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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.

Migration / Refugees / Asylum

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

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 205,509; Deaths 2,443: New Tragedy Reported Off Crete Today

06/03/16

Italy - IOM reports an estimated 205,509 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 31 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

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ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF UNACCOMPANIED MINORS (UAMs) IN GREECE

International Organization for Migration Office in Greece

June 2016 :: 66 pages

Foreword *[Excerpt]*

Children are among of the most vulnerable members of our society and it is our shared responsibility to protect, nurture and care for them. Children separated from their caregivers are particularly susceptible to exploitation, abuse and neglect. Our collective duty of protection towards all children, especially those unaccompanied by an adult parent or guardian is recognized in various international and European legal instruments. It should be emphasized however that both the UN Convention on Rights of the Child, signed by every Member State of the European Union (EU), and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU provide children with specific inalienable rights. It is our obligation to ensure that these rights are fully respected. To achieve this we need to work together as organizations, as governments, as society and individuals. IOM Greece has been following the migration flows for more than 50 years by responding to the needs of the migrant population as they arise and differ over time.

The European Union has faced unprecedented migratory pressures at its borders in the past years, characterized by complex mixed migratory flows. For instance, in 2011, more than 56.000 migrants arrived to Greece by land and sea, and more than 34.000 in 2012. As a result, in January 2013, the European Commission entrusted IOM Greece to address the challenging issue of unaccompanied minors in Greece. The 21-month Programme "Addressing the needs of unaccompanied minors in Greece" included enhanced family tracing and family assessment procedures which, along with the views of the children, could be used in determining whether it was in their best interest to be provided with assistance to voluntary return and be reintegrated in their country of origin. Throughout the implementation of this programme, our main objective was to ensure that each child exercised his or her right to be heard, provided with the necessary care and support they needed and, that ultimately, the best interest of the child was taken into consideration throughout the assistance process and that the outcome of each case was based on the best interest of that child as well.

For the purposes of this programme, IOM Greece worked with many committed organizations and individuals, in Greece and abroad, assuring cross-border multi-disciplinary cooperation. Working closely with the Prosecutor for Minors in Greece and with other relevant national authorities, our office also received support from IOM missions in the countries of origin, from Embassies and diplomatic missions, as well as from civil society organisations.

Equally significