the United Republic of Tanzania and the People's Republic of China, from 31 May to 3 June 2016.

4 June 2016

Syrian and international experts agree on emergency measures to safeguard Syria's heritage

Berlin, 4 June—Some 230 Syrian and international experts joined forces in a two-day meeting to assess damage to cultural heritage sites in Syria, develop methodologies and define priority emergency safeguarding measures for the country's heritage.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 11 June 2016]

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

08/06/2016 –

Statement on the occasion of the High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS

... But, if we are to end AIDS by 2030, we must act quickly and deliberately by prioritizing and investing in the most effective interventions for people who use drugs and for people in prisons. UNODC welcomes the restated commitment of Member States made at the UN General Assembly special session on the world drug problem (UNGASS) to end, by 2030, the epidemics of AIDS and tuberculosis, as well as combat viral hepatitis and other communicable diseases among people who use or inject drugs.

We, at UNODC, are proud to contribute to the efforts of the countries currently striving for the Fast-Track Goal for 2020 of reducing new HIV infections among people who use drugs and for people in prisons, and to achieving the joint target of ending AIDS by 2030.

07/06/2016 –

Some of the world's most majestic creatures face extinction, says UNODC Chief at New York meeting

... Acknowledging that some of the planet's most majestic species - tigers, African elephants, and rhinos - face extinction at the hands of poachers, the UNODC Chief reminded the audience that there are, "thousands and thousands of lesser-known animals, as well as marine and plant life, that are under serious pressure, and that cannot survive without our attention and help". Mr. Fedotov noted, "All countries play a role as either source, area of transit or destination market." As a result, every country had a shared responsibility to act. He noted UNODC's first World Wildlife Crime Report showed "Nearly 7,000 different species have been accounted for in more than 164,000 seizures, affecting 120 countries."

To stop the poachers and traffickers, Mr Fedotov said, it was crucial for the international community to address gaps in information, legislation and regulation, and law enforcement capacity.

He said UNODC's report had identified several policy implications, including: criminalizing

illegally sourced wildlife; supporting sustainable development for communities in so-called range countries; strengthening the activities of border guards and customs officials; establishing newly protected areas to address habitat loss, and a strong focus on tackling forgery, fraud and corruption, among others...

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

8-06-2016

FAO and ILO working together to stamp out child labour in agriculture

The two agencies launched a new e-learning course designed for use by agricultural policymakers, programme designers and implementers, researchers and statisticians, to ensure that child labour prevention measures are included in agricultural and rural development programmes, in particular those targeting poor smallholders.

5-06-2016

World's first illegal fishing treaty now in force

The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA) - adopted as an FAO Agreement in 2009 after a years-long diplomatic effort - is the first ever binding international treaty that focuses specifically on illicit fishing.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

327th session of the ILO Governing Body

ILO Governing Body elects Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger as new chairperson

11 June 2016

Ambassador Seidenberger from Germany will head the International Labour Organization's executive body for the period 2016-2017.

105th International Labour Conference

ILO Director-General: "ILO sets course to promote decent work in global supply chains, in transition from conflict and crisis and in making poverty history by 2030"

10 June 2016

World parliament of labour sets the course for global action to shape the future of work.

World of Work Summit 2016

Juncker: Social dialogue should return to centre of economic development

09 June 2016

Addressing the International Labour Conference the President of the European Commission has called on the ILO to partner with the EU to support economic integration and social progress around the globe.

World Day Against Child Labour

ILO: Ending child labour in supply chains is everyone's business

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[See Week in Review above for more detail]

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

Tuesday, 07 June 2016

UN Industrial Development Organization and World Bank solidify partnership to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial and economic development

WASHINGTON, D.C., 7 June 2016 - The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the World Bank will strengthen their cooperation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and provide developing...

150,000 students in Latin America and the Caribbean take online courses in renewable energy

BRASILIA, 6 June 2016 – In the course of two years, over 150,000 students from the Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) region have taken online courses offered by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization...

UN Industrial Development Organization and US Department of Energy partner to promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization

WASHINGTON, D.C., 6 June 2016 - The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United States Department of Energy (DOE) have agreed to jointly promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 11 June 2016]

http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm

9 June 2016

A global tool to support public policy

by Maria Lazarte on

Many organizations are familiar with inspectors and auditors who independently help assess that standards and regulations are being respected or “conformed to”. But how do we make sure that they are doing this correctly and fairly? Accreditation is the independent evaluation of such conformity assessment bodies against recognized standards to ensure impartiality and competence.

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To raise awareness about the importance of accreditation, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) organize World Accreditation Day (WAD) each year on 9 June. In 2016 the event looks at how we can use accreditation to support public policy.

5 June 2016

Go wild for life on World Environment Day!

What's your favourite wild animal? This year, World Environment Day (WED), organized on 5 June by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP), draws attention to the illegal trade of wildlife products that are threatening the Earth's biodiversity and robbing us of our natural heritage.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 11 June 2016]

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

10 June 2016

UNWTO Network of Observatories meets to discuss the measurement of sustainable tourism at destination level

Under the title 'Advancing the Measurement of Sustainable Tourism Development', UNWTO Member States, NGOs, academic institutions and other public and private sector entities discussed approaches to effectively measure, monitor and assess tourism performance and impacts at destination level. This consultative process takes place at a time in which the international tourism community embraces the Sustainable Development Goals.

9 June 2016

UNWTO addresses the impact of new technologies on the tourism sector in Japan

Over 400 participants from 26 countries gathered in the city of Nara, Japan, to discuss the impact that new technologies are having on the tourism sector and how these can help the sector to further develop at the UNWTO International Conference on Tourism and Technology. It was conducted within the framework of the 28th Joint Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for East Asia and the Pacific and South Asia from 1-4 June 2016.

ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 11 June 2016]

http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/index.aspx?lang=en#.VF8FYcl4WF8

8 June 2016

ITU hosts Conference on Space and the Information Society

GLIS 2016 aims at ushering new era of connectivity through space

Geneva,– The Global Conference on Space and the Information Society – GLIS 2016 – was held at the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva, 6 - 7 June 2016 drawing attention to the fact that space and space applications have a major role to play in the shaping of a future “connected” world. GLIS 2016 was organized by the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).

...The international community faces substantial challenges: digital divide, disaster management, cybersecurity, big data analysis and climate change, to name a few. The next years will see governments, industry, academia and NGOs work together in a new era of connectivity. A combination of factors, such as the implementation of the UN Space Development Goals, the deployment of new mega constellations and the launch of new digitalized systems will strongly contribute to reaching this goal. International organizations, such as the United Nations and its agencies, ITU and UNOOSA, along with the IAF, aim to extend cooperation in space to achieve a better connected world...

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.cbd.int/press-releases/>
2016-06-07
Message of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, on the occasion of World Oceans Day

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USAID [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases>
June 10, 2016
Administrator Smith Speaks at U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's 2016 State Leaders Summit: Shaping America's Global Impact
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Gayle Smith will participate in a development policy roundtable discussion at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's (USGLC) 2016 State Leaders Summit.

DFID [to 11 June 2016]
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development>
Selected Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 11 June 2016]
<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>
No new digest content identified.

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African Union [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.au.int/en/>
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June 07, 2016 | Press Releases
AU hails Muhammad Ali as true Pan Africanist

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.asean.org/news>
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European Commission [to 11 June 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]

Commission announces New Migration Partnership Framework: reinforced cooperation with third countries to better manage migration

European - Press release Commission Strasbourg, 7 June 2016 The European Commission has today set out plans for a new results-oriented Partnership Framework to mobilise and focus EU action and resources in our external work on managing migration.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

European Commission announces over €6 million to support stabilisation efforts in Libya

Press release European Commission Brussels, 7 June 2016 Today the European Commission is announcing over €6 million to support stabilisation efforts in Libya. Through the Instrument contributing to Stability & Peace (IcSP), €5 million will go to the Stabilisation Facility for Libya - an initiative of the Libyan Government...

Towards a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration: Frequently Asked Questions

European Commission - Fact Sheet Strasbourg, 7 June 2016 Towards a new Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration: Frequently Asked Questions

OECD [to 11 June 2016]

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

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10-June-2016

European economy is slowly recovering but legacies of the crisis remain and new challenges are emerging

The European economy is gradually recovering but further policy action will be required to address unresolved legacies of the global economic crisis that are weighing on growth and major new concerns that have emerged, according to two new OECD reports.

9-June-2016

Air pollution to cause 6-9 million premature deaths and cost 1% GDP by 2060

Outdoor air pollution could cause 6 to 9 million premature deaths a year by 2060 and cost 1% of global GDP – around USD 2.6 trillion annually – as a result of sick days, medical bills and reduced agricultural output, unless action is taken, according to a new OECD report.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

9-June-2016

Tackling policy fragmentation: the key to getting onto a path of rapid and sustainable productivity growth

Further structural reforms are needed to help the business sector boost productivity growth and overcome the key challenges of sluggish investment in advanced economies and excess capacity in emerging economies, according to a new OECD report.

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OECD launches report on regional inequalities in income and wellbeing, 16 June, Brussels

Inequality can be worse within a country than between countries. The OECD's latest overview of regional disparities in living standards, Regions at a Glance 2016, updates local-level indicators for over 40 OECD and partner countries, including Brazil, China, India, Russia and South Africa in everything from income and education to air pollution and safety.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 11 June 2016]

http://www.oas.org/en/media_center/press_releases.asp

Press Advisory

June 10, 2016

Permanent Council to Receive Report of OAS Secretary General on the Situation in Venezuela

E-071

June 8, 2016

Statement from OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro on the Elections in Haiti

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) welcomes the publication of the Haitian electoral calendar set for October 9, 2016, and January 8, 2017 by the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP). The continuation of the presidential, legislative and local elections is a critically important step towards the institutional stability of Haiti. The General Secretariat recognizes this process as an inclusive effort by all political parties, institutions and civil society in Haiti to overcome the political impasse.

The General Secretariat calls upon all stakeholders to commit to the electoral calendar as a way to reinforce the democratic process and institutions. We wish that this new phase helps to engender political support for a Haitian solution among the country's political actors...

E-069

June 6, 2016

Report of the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia Presents Recommendations and Challenges to the Peace Process

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 11 June 2016]

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

[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 11 June 2016]

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

Intervention on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Thanavon Pamarnon, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations, at the **opening segment of the Habitat III Informal Intergovernmental Meetings (New York, 8 June 2016)**

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the **First**

Annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the SDGs (STI Forum) (New York, 6 June 2016)

UNCTAD [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 11 June 2016]

http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

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WTO NEWS

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DG Azevêdo pays tribute to Prof. John Jackson and Amb. Julio Lacarte Muró

Speaking at a special session of the 16th Annual Conference on WTO Law on 10 June in honour of Professor John Jackson and Ambassador Julio Lacarte Muró, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo paid tribute to both men for their profound contribution to the development of the multilateral trading system. He highlighted some of their outstanding achievements in international economic relations and GATT and WTO law and said that "they will be remembered with great respect and gratitude by all of us in the international trade community".

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 11 June 2016]

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

9 June 2016

African MPs join forces to tackle child labour

MPs from across West and Central Africa have agreed to cooperate more closely to combat large-scale child trafficking and labour. A seminar in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, focused on ways of stepping up action, including strategies to work more effectively across national boundaries. Root causes such as poverty were examined alongside practical solutions and rehabilitation programmes for victims. The event, hosted at the Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), was jointly organized by IPU and the International Labour Organization (ILO), with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The MPs agreed a series of priority areas, such as ensuring better co-ordination between parliaments, regional organizations and civil groups; working towards harmonized laws across States; encouraging States to enforce international conventions; and developing guidelines for MPs. Follow-up steps may also include information and training sessions for parliamentarians on the relevant ILO conventions, and field visits to a number of countries to raise awareness of the use of child labour in gold mining, stone quarrying, cocoa farming and other industries. Around 100 people took part, including nearly 80 MPs from 16 countries.

Mauritania female MPs in move to protect women and girls

9 June 2016

An agreement has been reached in Mauritania on action necessary to protect women and girls from child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM) and other violence. The priorities set by women MPs include robust new laws and other measures targeted at prevention, legal enforcement and punishment of perpetrators, with support for victims. The framework was agreed in May at a two-day seminar organized with IPU support in the capital, Nouakchott. It includes banning FGM and launching a programme to educate people about its consequences...

IPU urges diversity, dialogue and non-violence in Turkish politics

6 June 2016

IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong stressed the importance of a diverse parliament that is representative of all groups and views in the country as a fundamental principle of democracy, at a meeting with the Turkish opposition MP Selahattin Demirtas in Geneva. Demirtas heads the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP).

During discussions at IPU Headquarters held on 3 June, Secretary General Chungong said it was critical that in a multi-ethnic State such as Turkey, parliament must not only reflect that fact but should also ensure that all political voices were able to exercise their parliamentary rights safely.

Reiterating concern at the recent vote in the Turkish Parliament on a constitutional amendment that would allow the wholesale lifting of parliamentary immunity of MPs, the IPU Secretary General stated that the international parliamentary community became preoccupied whenever and wherever the integrity of parliament was threatened.

If the constitutional amendment is signed off by President Erdogan, it will trigger a blanket removal of immunity for 138 MPs, the vast majority of them from opposition parties, facing allegations ranging from supporting terrorist organizations to insulting the President. IPU believes parliamentary immunity should only be lifted on a case-by-case basis when supported by credible evidence, to avoid politically-motivated legal proceedings...

International Court of Justice [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 11 June 2016]

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/>

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 11 June 2016]

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

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World Bank Makes Progress to Support Remittance Flows to Somalia

MOGADISHU, June 10, 2016 - The World Bank and the Federal Government of Somalia are working together to help support the flow of remittances to Somalia, to ensure they continue to reach people who depend upon them as a critical source of income. Remittances in 2015 were estimated to reach a total of US\$1.4 billion in Somalia and support 23% of the GDP.

Over the past two years, many banks in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia have closed the bank accounts of Somali remittance companies purportedly due to the perceived high risks of money laundering and potential links to terrorism.

The World Bank has been working alongside the Central Bank of Somalia (CBS) to implement a number of activities aimed at tackling key deficiencies in the Somali financial sector affecting remittance flows to the country.

Date: June 10, 2016 Type: Press Release June 08, 2016

No "One Size Fits All" Solution to Sustainable School Feeding Programs

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New Data Highlights National Meal Program Successes and Challenges

WASHINGTON, June 9, 2016 – National school feeding programs have contributed to higher primary school enrollment and retention in Sub-Saharan...

Date: June 9, 2016 Type: Press Release Language: English

What can we learn from Africa's approach to forced displacement?

While the world has its eyes fixed on the heartbreaking refugee crisis resulting from conflict in the Middle East, a number of African countries struggle to cope with the challenges of hosting long-term...

Date: June 8, 2016 Type: Opinion

World Bank Commits Half a Billion Dollars to Provide Social Assistance to Nigeria's Poorest

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2016— In Nigeria, up to five million people, among the poorest and most vulnerable, will get access to social safety nets by 2021 through a \$500 million International Development Association (IDA) credit* approved today by the World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors. The Government of Nigeria will contribute \$1.3 billion of its own budget to this National Social Safety Nets project (NASSP) which will lay the foundation for the establishment of the country's first national social safety nets system.

While the sharp drop in oil revenues has shrunk its budget significantly, the federal government of Nigeria is investing in social protection to help mitigate the effect of the economic slowdown on the poor. "The fact that the Government of Nigeria is dedicating a significant chunk of its budget to social protection in challenging economic times is commendable," said Rachid Benmessaoud, the World Bank Country Director for Nigeria. "Of key importance is the setup of an electronic national registry of poor and vulnerable households, using state-of-the art methodologies to target those who need it the most," he added.

The National Social Safety Nets Project will support the Government's program by providing cash transfers to poor households throughout Nigeria, identified through a combination of geographical and community-based targeting. Each targeted household will receive a base transfer of NGN 5,000 (\$25 per month), and households among the most vulnerable will be eligible for an additional monthly benefit of NGN 5,000 a month via conditional cash transfers. Assistance will also be provided to support beneficiaries develop long-term livelihood opportunities...

Date: June 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

World Bank Partners with ONCE Foundation to Advance Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

WASHINGTON, June 7, 2016—The World Bank and ONCE Foundation are joining forces to advance the social and economic development of persons with disabilities through education, employment, skills development,...

Date: June 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

World Bank Cuts 2016 Global Growth Forecast to 2.4 percent

Markedly different prospects for commodity exporters and importers, mounting downside risks

Date: June 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 11 June 2016]

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

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African Development Bank Group [to 11 June 2016]

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

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AfDB approves four risk participations under its Private Sector Credit Enhancement Facility

10/06/2016 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Fund (ADF), the concessional arm of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 approved four operations amounting to close to US \$45 million in lines of credit to African financial institutions under its Private Sector Credit Enhancement Facility (PSF). The four operations are credit risk participations in lines of credit of the African Development Bank to financial institutions in East, North, West and Southern Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 11 June 2016]

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

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6 June 2016

Environmental Sustainability at Risk from Global Economic Slowing

The uncertain global economic outlook threatens to undermine the resolve of Asian countries to implement needed investments and policies to put their economies on an environmentally sustainable growth path, warns a report by IED at ADB.

6 June 2016

ADB Boosting Access to Clean, Renewable Energy in Pacific—Report

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is working with governments and communities to increase access to clean, renewable power and to enhance energy security and build resilient low-carbon economies for a more prosperous Pacific, a new ADB report said.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 11 June 2016]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 11 June 2016]

https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2016

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Make migration a choice and not a necessity - IFAD President to tell EAT Forum

Rome – More than 205,000 migrants have crossed the Mediterranean into Europe so far this year. Although the majority are fleeing conflict, others are running from poverty. What is not often recognized, according to Kanayo F. Nwanze, President of the UN's International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), is that a large number of these migrants originate from impoverished rural areas and much can be done to stem this flow.

Speaking at the EAT Stockholm Food Forum on Monday, Nwanze will explain how investments in rural areas in developing countries can create sustainable food systems and viable economies – generating opportunities that minimise the acts of desperation making headlines in Europe.

“If people can earn a decent income, feed their families and believe in a positive future, then migration becomes a choice rather than a necessity,” Nwanze said before his departure to Stockholm. “If we invest in rural people, we are investing in sustainable food systems. If we abandon them, we will feel the ripple effects in Europe and beyond.”...

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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 11 June 2016]

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

8th June 2016

Amref Health Africa unveils revolutionary mobile solution for training community health workers

Press Release

Amref Health Africa has today unveiled an mHealth solution, LEAP, that seeks to revolutionise the way training of community-based health workers is conducted in Kenya and beyond. In Kenya, a community health worker receives basic initial training on health service delivery which almost always marks the end to any kind of health training throughout the life of the community health worker.

Through the platform, a health worker is able to access continued training through their mobile device, peer learning through engagement with peers, strengthened supervision through direct access to supervisors, and access to updates and campaign messages as required...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 11 June 2016]

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

Tuesday, 07 June 2016 00:00

BRAC and BRAC International Celebrates World Day for Cultural Diversity 2016

Unifying Uniqueness and Us

BRAC and BRAC International operating countries celebrated the Inclusion and Diversity Management Campaign (IDMC) day. This celebration is celebrated for the second time across BRAC's head office and BRAC International countries on 21 May on world cultural diversity day under the theme "Unifying Uniqueness and Us"...

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CARE International [to 11 June 2016]

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

7th Jun 2016

CARE: Five Months Could be Too Short to Fully Protect Rights of Dadaab Refugees

Kenya

June 6, 2016 Nairobi. As the Government of Kenya announces its intention to close the world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab in November, international humanitarian organization CARE says more time could be needed to protect refugee rights.

In May, the Government of Kenya announced that it has disbanded its Department of Refugee Affairs. Last week, government officials set November 2016 as the date for the closure of the Dadaab refugee camp in northeastern Kenya.

This move could impact upwards of 350,000 people living in what is considered the world's largest refugee camp in Dadaab.

"We're talking about massive populations within the five camps who have been there for over 25 years," says Bogdan Dumitru, CARE's country director in Kenya. "It certainly is a monumental task. While the process can be designed, agreed and started within the announced timeframe, we believe more time might be needed to ensure it is properly done and in full observance of the refugees' rights."

CARE is encouraged by the government's declaration that a closure will be done in a humane manner and with respect for the international agreements, but is concerned the announced timeline will not allow for fully ensuring the rights of refugees. Further discussions between the governments of Kenya, Somalia and the international community must address these concerns...

Clubhouse International [to 11 June 2016]

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

[Undated]

Clubhouse International receives Grant from hope & grace fund

Clubhouse International has just received a grant from the hope & grace fund, a project of New Venture Fund in partnership with the global women's skincare brand philosophy, inc. We greatly appreciate this grant, which will help us conduct research to further our understanding of the barriers to women seeking integrated healthcare solutions, including mental health.

Danish Refugee Council [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 11 June 2016]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
June 7, 2016
[Emmy Award Winning Actress Uzo Aduba Visits Heifer International Farmers in Uganda](#)

HelpAge International [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
Posted: 10 June 2016
[HelpAge International and Sightsavers launch project to tackle blindness among older people in Morogoro](#)

HelpAge International and Sightsavers are launching a new three-year project in Tanzania funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The Mwangaza project will support vulnerable communities in the central Morogoro region with affordable and quality eye care services.

ICRC [to 11 June 2016]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
Selected News Releases and Articles
10-06-2016 | News release
[Ukraine crisis: Intensifying hostilities endanger civilian lives and infrastructure](#)
Escalating fighting in populated areas along the front line is putting the lives of many civilians in serious danger, while civilian infrastructure providing essential services is being hit.

[Somalia: 30,000 people in need of food and safe drinking water after flooding](#)
The ICRC and the Somali Red Crescent Society are distributing emergency assistance to more than 30,000 people to alleviate the effects of the flood.
10-06-2016 | News release

[Lake Chad: 'Not a day goes by without a child dying of malnutrition'](#)
The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says over 9 million people are in urgent need of aid in the Lake Chad region of Africa.
09-06-2016 | News release

[Chad: 5,300 farming families around Lake Chad receive seed](#)
N'Djamena (ICRC) – Some 5,300 families in the areas of Liwa and Baga Sola will receive seed, farming equipment and essential household items as part of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) aid distributions starting today.
06-06-2016 | News release

[Somalia: Detainees receive food, Quran for Ramadan](#)
The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is distributing food and other items including the Quran during Ramadan to more than 5,000 detainees throughout Somalia.
06-06-2016 | News release

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IFRC [to 11 June 2016]

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

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Red Cross calls for immediate scale-up in response to deadly yellow fever outbreak in Angola

6 June 2016

IFRC launches emergency appeal to aid coastal communities in Bangladesh affected by Cyclone Roanu

5 June 2016

At least 890 deaths in 10 days: Mediterranean transforming into "watery graveyard"

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 11 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

10 Jun 2016

IRC calls for men and boys fleeing Fallujah to be reunited with their families to prevent further suffering

09 Jun 2016

Ebola's Lingering Legacy: New Research Shows Epidemic's Emotional and Social Toll on Frontline Health Workers

07 Jun 2016

The International Rescue Committee's statement on the EU's proposals on migration

Brussels 07 Jun 2016 - Responding to the migration proposals published by the EU today, Melanie Ward, Associate Director of Policy & Advocacy at the International Rescue Committee said:

"In both of today's published papers, references were made to the need for a comprehensive European resettlement scheme. But while 8 billion Euros has been pledged to make new deals, commitment on resettlement is gravely lacking.

Today's documents rightly recognise that migration is 'the new normal', and is part of the global displacement crisis. Europe must step up and provide safe and legal pathways for refugees - a robust resettlement programme, with ambitious yearly commitments, combined with strong integration measures would be a start. Only then can we really talk about Europe being part of the 'global solution' to the crisis.

Unlike the US and Canada, Europe's contribution to global resettlement is incredibly low. We had hoped that a new draft resettlement scheme would be released this week and are disappointed to see it is postponed once again. This is the moment for Europe to step up and do more – and we remain hopeful that such pledges will be made ahead of the September refugee summits."

06 Jun 2016

Children drown as hundreds fleeing Fallujah risk lives crossing Euphrates River

IRCT [to 11 June 2016]

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

News

Tortured and forced to confess: Yecenia Armenta Graciano is finally acquitted and released from prison

08 June 2016

The IRCT welcomes the release of Ms Yecenia Armenta Graciano, who has been acquitted after spending four years in prison on the basis of evidence gathered through torture. Ms Graciano was acquitted and released on Tuesday after a judge in the Fifth Criminal Court in Mexico ruled in her favour, citing various irregularities in her prosecution, including a confession obtained through torture...

News

Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner calls on States to support rehabilitation services for torture victims

08 June 2016

"Holistic rehabilitation services (for torture victims) must be given full support, to enable the individuals affected to rebuild their lives and regain their place in society."

In his latest blog, the Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner, Dr Nils Muiznieks puts focus on torture and the right to redress and rehabilitation for victims. Reflecting extensively on the challenges faced by torture victims seeking rehabilitation in the Council of Europe countries, he highlights concrete examples from a number of countries including Germany, Russia, Serbia and Turkey...

News

EATIP co-founder to receive prestigious award for her work with torture victims

08 June 2016

Dr Diana Kordon of IRCT member centre EATIP in Argentina has won the 7th Barbara Chester Award for her clinical work healing survivors of torture.

For four decades, Dr Kordon has provided psychological services to the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo and others affected by atrocities committed by the military dictatorship in her country...

Islamic Relief [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 10, 2016

Aminata, Mali

Each year, Islamic Relief Mali begins its distribution programme 10 days before the start of Ramadan. Focusing on the most vulnerable people in communities, this year the team helped those in low income households.

June 9, 2016

Young people kick-start recycling in Chechnya

Islamic Relief pilots waste separation scheme to encourage recycling across Grozny. Recycling is virtually non-existent in Chechnya, but Islamic Relief has been running a pilot scheme to encourage people to separate their waste.

While countries like Austria and Germany are recycling 60% of their rubbish, and the UK and USA recycle around 40%, in Russia only five per cent of rubbish is currently being recycled. And in Chechnya recycling has made barely a dent in the waste stream.

To raise awareness, Islamic Relief rolled out separate waste containers for plastic bottles and metal cans across Grozny, while running collections for paper and film.

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The scheme is part of the wider scheme started in July 2015 to empower vulnerable young people through education and income generation projects...

Landsea [to 11 June 2016]

<http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/>

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 11 June 2016]

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

Press release

Doctors Without Borders Response to 2016 United Nations Political Declaration on Ending AIDS

June 09, 2016

UN governments adopted a Political Declaration on Ending AIDS during the UN's High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS in New York on June 8, 2016, in which governments have committed to reaching 30 million people with HIV treatment by 2020.

Press release

Governments at UN Must Address Severe Lack of HIV Treatment Access in West and Central Africa During High-Level Meeting

June 07, 2016

Proposal to reach 30 million people with HIV treatment by 2020 is crucial, but urgent scale-up of treatment needed in low-coverage areas to close deadly treatment gaps

Press release

Doctors Without Borders Remarks on Launch of O'Neill Report on Antimicrobial Resistance

June 06, 2016

Rohit Malpani, director of policy and analysis at Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières' (MSF) Access Campaign, delivered the following remarks at Meeting the Challenge of Antimicrobial Resistance, an event hosted by the United Nations' Every Woman Every Child movement.

Mercy Corps [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 11 June 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 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Norwegian Refugee Council [to 11 June 2016]

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

Drought in Ethiopia

"This is a climate crisis"

Tuva Raanes Bogsnes (06.06.2016)

"The drought in Ethiopia is not a one-off event," says Abdifateh Ahmed Ismael. He is the President's advisor with humanitarian affairs in the Somali region. "The world must understand that the drought affecting Ethiopia is a climate crisis that will haunt people for generations," he warns...

Pact [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 11 June 2016]

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

Jun 09, 2016

'My Words are My Weapons to Curb Inequality'

Hear what Nandi Bwanali, PIH's public relations coordinator in Malawi, says about working in global health.

PATH [to 11 June 2016]

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

Announcement | June 07, 2016

PATH selects Nigerian entrepreneur to serve as a PATH advocacy Innovation Champion

PATH today announced the selection of Adepeju Jaiyeoba—a young, Nigerian-trained lawyer, entrepreneur, and maternal and child health advocate—to serve as an honorary Innovation Champion. In this role, Jaiyeoba will work in partnership with PATH's Advocacy and Public Policy team to raise awareness of the health challenges facing women and children in low- and middle-income countries and how to accelerate development and access to lifesaving health technologies...

Plan International [to 11 June 2016]

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

Press Release

Slumdog's Anil Kapoor turns spotlight on child labour

10 June 2016

Bollywood superstar Anil Kapoor will front a new campaign that brings much needed attention to child labour in India.

Save The Children [to 11 June 2016]

http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9357111/k.C14B/Press_Releases_2016/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp

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No new digest content identified.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 11 June 2016]

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

10.06.2016

2015 International Annual Report

- The 2015 International Annual Report describes how SOS Children's Villages around the world supported children and strengthened families and communities in 2015 through community-integrated responses in care, education, health and emergency services.

06.06.2016

SOS Children's Villages and Erste Group partner on crowd-sourcing app for refugee crisis response

- The new crowd-sourced emergency response platform Eden, developed in response to the European refugee crisis, will enable cooperation in humanitarian emergencies.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Tostan [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 7, 2016

Training religious leaders to become community changemakers

Ousmane Ndiaye is an imam from Tankon, Senegal, where he has committed to serving his community and teaching the lessons of the Quran. As a prominent religious figure, his opinions and judgements hold much weight among his followers. Despite mild apprehension—some still see NGOs like Tostan as an outside interference to their communities and traditional practices—Imam Ndiaye recently agreed to attend a training for religious leaders on the Tostan Community Empowerment Program (CEP). "I was pleasantly surprised by what Tostan does. In fact, I had heard a lot about Tostan, but now, I realize that I was given false information. Tostan's work has nothing against Islam."...

Women for Women International [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Amnesty International [to 11 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Press Release - Africa - Torture and other ill-treatment

Nigeria: Killing of unarmed pro-Biafra supporters by military must be urgently investigated

10 June 2016

An on-the-ground investigation by Amnesty International has confirmed that the Nigerian army gunned down unarmed people ahead of last month's planned pro-Biafran commemoration events in Onitsha, Anambra state. Evidence gathered from eyewitnesses, morgues and hospitals confirms that between 29-30 May 2016, the Nigerian military opened fire on members of the Indigenous people of Biafra (IPOB), supporters and bystanders at three locations in the town.

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Press Release - Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories - Terrorism

Israel/OPT: Tel Aviv attack displays total disdain for human life

9 June 2016

The deadly attack on civilians at a Tel Aviv shopping and restaurant complex last night displayed a stark contempt for human life, Amnesty International said. Two Palestinian gunmen opened fire at the Sarona market in Tel Aviv on Wednesday evening, killing four civilians and injuring others. Several of those wounded were still hospitalized on Thursday morning. Israeli forces apprehended the attackers, wounding one of them.

Press Release - Germany - Racial Discrimination

Germany failing to tackle rise in hate crime

10 June 2016

Failed responses to the sharp increase in hate crimes across Germany – including attacks on shelters for asylum-seekers – expose the need to urgently step up protection and launch an independent inquiry into possible bias within the country’s law enforcement agencies, said Amnesty International in a report released today. The report, *Living in insecurity: How Germany is failing victims of racist violence*, details how 16 times as many crimes were reported against asylum shelters in 2015 (1,031) as in 2013 (63).

Press Release - Papua New Guinea - Censorship and Free Speech

Papua New Guinea: Disgraceful shootings of students

10 June 2016

The shooting of students peacefully protesting in Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea, is a disgraceful attack on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression, Amnesty International said today. The organisation has received information that there are 38 people injured, including four in critical condition. Three people are still being assessed in emergency. “The shooting of students peacefully protesting is reminiscent of the worst excesses of repressive regimes in the region,” said Rafendi Djamin, Amnesty International’s Director for South East Asia and the Pacific.

Press Release - Iraq - Torture and other ill-treatment

Iraq: Authorities must rein in forces amid allegations of torture and deaths in custody

8 June 2016

Iraqi authorities must rein in all forces participating in the recapture of Falluja said Amnesty International today, amid reports that men and boys fleeing the armed group calling itself Islamic State (IS) had been tortured and otherwise ill-treated by government-backed militias and at least three had died as a result of torture. Amnesty International has spoken to victims who described the torture and other ill-treatment meted out to them in detention and who claim to have witnessed killings.

Press Release - Africa - Discrimination

Malawi: Killing spree of people with albinism fuelled by ritual practices and policing failures

7 June 2016

A surge in killings of people with albinism, whose body parts are used in ritual practices, has exposed a systematic failure of policing in Malawi and left this vulnerable group living in fear, Amnesty International reveals in a new report published today. The report, “We are not animals to be hunted or sold”: Violence and discrimination against people with albinism in Malawi”,

exposes how the wave of violent attacks against people with albinism have increased sharply over the last two years, with four people, including a baby, murdered in April 2016 alone.

News - Yemen - Armed Conflict

Evidence counters UK claims denying use of British-made cluster munitions in Yemen conflict

6 June 2016

Spokespeople available for interview Amnesty International has published detailed information rebutting claims by the British government that no UK-manufactured cluster munitions were used by the Saudi Arabia-led coalition during the Yemen conflict which began in March 2015. The organization recently found evidence indicating that a British-manufactured "BL-755" cluster bomb was used by the Saudi Arabia-led coalition in an attack in al-Khadhra village in Yemen's Hajjah governorate, approximately six miles from the Saudi Arabia border.

Freedom House [to 11 June 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Press Releases

U.S. Moves to Privatize Oversight of Internet Domain Name System

June 10, 2016

In response to the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) decision to support the global internet community's proposal to fully privatize oversight over the key functions that control the Domain Name System (DNS) and allow data to be sent among connected devices, Freedom House issued the following statement.

Press Releases

Guatemala: Murder of Journalists Makes Protection Urgent

June 8, 2016

Carlos Ponce, director for Latin America programs, calls on authorities to provide protection against attacks on journalists in Guatemala.

Thiel v. Gawker: Vengeful Lawsuits against the Media Are a Global Phenomenon

Jun 8 2016 - 7:04am

Litigation seeking crippling financial damages from media outlets may be unusual in the United States, but such campaigns are all too common in the world's less free media environments.

Now as Ever, Democracy Needs Its Defenders

Jun 7 2016 - 3:07pm

Freedom advocates are deeply needed now and in the future, because history won't bend by itself if we idly stand by while others struggle for justice and democracy.

Transparency International [to 11 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

9 Jun 2016

Transparency International says stop the violence and protect civil society in Papua New Guinea Civil society –

Given the tense situation in Port Moresby, the 10th Transparency International Papua New Guinea's Walk against Corruption, scheduled for 12 June in Port Moresby, Kokopo and Lae is postponed to 19th June.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 11 June 2016]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

No new digest content identified

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 11 June 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 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified

Global Fund [to 11 June 2016]

<http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/?topic=&type=NEWS;&country=>

10 June 2016

[Global Fund Welcomes PEPFAR's Focus on Key Populations](#)

GENEVA – The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria applauded an announcement by the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, known as PEPFAR, to create a US\$100 million investment fund to expand access to HIV prevention and treatment services for key populations.

Announced during the 2016 United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, the Key Populations Investment Fund will aim to close the gap that exist for key populations in the HIV

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response by supporting investments that reduce stigma and discrimination, empower communities in the design and delivery of services and increase data quality on key populations...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 11 June 2016]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

June 8, 2016:

[PRESS RELEASE: Hilton Prize Coalition Releases Film Highlighting Role of Development Organizations in Humanitarian Response to Nepal Earthquake](#)

Film is Part of Storytelling Program to Amplify Community Voices and Catalyze Greater Collaboration on Disaster Relief and Resiliency Efforts

InterAction [to 11 June 2016]

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

Jun 06, 2016

[InterAction Announces Alicia Phillips Mandaville as New Vice President of Global Development Practice](#)

WASHINGTON – On Monday, June 6, 2016, InterAction officially announced the selection of Alicia Phillips Mandaville as the new vice president of global development practice. A former chief strategy officer for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), Mandaville was chosen...

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 11 June 2016]

http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E

[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 11 June 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.

10th June 2016

[Web and Social Media Officer Vacancy](#)

The MCF is hiring for a part-time web and social media officer to join its growing team. Please see the job description below, and send your CV and cover letter to omayma@muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk to apply. Past applicants need not apply.

Salary £...

7th June 2016

Regulator highlights advice on giving safely during Ramadan

Regulator highlights advice on giving safely during Ramadan 7th June 2016 Guidance issued by the Charity Commission today has been endorsed by The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Muslim Charities Forum.

7th June 2016

World Humanitarian Summit

The Muslim Charities Forum was invited to take part in the World Humanitarian Summit, of which we facilitated two consultations on leading up to the big event. More than 9000 participants came together in Istanbul from the 23rd-24th March for the first World...

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 11 June 2016]

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

Country Study

Learning from exposure: How decades of disaster and armed conflict have shaped Colombian NGOS

ALNAP

May 2016 :: 56pp

Downloads: [Full report](#)

Colombia's decades of disasters and armed conflict have shaped the perceptions, experiences and practices of the wide and diverse number of national and local organisations involved in humanitarian response.

This paper presents the results of research examining these perceptions, attitudes and experiences. It looks at the idea of learning from exposure as a way to understand the experiences and ways of working of Colombian organisations, in their own terms.

CHS Alliance [to 11 June 2016]

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

10/06/2016

HHR Europe - sharing and learning from experiences

Day 2 of HHR Europe started with a sharing of case studies on duty of care from NRC and British Red Cross. This was followed by a number of group sessions looking at resilience, mindfulness, working in challenging environments and more. Participants got energised with a drum circle session.

08/06/2016

HHR Europe 2016 - day 1

Participants at this year's Humanitarian HR Europe conference in Barcelona, Spain, heard from Judith Greenwood, CHS Alliance; independent consultant Jane Cocking and Dr. Scott Breslin, International Director of Operation Mercy on the conference theme of organisational resilience.

08/06/2016

New case study: Transforming surge capacity through training

This case study examines the process of designing and piloting surge capacity training as part of the Start Network's Transforming Surge Capacity project that aims to transform surge by redirecting emphasis from an internationally-led focus to a regional and local one.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 11 June 2016]
<https://phap.org/>
No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
6/8/16

Well-Targeted Sanctions Remain a Useful US Policy Tool: The Case of Zimbabwe
Todd Moss

Testimony on US Sanctions Policy in sub-Saharan Africa. CGD chief operating officer and senior fellow Todd Moss testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health at a hearing examining the utility of sanctions as an instrument for achieving US policy objectives in Africa.

6/7/16

Donors Funding Technology: 10 Recommendations

Charles Kenny

Funding the global public good of technology is a useful way for donors to leverage the impact of their aid. Different types of technologies appear to be important to development progress, and to spread, in different ways. 'Lab coat technologies' (inventions) spread easily and improve quality of life, 'process technologies' (institutions) spread with difficulty and are important to economic growth. For all donor interventions, however, it appears that context matters—the same technology or investment has varied impact in different environments. Donors should take the importance of context on board when designing their technology interventions.

ODI [to 11 June 2016]
<http://www.odi.org/media>

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STATEMENT: Kevin Watkins to step down as Executive Director of ODI

After three years as Executive Director of ODI, Kevin Watkins will be stepping down in September to become the Chief Executive of Save the Children UK

Journal articles or issues

The Dilemmas of Risk-Sensitive Development on a Small Volcanic Island

| June 2016 | Emily Wilkinson, Emma Lovell, Barbara Carby, Jenni Barclay and Richard E.A. Robertson

This paper examines the development options in volcanic SIDS and presents a number of conundrums for disaster risk management on the island of St Vincent.

Research reports and studies

The capabilities of finance ministries

| June 2016 | Philipp Krause, Bryn Welham, Shakira Mustapha, Sierd Hadley

This report investigates what makes a successful ministry of finance.

Urban Institute [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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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 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 10, 2016

MEDIA ADVISORY: Additional Speakers Announced for the Sixth Annual Clinton Global Initiative America Meeting

Kamau Bobb, Program Officer, The National Science Foundation; Michael Botticelli, Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; Jewel Burks, Co-Founder and CEO, Partpic...

Ford Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 11 June 2016]

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

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

2016.06.06 Press Room

GHIT Fund Welcomes Ten New Partnerships With FUJIFILM, Otsuka, GSK, Johnson & Johnson, Kyowa Hakko Kirin, Merck, Mitsubishi Tanabe, Nipro, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma and Salesforce.com

Expansion will allow continued investments in R&D for neglected diseases, which in just three years has led to over 60 funded partnerships for the product development of new drugs, vaccines and diagnostics, seven of which have entered clinical trials

TOKYO, JAPAN (June 6, 2016)—The Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund) today welcomed ten new partnerships that include major global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies—collaborations that will expand investments into research and development (R&D) for neglected diseases worldwide, many of which have already begun to show progress in clinical trials.

The new collaborations include a full funding partnership with FUJIFILM Corporation, an associate partnership with Otsuka Pharmaceutical, affiliate partnerships with GlaxoSmithKline, Johnson & Johnson, Kyowa Hakko Kirin, Merck, Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Corporation, Nipro Corporation, Sumitomo Dainippon Pharma, and a sponsorship from Salesforce.com.

"We are excited to welcome these new funding partners—from within Japan and across the globe—who have joined forces with the GHIT Fund because of their own unique commitments to global health, as well as their confidence that working together will transform R&D," GHIT Fund CEO Dr. BT Slingsby said. "The partnerships will not only broaden our scope, but also increase our ability to reach the world's most vulnerable people with lifesaving technology."

GHIT's announcement today also marks its third year investing in R&D for neglected diseases, having now allocated more than US\$60 million into upwards of 60 collaborations for product development. Of these investments, 23 have resulted in partnerships to screen Japan's unique compound libraries, resulting in 18 potential drug candidates. GHIT grants in 2015 alone have also led to five projects advancing into its innovative hit-to-lead platform (HTLP), as well as four

novel candidates entering clinical trials for the first time—two in Phase I (first-in-human) and two in Phase II (including one proof-of-concept)...

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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 11 June 2016]

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

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Ice age bison fossils reveal migration of early humans

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Moore Foundation grantee Beth Shapiro and colleagues at UC Santa Cruz have determined when an ice-free corridor opened up along the Rocky Mountains during the late Pleistocene using evidence from bison fossils.

The corridor has been considered a potential route for human and animal migrations between the far north (Alaska and Yukon) and the rest of North America, but when and how it was used has long been uncertain.

The researchers combined radiocarbon dating and DNA analysis to track the movements of into the corridor, showing that it was fully open by about 13,000 years ago. Their findings indicate that the corridor could not account for the initial dispersal of humans south of the ice sheets, but could have been used for later movements of people and animals, both northward and southward...

Open Society Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 7, 2016

Spurring Clean Energy Investments

As part of a White House announcement on climate change, clean energy, and the environment, today the United States and Government of India unveiled two new clean energy finance initiatives—the U.S.-India Clean Energy Finance Initiative and the U.S.-India Catalytic Solar Finance Program. The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, along with other U.S. foundations, have agreed to collaborate in the creation of these new initiatives that will spur up to \$1.4 billion in new clean energy investment to help stave off dangerous climate change, alleviate energy poverty, and help India meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 11 June 2016]

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

Press Release June 09, 2016

Exceptional Early-Career Scientists Named Pew Scholars in the Biomedical Sciences

The Pew Charitable Trusts today named 22 exceptional early-career scientists as Pew scholars in the biomedical sciences. The 2016 class of Pew biomedical scholars is drawn from prestigious institutions across the country, with each scholar receiving four years of flexible funding to pursue foundational, innovative research.

Press Release June 09, 2016

Five Early-Career Cancer Researchers Selected as Pew-Stewart Scholars

The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust announced today the 2016 class of Pew-Stewart scholars for cancer research.

Press Release June 09, 2016

Pew Names 10 Top Latin American Scientists as Fellows

The Pew Charitable Trusts today announced the newest class of Pew Latin American Fellows in the Biomedical Sciences.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

June 3, 2016

Call for Nominations: International Jane Jacobs Medal

Medal Goes Global For Centennial of Jacobs' birth

NEW YORK—The Rockefeller Foundation and The Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) announced that the public nominating process for the 2016 Jane Jacobs Medal is open through June 30, 2016, at www.jj100.org. The 2016 Jane Jacobs Medal is open to international nominees for the first time in honor of the 100th anniversary of Jacobs' birth. An international panel of judges will evaluate the nominations and the winner will be announced in the fall of this year and honored at a reception in Quito, Ecuador, during the United Nations Habitat III conference in October.

This global search offers an opportunity to highlight and celebrate local leaders working in cities around the world to advance the Jacobsean principles of fostering local economies, building social capital, creating dense, livable neighborhoods, and promoting urban innovation through self-organization...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 11 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 11 June 2016]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

No new unique content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 11 June 2016]

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

News 9 June 2016

European prize for HIV diagnostic kit

Wellcome researcher Helen Lee has won the Popular Prize at the European Inventor Award 2016 for her mobile HIV diagnostic kit.

She won the Popular Prize with 64% of the online votes. It was presented to her at a ceremony in Lisbon.

The robust and cost-effective diagnostic kit is transforming the diagnosis of HIV in resource-poor settings such as sub-Saharan Africa.

The device, called SAMBA, can accurately and rapidly diagnose HIV using a tiny sample of blood. The kits are used in countries with no laboratory infrastructure and they do not need to be operated by medically trained staff...

News 8 June 2016

New evidence supports mitochondrial donation

News 7 June 2016

£44m brain imaging centre opens in Cardiff

News 6 June 2016

£10m for new Science Museum galleries

News 8 June 2016

Leukaemia is at least 11 different diseases

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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 Infection Control

June 2016 Volume 44, Issue 6, p619-738, e81-e102

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2016 Volume 50, Issue 5, p553-676, e123-e162

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

Volume 106, Issue 6 (June 2016)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

June 2016; 94 (6)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

7 June 2016, Vol. 164. No. 11

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

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

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Research

Mothers' willingness to pay for HPV vaccines in Anambra state, Nigeria: a cross sectional contingent valuation study

Ifeoma Blessing Umeh, Sunday Odunke Nduka and Obinna Ikechukwu Ekwunife

Published: 6 June 2016

Abstract

Background

Human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccination in Nigeria will require substantial financing due to high cost of HPV vaccine and inexistence of structures to support adolescent vaccination. Alternative sources are needed to sustain the government funded HPV vaccination programme. This study assessed Nigerian mothers' willingness-to-pay (WTP) for HPV vaccine. We also compared the difference between the average WTP and estimated costs of vaccinating a pre-adolescent girl (CVG).

Methods

We conducted a quantitative, cross-sectional, survey-based study in which 50 questionnaires were distributed to each of 10 secondary schools located in two rural and one urban city in Anambra state. The questionnaires were then randomly distributed to girls aged 9–12 years of age to give to their mothers. Contingent valuation approach using the payment card technique was used to estimate the average maximum WTP among the survey participants. Correlates of WTP for HPV vaccination were obtained using multivariate logistic regression. Estimated CVG was obtained by adapting cost of HPV vaccine delivery in Tanzania to the Nigerian setting.

Results

A total of 438 questionnaires (88 %) were returned. The average WTP was US\$ 11.68. This is opposed to estimated delivery cost of US\$ 18.16 and US\$ 19.26 for urban and rural populations respectively at vaccine price offered by the Vaccine Alliance (Gavi) and US\$ 35.16 and US\$ 36.26 for urban and rural populations respectively at the lowest obtainable public sector vaccine price. Demand for HPV vaccine was deemed high (91.6 %) and was significantly associated with respondents previously diagnosed of HPV infection.

Conclusion

Demand for HPV vaccine was high although short of estimated CVG. High demand for vaccine should be capitalized upon to increase vaccine uptake. Education on cervical cancer and provider-initiated vaccination should be promoted to increase vaccine uptake. Co-payment could be a feasible financing strategy in the event of national HPV vaccination.

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

Research article

A survey of tuberculosis infection control practices at the NIH/NIAID/DAIDS-supported clinical trial sites in low and middle income countries

*Health care associated transmission of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB) is well described. A previous survey of infection control (IC) practices at clinical research sites in low and middle income countries (LMIC)...*

Catherine Godfrey, Gail Tauscher, Sally Hunsberger, Melissa Austin, Lesley Scott, Jeffrey T. Schouten, Anne F. Luetkemeyer, Constance Benson, Robert Coombs and Susan Swindells
BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:269
Published on: 10 June 2016

Research article

Global research trends of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus: a bibliometric analysis

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) is a virus that causes severe viral pneumonia in humans, known to have a high mortality rate and a similarity in clinical symptoms with severe acute resp...

Sa'ed H. Zyoud

BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:255

Published on: 7 June 2016

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

Research article

Steps toward improving ethical evaluation in health technology assessment: a proposed framework

While evaluation of ethical aspects in health technology assessment (HTA) has gained much attention during the past years, the integration of ethics in HTA practice still presents many challenges. In response ...

Nazila Assasi, Jean-Eric Tarride, Daria O'Reilly and Lisa Schwartz

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:34

Published on: 6 June 2016

Debate

Citizen science or scientific citizenship? Disentangling the uses of public engagement rhetoric in national research initiatives

The language of "participant-driven research," "crowdsourcing" and "citizen science" is increasingly being used to encourage the public to become involved in research ventures as both subjects and scientists. ...

J. Patrick Woolley, Michelle L. McGowan, Harriet J. A. Teare, Victoria Coathup, Jennifer R. Fishman, Richard A. Settersten, Sigrid Sterckx, Jane Kaye and Eric T. Juengst

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:33

Published on: 4 June 2016

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

Research article

Impact of interventions to improve the quality of peer review of biomedical journals: a systematic review and meta-analysis

The peer review process is a cornerstone of biomedical research. We aimed to evaluate the impact of interventions to improve the quality of peer review for biomedical publications.

Rachel Bruce, Anthony Chauvin, Ludovic Trinquart, Philippe Ravaud and Isabelle Boutron

BMC Medicine 2016 14:85

Published on: 10 June 2016

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

Research article

Religious beliefs and practices in pregnancy and labour: an inductive qualitative study among post-partum women in Ghana

Religiosity in health care delivery has attracted some attention in contemporary literature. The religious beliefs and practices of patients play an important role in the recovery of the patient.

Lydia Aziato, Philippa N. A. Odai and Cephas N. Omenyo

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:138

Published on: 6 June 2016

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 11 June 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 6

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

British Medical Journal

11 June 2016 (vol 352, issue 8061)

<http://www.bmjjournals.org/content/352/8061>

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 94, Number 6, June 2016, 405-480

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/6/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

May 2016 Volume 42, Issue 3 Pages 297–454

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Complexity

May/June 2016 Volume 21, Issue 5 Pages 1–360

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.5/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>

[Accessed 11 June 2016]

[No new content]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 3 pp: v-v,229-318

<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 4, 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

May 2016 Volume 34, Issue 3 Pages 321–461

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2016.34.issue-3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 11, Issue 5, 2016

<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/iddt/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

July 2016 Volume 40, Issue 3 Pages 385–588

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2016.40.issue-3/issuetoc>

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:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Papers

Barriers to the long-term recovery of individuals with disabilities following a disaster (pages 387–410)

Laura M. Stough, Amy N. Sharp, J. Aaron Resch, Curt Decker and Nachama Wilker

Version of Record online: 17 NOV 2015 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12161

Abstract

This study examines how pre-existing disabling conditions influenced the recovery process of survivors of Hurricane Katrina. It focuses specifically on the barriers that hindered the recovery process in these individuals. Focus groups were convened in four Gulf Coast states with 31 individuals with disabilities who lived in or around New Orleans, Louisiana, prior to Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. Qualitative data were analysed using grounded theory methodology. Five themes emerged as the most significant barriers to recovery: housing; transportation; employment; physical and mental health; and accessing recovery services. While these barriers to recovery were probably common to most survivors of the disaster, the research results suggest that disability status enhanced the challenges that participants experienced in negotiating the recovery process and in acquiring resources that accommodated their disabilities. The findings indicate that, when disaster recovery services and resources did not accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities, recovery was hindered. Recovery efforts should include building accessible infrastructure and services that will allow for participation by all.

Disaster preparedness in a complex urban system: the case of Kathmandu Valley, Nepal (pages 411–431)

Samuel Carpenter and François Grünewald

Version of Record online: 17 NOV 2015 | DOI: 10.1111/

Mental and social health in disasters: the Sphere standards and post-tsunami psychosocial interventions in Asia (pages 432–451)

Silja E.K. Henderson, Peter Elsass and Peter Berliner

Version of Record online: 17 NOV 2015 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12159

disa.12164

Abstract

The primary objective of this paper is to examine and inform the mental health and psychosocial support standards of the 2011 edition of the Sphere Project's *Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response*. This is done through a qualitative analysis of internal evaluation documents, reflecting four long-term humanitarian psychosocial programmes in different countries in post-tsunami Asia. The analysis yielded three overall conclusions. First, the Sphere standards on mental health and psychosocial support generally are highly relevant to long-term psychosocial interventions after disasters such as the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004, and their application in such settings may improve the quality of the response. Second, some of the standards in the current Sphere handbook may lack sufficient guidance to ensure the quality of humanitarian response required. Third, the long-term intervention approach poses specific challenges to programming, a problem that could be addressed by including additional guidance in the publication.

Towards a natural disaster intervention and recovery framework (pages 494–517)

Peter M. Lawther

Version of Record online: 17 NOV 2015 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12163

Emergency Medicine Journal

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May 2016, Volume 33, Issue 5
<http://emj.bmj.com/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.bmj.com/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 144 - Issue 09 - July 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 3, 1 June 2016
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/3?current-issue=y>
[Reviewed earlier]

Eurosurveillance

Volume 21, Issue 23, 09 June 2016
<http://www.eurosurveillance.org/Public/Articles/Archives.aspx?PublicationId=11678>
Editorials
Zika virus, the new kid on the block
by M Zambon

Sexual transmission of Zika virus in an entirely asymptomatic couple returning from a Zika epidemic area, France, April 2016

by T Fréour, S Mirallé, B Hubert, C Spingart, P Barrière, M Maquart, I Leparc-Goffart

Sexual transmission of Zika virus in Germany, April 2016

by C Frank, D Cadar, A Schlaphof, N Neddersen, S Günther, J Schmidt-Chanasit, D Tappe

Food Policy

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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>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies
Volume 43, Issue 2, 2016
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International
Volume 10, Issue 1, Spring 2016
<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)
March 2016 | Volume 4 | Issue 1
<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health
Volume 11, Issue 5-6, 2016
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>
Special Issue: Participatory Visual Methodologies in Global Public Health
[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health
<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 11 June 2016]
Debate
[Addressing the impact of economic sanctions on Iranian drug shortages in the joint comprehensive plan of action: promoting access to medicines and health diplomacy](#)
The U.S Congress initiated sanctions against Iran after the 1979 U.S. Embassy hostage crisis in Tehran, and since then the scope of multilateral sanctions imposed by the United States, the European Union, and ...
Sogol Setayesh and Tim K. Mackey
Globalization and Health 2016 12:31
Published on: 8 June 2016

Commentary

The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and health: few gains, some losses, many risks

In early October 2015, 12 nations signed the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), promoted as a model '21st century' trade and investment agreement that other countries would eventually join. There are gro...

Ronald Labonté, Ashley Schram and Arne Ruckert

Globalization and Health 2016 12:25

Published on: 6 June 2016

Health Affairs

June 2016; Volume 35, Issue 6

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/current>

Behavioral Health

[Full issue oriented around mental health themes]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 17, Issue 2 December 2015

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

Special Issue: Evidence of the Impact of Human Rights-Based Approaches to Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 11 - Issue 03 - July 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 31 Issue 5 June 2016

<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 11 June 2016]

Research

The role of researchers in disseminating evidence to public health practice settings: a cross-sectional study

Allese B. McVay, Katherine A. Stamatakis, Julie A. Jacobs, Rachel G. Tabak and Ross C. Brownson

Published on: 10 June 2016

Abstract

Background

Evidence-based public health interventions, which research has demonstrated offer the most promise for improving the population's health, are not always utilized in practice settings. The extent to which dissemination from researchers to public health practice settings occurs is not widely understood. This study examines the extent to which public health researchers in the

United States are disseminating their research findings to local and state public health departments.

Methods

In a 2012, nationwide study, an online questionnaire was administered to 266 researchers from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and universities to determine dissemination practices. Logistic regression analyses were used to examine the association between dissemination to state and/or local health departments and respondent characteristics, facilitators, and barriers to dissemination.

Results

Slightly over half of the respondents (58%) disseminated their findings to local and/or state health departments. After adjusting for other respondent characteristics, respondents were more likely to disseminate their findings to health departments if they worked for a university Prevention Research Center or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or received their degree more than 20 years ago. Those who had ever worked in a practice or policy setting, those who thought dissemination was important to their own research and/or to the work of their unit/department, and those who had expectations set by their employers and/or funding agencies were more likely to disseminate after adjusting for work place, graduate degree and/or fellowship in public health, and the year the highest academic degree was received.

Conclusions

There is still room for improvement in strengthening dissemination ties between researchers and public health practice settings, and decreasing the barriers researchers face during the dissemination process. Researchers could better utilize national programs or workshops, knowledge brokers, or opportunities provided through academic institutions to become more proficient in dissemination practices.

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 38, Number 2, May 2016

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/33495>

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics (formerly Human Vaccines)

Volume 12, Issue 5, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/khvi20/current>

Review

[**A review of clinical models for the evaluation of human TB vaccines**](#)

pages 1177-1187

Matthew K. O'Shea & Helen McShane

Open access

DOI:10.1080/21645515.2015.1134407

ABSTRACT

While much progress has been made in the fight against the scourge of tuberculosis (TB), we are still some way from reaching the ambitious targets of eliminating it as a global public health problem by the mid twenty-first century. A new and effective vaccine that protects against pulmonary TB disease will be an essential element of any control strategy. Over a dozen vaccines are currently in development, but recent efficacy trial data from one of the most advanced candidates have been disappointing. Limitations of current preclinical animal models exist, together with a lack of a complete understanding of host immunity to TB or robust correlates of disease risk and protection. Therefore, in the context of such obstacles, we discuss the lessons identified from recent efficacy trials, current concepts of biomarkers and correlates

of protection, the potential of innovative clinical models such as human challenge and conducting trials in high-incidence settings to evaluate TB vaccines in humans, and the use of systems vaccinology and novel technologies including transcriptomics and metabolomics, that may facilitate their utility.

Research Papers

Economic evaluation of pediatric influenza immunization program compared with other pediatric immunization programs: A systematic review

pages 1202-1216

Edward Gibson, Najida Begum, Birgir Sigmundsson, Alfred Sackeyfio, Judith Hackett & Sankarasubramanian Rajaram

Open access

DOI:10.1080/21645515.2015.1131369

ABSTRACT

This study compared the economic value of pediatric immunisation programmes for influenza to those for rotavirus (RV), meningococcal disease (MD), pneumococcal disease (PD), human papillomavirus (HPV), hepatitis B (Hep B), and varicella reported in recent (2000 onwards) cost-effectiveness (CE) studies identified in a systematic review of PubMed, health technology, and vaccination databases. The systematic review yielded 51 economic evaluation studies of pediatric immunisation — 10 (20%) for influenza and 41 (80%) for the other selected diseases. The quality of the eligible articles was assessed using Drummond's checklist. Although inherent challenges and limitations exist when comparing economic evaluations of immunisation programmes, an overall comparison of the included studies demonstrated cost-effectiveness/cost saving for influenza from a European-Union-Five (EU5) and United States (US) perspective; point estimates for cost/quality-adjusted life-years (QALY) from dominance (cost-saving with more effect) to $\leq 45,444$ were reported. The economic value of influenza programmes was comparable to the other vaccines of interest, with cost/QALY in general considerably lower than RV, Hep B, MD and PD. Independent of the perspective and type of analysis, the economic impact of a pediatric influenza immunisation program was influenced by vaccine efficacy, immunisation coverage, costs, and most significantly by herd immunity. This review suggests that pediatric influenza immunisation may offer a cost effective strategy when compared with HPV and varicella and possibly more value compared with other childhood vaccines (RV, Hep B, MD and PD)

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 66 April 2016

<http://odihpn.org/magazine/humanitarian-innovation/>

Special Focus: Humanitarian Innovation

by Humanitarian Practice Network and Kim Scriven April 2016

[Reviewed earlier]

IDRiM Journal

Vol 5, No 2 (2015)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/14>

[Website "under construction" at inquiry]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournal.com/content>

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:: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[Accessed 11 June 2016]

Commentary

Malaria: Global progress 2000 – 2015 and future challenges

2015 was the target year for malaria goals set by the World Health Assembly and other international institutions to reduce malaria incidence and mortality. A review of progress indicates that malaria programme...

Richard E. Cibulskis, Pedro Alonso, John Aponte, Maru Aregawi, Amy Barrette, Laurent Bergeron, Cristin A. Fergus, Tessa Knox, Michael Lynch, Edith Patouillard, Silvia Schwarte, Saira Stewart and Ryan Williams

Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2016 5:61

Published on: 9 June 2016

Research Article

Rapid assessment of knowledge, attitudes, practices, and risk perception related to the prevention and control of Ebola virus disease in three communities of Sierra Leone

Hai Jiang, Guo-Qing Shi, Wen-Xiao Tu, Can-Jun Zheng, Xue-Hui Lai, Xin-Xu Li, Qiang Wei, Mei Li, Li-Quan Deng, Xiang Huo, Ming-Quan Chen, Feng Xu, Long-Jie Ye, Xi-Chen Bai, Tong-Nian Chen, Shao-Hua Yin...

Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2016 5:53

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International Health

Volume 8 Issue 3 May 2016

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International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 4, Issue 2, 2015

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/22131035/4/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 16, In Progress (June 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/22124209/16>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 45 Issue 2 April 2016

<http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

May 2016 Volume 46, p1-126

<http://www.ijidonline.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology

Volume 23, Issue 4, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tsdw20/current>

Special Issue: Landsenses ecology and ecological planning toward sustainable development

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Spring 2016 Volume 50, Issue 1 Pages 1–266, e1–e16

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imre.2016.50.issue-1/issuetoc>

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Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

March 2016 - Volume 14 - Issue 1 pp: 2-96

<http://journals.lww.com/interventionjnl/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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JAMA

June 7, 2016, Vol 315, No. 21

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

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JAMA Pediatrics

June 2016, Vol 170, No. 6

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

[New issue; No new relevant content identified]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 41, Issue 3, June 2016

<http://link.springer.com/journal/10900/41/3/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 120, Pages 1-224 (May 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03043878/120>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

June 2016, Volume 70, Issue 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 2, Issue 2, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 12, Issue 1, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/.U2V-Elf4L0I#.VAJEj2N4WF8>

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Journal of Global Infectious Diseases (JGID)

April-June 2016 Volume 8 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 59-94

<http://www.jgid.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

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The Lancet

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Editorial

[Dear Mr Ban Ki-moon](#)

The Lancet

We have greatly admired your leadership as Secretary-General of the UN. Over your 10 years heading the world's most important international organisation, you have played an exemplary part in strengthening the global health agenda—championing awareness of women's and children's health, global warming, and humanitarianism. But there is one issue that concerns us deeply.

In 2010, UN soldiers from Nepal were deployed to help after Haiti's devastating earthquake and cholera contaminated sewage was discarded from their camp into the country's major river. This triggered the largest cholera outbreak in the world, leaving more than 30 000 Haitians dead and more than 2 million affected.

6 years later a cholera epidemic still rages—14 000 new cases and 150 deaths are reported this year alone. The UN has yet to accept responsibility for introducing cholera into Haiti, despite two investigations establishing these facts.

We applaud the considerable work that the UN has done since 2010 to improve hygiene standards for peacekeepers and support immunisation campaigns. But we are distressed by reports that less than 20% of the funds pledged by the UN after the outbreak to eradicate cholera have been raised.

Calls for you to do more are intensifying. 2000 letters were sent to the UN by Haitians with stories of hardship. Diaspora leaders have urged the UN to install water and sanitation infrastructure to control cholera and to compensate victims. Failing to accept the UN's responsibilities sets a poor example for the Haitian government to assume theirs, they say. Your own human rights advisers have implored you to respond. Instead, the UN continues to say it is immune from these claims.

It is disappointing that the UN's silence has forced the matter into the US courts. The UN has enormous power to act. But its power to ignore is what prevails here.

We hope you can address this issue. Please endorse the facts. Please acknowledge the injustice. Please apologise for the indifference. Responsibility is not about vengeance, but about accountability from which needed reparation and reconciliation can flow. The UN has long emphasised the need for accountability—we urge you to make this a final act in your celebrated career as Secretary-General.

Articles

[Global burden of diseases, injuries, and risk factors for young people's health during 1990–2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013](#)

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Summary

Background

Young people's health has emerged as a neglected yet pressing issue in global development. Changing patterns of young people's health have the potential to undermine future population health as well as global economic development unless timely and effective strategies are put into place. We report the past, present, and anticipated burden of disease in young people aged 10–24 years from 1990 to 2013 using data on mortality, disability, injuries, and health risk factors.

Methods

The Global Burden of Disease Study 2013 (GBD 2013) includes annual assessments for 188 countries from 1990 to 2013, covering 306 diseases and injuries, 1233 sequelae, and 79 risk factors. We used the comparative risk assessment approach to assess how much of the burden of disease reported in a given year can be attributed to past exposure to a risk. We estimated attributable burden by comparing observed health outcomes with those that would have been observed if an alternative or counterfactual level of exposure had occurred in the past. We applied the same method to previous years to allow comparisons from 1990 to 2013. We cross-tabulated the quantiles of disability-adjusted life-years (DALYs) by quintiles of DALYs annual increase from 1990 to 2013 to show rates of DALYs increase by burden. We used the GBD 2013 hierarchy of causes that organises 306 diseases and injuries into four levels of classification. Level one distinguishes three broad categories: first, communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional disorders; second, non-communicable diseases; and third, injuries. Level two has 21 mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive categories, level three has 163 categories, and level four has 254 categories.

Findings

The leading causes of death in 2013 for young people aged 10–14 years were HIV/AIDS, road injuries, and drowning (25·2%), whereas transport injuries were the leading cause of death for ages 15–19 years (14·2%) and 20–24 years (15·6%). Maternal disorders were the highest cause of death for young women aged 20–24 years (17·1%) and the fourth highest for girls aged 15–19 years (11·5%) in 2013. Unsafe sex as a risk factor for DALYs increased from the 13th rank to the second for both sexes aged 15–19 years from 1990 to 2013. Alcohol misuse was the highest risk factor for DALYs (7·0% overall, 10·5% for males, and 2·7% for females) for young people aged 20–24 years, whereas drug use accounted for 2·7% (3·3% for males and 2·0% for females). The contribution of risk factors varied between and within countries. For example, for ages 20–24 years, drug use was highest in Qatar and accounted for 4·9% of DALYs, followed by 4·8% in the United Arab Emirates, whereas alcohol use was highest in Russia and accounted for 21·4%, followed by 21·0% in Belarus. Alcohol accounted for 9·0% (ranging from 4·2% in Hong Kong to 11·3% in Shandong) in China and 11·6% (ranging from 10·1% in Aguascalientes to 14·9% in Chihuahua) of DALYs in Mexico for young people aged 20–24 years. Alcohol and drug use in those aged 10–24 years had an annual rate of change of >1·0% from 1990 to 2013 and accounted for more than 3·1% of DALYs.

Interpretation

Our findings call for increased efforts to improve health and reduce the burden of disease and risks for diseases in later life in young people. Moreover, because of the large variations between countries in risks and burden, a global approach to improve health during this important period of life will fail unless the particularities of each country are taken into account. Finally, our results call for a strategy to overcome the financial and technical barriers to

adequately capture young people's health risk factors and their determinants in health information systems.

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The Lancet Commissions

Our future: a Lancet commission on adolescent health and wellbeing

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Summary

Unprecedented global forces are shaping the health and wellbeing of the largest generation of 10 to 24 year olds in human history. Population mobility, global communications, economic development, and the sustainability of ecosystems are setting the future course for this generation and, in turn, humankind.^{1,2} At the same time, we have come to new understandings of adolescence as a critical phase in life for achieving human potential. Adolescence is characterised by dynamic brain development in which the interaction with the social environment shapes the capabilities an individual takes forward into adult life.

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Letters

The Brazilian Zika virus strain causes birth defects in experimental models

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The Zika virus can cross the placenta and cause intrauterine growth restriction, including microcephaly, in the SJL strain of mice; the virus can also infect human brain organoids, inducing cell death by apoptosis and disrupting cortical layers.

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Opinion

Use the Bayh-Dole Act to lower drug prices for government healthcare programs -

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As drug prices have increased, there is also greater pressure to find ways to ensure access to medicines. An existing provision of the Bayh-Dole Act could help to lower costs for qualifying drugs in federal programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Article

Protection against malaria at 1 year and immune correlates following PfSPZ vaccination - pp614 - 623

Andrew S Ishizuka, Kirsten E Lyke, Adam DeZure, Andrea A Berry, Thomas L Richie, Floreliz H Mendoza, Mary E Enama, Ingelise J Gordon, Lee-Jah Chang, Uzma N Sarwar, Kathryn L Zephir, LaSonji A Holman, Eric R James, Peter F Billingsley, Anusha Gunasekera, Sumana Chakravarty, Anita Manoj, MingLin Li, Adam J Ruben, Tao Li, Abraham G Eappen, Richard E Stafford, Natasha K C, Tooba Murshedkar, Hope DeCederfelt, Sarah H Plummer, Cynthia S Hendel, Laura Novik, Pamela J M Costner, Jamie G Saunders, Matthew B Laurens, Christopher V Plowe, Barbara Flynn, William R Whalen, J P Todd, Jay Noor, Srinivas Rao, Kailan Sierra-Davidson, Geoffrey M Lynn, Judith E Epstein, Margaret A Kemp, Gary A Fahle, Sebastian A Mikolajczak, Matthew Fishbaugher, Brandon K Sack, Stefan H I Kappe, Silas A Davidson, Lindsey S Garver, Niklas K Björkström, Martha C Nason, Barney S Graham, Mario Roederer, B Kim Lee Sim, Stephen L Hoffman, Julie E Ledgerwood & Robert A Seder

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[Saving Tiny Tim — Pediatrics and Childhood Poverty in the United States](#)

Perri Klass, M.D.

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Brief Report

[Needs of Internally Displaced Women and Children in Baghdad, Karbala, and Kirkuk, Iraq](#)

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Background: The continuing conflict in Iraq has now created an estimated four million internally displaced persons (IDPs). The bulk of recently displaced persons are in Central Iraq, often in insecure and difficult situations.

Objective: To determine the health status and health needs of women and children, age 15 and under, among a sample of this IDP population in Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Karbala governorates.

Methods: Data were collected from the senior female in 1216 families which contained 3665 children living in 45 makeshift settlements.

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Findings: The majority of IDPs were living in tents or religious centers. Repeated displacements were common. Kidnapping were reported by 5.2% of families, and 7.9% of families reported a death of a family member during or after displacement. Intentional violence accounted for 72.3% of deaths. Only a third of children in school at the time of displacement continued in school. On average, households had received assistance on 3.2 occasions since displacement, food being the most common form. Access to health services was difficult. Some form of transport was often required. Few women knew where to secure antenatal services and many did not know where childhood immunization services were available. During or after displacement 307 women had delivered or were currently pregnant. Complications of pregnancies were common, with a quarter reporting anemia, and 22.1% experiencing hemorrhage. Both communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) were common in the women and children in the survey. Scabies, diarrhea and lice were common among children. Among women, hypertension accounted for 36.6% of NCDs and type 2 diabetes for 15.9%. Domestic violence directed against women was reported in 17.4% of families and against children in 26.6%

Interpretation: Women and children in IDP settlements of Central Iraq experience many vulnerabilities involving their health, education and their environment, in addition to living in physical danger. While some external assistance was received, much more is needed to meet the needs of a displaced population which is unlikely to return home soon.

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Research Article

[FLIRT-ing with Zika: A Web Application to Predict the Movement of Infected Travelers Validated Against the Current Zika Virus Epidemic](#)

June 10, 2016 ·

Introduction: Beginning in 2015, Zika virus rapidly spread throughout the Americas and has been linked to neurological and autoimmune diseases in adults and babies. Developing accurate tools to anticipate Zika spread is one of the first steps to mitigate further spread of the disease. When combined, air traffic data and network simulations can be used to create tools to predict where infectious disease may spread to and aid in the prevention of infectious diseases. Specific goals were to: 1) predict where travelers infected with the Zika Virus would arrive in the U.S.; and, 2) analyze and validate the open access web application's (i.e., FLIRT) predictions using data collected after the prediction was made.

Method: FLIRT was built to predict the flow and likely destinations of infected travelers through the air travel network. FLIRT uses a database of flight schedules from over 800 airlines, and can display direct flight traffic and perform passenger simulations between selected airports. FLIRT was used to analyze flights departing from five selected airports in locations where sustained Zika Virus transmission was occurring. FLIRT's predictions were validated against Zika cases arriving in the U.S. from selected airports during the selected time periods. Kendall's τ and Generalized Linear Models were computed for all permutations of FLIRT and case data to test the accuracy of FLIRT's predictions.

Results: FLIRT was found to be predictive of the final destinations of infected travelers in the U.S. from areas with ongoing transmission of Zika in the Americas from 01 February 2016 – 01 to April 2016, and 11 January 2016 to 11 March 2016 time periods. MIA-FLL, JFK-EWR-LGA, and IAH were top ranked at-risk metro areas, and Florida, Texas and New York were top ranked states at-risk for the future time period analyzed (11 March 2016 – 11 June 2016). For the 11 January 2016 to 11 March 2016 time period, the region-aggregated model indicated 7.24

(95% CI 6.85 – 7.62) imported Zika cases per 100,000 passengers, and the state-aggregated model suggested 11.33 (95% CI 10.80 – 11.90) imported Zika cases per 100,000 passengers. Discussion: The results from 01 February 2016 to 01 April 2016 and 11 January 2016 to 11 March 2016 time periods support that modeling air travel and passenger movement can be a powerful tool in predicting where infectious diseases will spread next. As FLIRT was shown to significantly predict distribution of Zika Virus cases in the past, there should be heightened biosurveillance and educational campaigns to medical service providers and the general public in these states, especially in the large metropolitan areas.

[Radiological Characterization of Cerebral Phenotype in Newborn Microcephaly Cases from 2015 Outbreak in Brazil](#)

June 8, 2016 · *Research Article*

Introduction: Brazil is facing, since October of 2015, an outbreak of microcephalic fetuses. This outbreak is correlated with the beginning of circulation of Zika virus (ZIKV) in the country. Although it is clear that the size of the head is diminished in these fetuses, the brain phenotype associated with these malformations is unknown.

Methods: We collected computed tomography images of the microcephaly cases from the region of Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, from September 2015 to February 2016.

Findings: The microcephalies derived from the current outbreak are associated with intracerebral calcifications, malformation of the ventricular system, migratory disorders in the telencephalon and, in a lower frequency, malformation of the cerebellum and brainstem.

Discussion: The characteristics described herein are not usually found in other types of microcephaly. We suggest that this work can be used as a guideline to identify microcephaly cases associated to the current outbreak.

PLoS Medicine

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Research Article

[Early Childhood Developmental Status in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: National, Regional, and Global Prevalence Estimates Using Predictive Modeling](#)

Dana Charles McCoy, Evan D. Peet, Majid Ezzati, Goodarz Danaei, Maureen M. Black, Christopher R. Sudfeld, Wafaie Fawzi, Günther Fink

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Abstract

Background

The development of cognitive and socioemotional skills early in life influences later health and well-being. Existing estimates of unmet developmental potential in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are based on either measures of physical growth or proxy measures such as poverty. In this paper we aim to directly estimate the number of children in LMICs who would be reported by their caregivers to show low cognitive and/or socioemotional development.

Methods and Findings

The present paper uses Early Childhood Development Index (ECDI) data collected between 2005 and 2015 from 99,222 3- and 4-y-old children living in 35 LMICs as part of the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) and Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS) programs. First, we estimate the prevalence of low cognitive and/or socioemotional ECDI scores within our MICS/DHS sample. Next, we test a series of ordinary least squares regression models predicting low ECDI scores across our MICS/DHS sample countries based on country-level data from the Human Development Index (HDI) and the Nutrition Impact Model Study. We use cross-

validation to select the model with the best predictive validity. We then apply this model to all LMICs to generate country-level estimates of the prevalence of low ECDI scores globally, as well as confidence intervals around these estimates.

In the pooled MICS and DHS sample, 14.6% of children had low ECDI scores in the cognitive domain, 26.2% had low socioemotional scores, and 36.8% performed poorly in either or both domains. Country-level prevalence of low cognitive and/or socioemotional scores on the ECDI was best represented by a model using the HDI as a predictor. Applying this model to all LMICs, we estimate that 80.8 million children ages 3 and 4 y (95% CI 48.1 million, 113.6 million) in LMICs experienced low cognitive and/or socioemotional development in 2010, with the largest number of affected children in sub-Saharan Africa (29.4.1 million; 43.8% of children ages 3 and 4 y), followed by South Asia (27.7 million; 37.7%) and the East Asia and Pacific region (15.1 million; 25.9%). Positive associations were found between low development scores and stunting, poverty, male sex, rural residence, and lack of cognitive stimulation. Additional research using more detailed developmental assessments across a larger number of LMICs is needed to address the limitations of the present study.

Conclusions

The number of children globally failing to reach their developmental potential remains large. Additional research is needed to identify the specific causes of poor developmental outcomes in diverse settings, as well as potential context-specific interventions that might promote children's early cognitive and socioemotional well-being.

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Research Article

[Health Services for Gender-Based Violence: Médecins Sans Frontières Experience Caring for Survivors in Urban Papua New Guinea](#)

Kamalini Lokuge, Meggy Verputten, Maryanne Ajakali, Bianca Tolboom, Grace Joshy, Katherine A. Thurber, Daisy Plana, Steven Howes, Anastasia Wakon, Emily Banks

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Review Article

Mapping interventions that promote mental health in the general population: A scoping review of reviews

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Abstract

Health policies and programs promoting mental health or preventing mental illness in the general public are under-recognized facets of primary prevention. Increasing awareness and adoption of such strategies could reduce the burden of mental illness in individuals, families, communities, and society as whole. We conducted a scoping review of reviews of interventions to promote mental health or prevent mental illness. We searched PubMed, PsycINFO, Scopus, Cochrane CENTRAL, CINAHL and ERIC from 2004 to 2014. Reviews were included if the authors indicated a systematic approach in their literature searches, and if they comprised interventions in Westernized countries targeting the general population. We identified 39 reviews that met the inclusion criteria. Mental health intervention approaches and outcomes varied across age groups and settings, and included functional, social, and cognitive measures. Most interventions aimed to prevent a specific mental illness or symptoms (depression, anxiety, burnout, or stress). Cognitive-behavioral therapy and educational components were common. School-based programs focused on outcomes involving social and academic development. Interventions for families, especially for young or disadvantaged parents, taught parenting skills to help improve the well-being of children and their care-givers. In the workplace, the focus was on managing stress, while programs for the elderly emphasized quality of life determinants. This review summarizes a wide variety of interventions to promote mental health or prevent mental illness, but the literature is primarily focused on the individual or family unit. More information is required about interventions at the community and societal levels.

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Perspectives

Environmental governance for all

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Summary

In a world increasingly thought of as overpopulated, sparsely populated spaces remain a dominant feature: ~57% of Asia, ~81% of North America, and ~94% of Australia have population densities below 1 person per square kilometer, equivalent to the population density of most of the Sahara desert (1). These vast, sparsely populated landscapes include rural settlements, towns, agricultural spaces, extractive economies, indigenous lands, and conservation areas. They are crucial for climate change adaptation and mitigation, from carbon sequestration to provisioning of water, food, and energy to cities. Yet governmental and nongovernmental initiatives tend to mostly pay lip service to the diverse views and needs of their populations. Without more inclusive governance, attempts to mitigate and adapt to climate change and conserve ecosystems will be compromised.

Perspective

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Bridging indigenous and scientific knowledge

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Summary

Indigenous land use practices have a fundamental role to play in controlling deforestation and reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Satellite imagery suggests that indigenous lands contribute substantially to maintaining carbon stocks and enhancing biodiversity relative to adjoining territory (1). Many of these sustainable land use practices are born, developed, and successfully implemented by the community without major influence from external stakeholders (2). A prerequisite for such community-owned solutions is indigenous knowledge, which is local and context-specific, transmitted orally or through imitation and demonstration, adaptive to changing environments, collectivized through a shared social memory, and situated within numerous interlinked facets of people's lives (3). Such local ecological knowledge is increasingly important given the growing global challenges of ecosystem degradation and climate change (4).

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Commentary

What does India need to do to address childhood malnutrition at scale?

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Risk factors for chronic undernutrition among children in India: Estimating relative importance, population attributable risk and fractions

Original Research Article

Pages 165-185

Daniel J. Corsi, Iván Mejía-Guevara, S.V. Subramanian

Highlights

- :: Research on risk factors for child undernutrition has been single-factorial and downstream.
- :: We assessed the relative and joint contribution of multiple factors for growth and development.
- :: Maternal stature, education, household wealth, dietary diversity, and maternal BMI were the top 5 risk factors.
- :: Together these five factors accounted for more than 65% of the PAR for child undernutrition.
- :: Strategies focused on social circumstances and direct investments in nutrition specific programs are required.

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Reviews

Tuberculosis and diabetes: current state and future perspectives (pages 694–702)

Damiano Pizzol, Francesco Di Gennaro, Kajal D. Chhaganlal, Claudia Fabrizio, Laura Monno, Giovanni Putoto and Annalisa Saracino

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Abstract

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This review outlines the association between tuberculosis and diabetes, focusing on epidemiology, physiopathology, clinical aspects, diagnosis and treatment, and evaluates future perspectives, with particular attention to developing countries.

Mortality risk and associated factors in HIV-exposed, uninfected children (pages 720–734)

Shino Arikawa, Nigel Rollins, Marie-Louise Newell and Renaud Becquet

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Abstract

Objective

With increasing maternal antiretroviral treatment (ART), the number of children newly infected with HIV has declined. However, the possible increased mortality in the large number of HIV-exposed, uninfected (HEU) children may be of concern. We quantified mortality risks among HEU children and reviewed associated factors.

Methods

Systematic search of electronic databases (PubMed, Scopus). We included all studies reporting mortality of HEU children to age 60 months and associated factors. Relative risk of mortality between HEU and HIV-unexposed, uninfected (HUU) children was extracted where relevant. Inverse variance methods were used to adjust for study size. Random-effects models were fitted to obtain pooled estimates.

Results

A total of 14 studies were included in the meta-analysis and 13 in the review of associated factors. The pooled cumulative mortality in HEU children was 5.5% (95% CI: 4.0–7.2; $I^2 = 94\%$) at 12 months (11 studies) and 11.0% (95% CI: 7.6–15.0; $I^2 = 93\%$) at 24 months (four studies). The pooled risk ratios for the mortality in HEU children compared to HUU children in the same setting were 1.9 (95% CI: 0.9–3.8; $I^2 = 93\%$) at 12 months (four studies) and 2.4 (95% CI: 1.1–5.1; $I^2 = 93\%$) at 24 months (three studies).

Conclusion

Compared to HUU children, mortality risk in HEU children was about double at both age points, although the association was not statistically significant at 12 months. Interpretation of the pooled estimates is confounded by considerable heterogeneity between studies. Further research is needed to characterise the impact of maternal death and breastfeeding on the survival of HEU infants in the context of maternal ART, where current evidence is limited.

Ethical challenges in designing and conducting medicine quality surveys (pages 799–806)

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Abstract

Objectives

In this paper we discuss the main ethical challenges related to the conduct of medicine quality surveys and make suggestions on how to address them.

Method

Most evidence-based information regarding medicine quality derives from surveys. However, existing research ethical guidelines do not provide specific guidance for medicine quality surveys. Hence, those conducting surveys are often left wondering how to judge what counts as best practice. A list of the main ethical challenges in the design and conduct of surveys is presented.

Results and conclusions

It is vital that the design and conduct of medicine quality surveys uphold moral and ethical obligations and analyse the ethical implications and consequences of such work. These aspects include the impact on the local availability of and access to medicines; the confidentiality and privacy of the surveyors and the surveyed; questions as to whether outlet staff personnel should be told they are part of a survey; the need of ethical and regulatory approvals; and how the findings should be disseminated. Medicine quality surveys should ideally be conducted in partnership with the relevant national Medicine Regulatory Authorities. An international, but contextually sensitive, model of good ethical practice for such surveys is needed.

Gender and age disparities in adult undernutrition in northern Uganda: high-risk groups not targeted by food aid programmes (pages 807–817)

Stine Schramm, Felix Ocaka Kaducu, Siri Aas Smedemark, Emilio Ovuga and Morten Sodemann
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Abstract

Objective

To determine the prevalence of adult malnutrition and associated risk factors in a post-conflict area of northern Uganda.

Methods

A cross-sectional community survey was performed from September 2011 to June 2013. All registered residents in Gulu Health and Demographic Surveillance System aged 15 years and older were considered eligible. Trained field assistants collected anthropometric measurements (weight and height) and administered questionnaires with information on sociodemographic characteristics, food security, smoking and alcohol. Nutritional status was classified by body mass index.

Results

In total, 2062 men and 2924 women participated and were included in the analyses. The prevalence of underweight was 22.3% for men and 16.0% for women, whereas the prevalence of overweight was 1.5% for men and 7.6% for women. In men, underweight was associated with younger (15–19 years) and older age (>55 years) ($P < 0.001$), being divorced/separated [odds ratio (OR) = 1.91 (95% confidence interval (CI): 1.21–2.99] and smoking (OR = 2.13, 95% CI: 1.67–2.73). For women, underweight was associated with older age ($P < 0.001$) and hungry-gap rainy season (May–July) (OR = 1.33, 95% CI: 1.04–1.69). Widowed or divorced/separated women were not more likely to be underweight. No association was found between education, alcohol consumption or food security score and underweight.

Conclusions

Our findings are not in line with the conventional target groups in nutritional programmes and highlight the importance of continuous health and nutritional assessments of all population groups that reflect local social determinants and family structures.

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Humanitarian Action: A Shared Responsibility

This issue provides a variety of perspectives on improving the international humanitarian system, along with personal reflections on recovering from natural and human-induced disasters. It was planned as a way to support the objectives of the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit (Istanbul, Turkey, 23–24 May 2016).

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

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Planet at the Crossroads

From 1 to 10 September 2016, thousands of leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business and academia will gather together in Honolulu (Hawaii) to share ideas on how to improve the ways we manage the natural environment for human, social and economic development. Held every four years, the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) focuses on joint progress in ways to protect biodiversity, a crucial factor in addressing some of our greatest challenges today, such as tackling climate change and achieving food security.

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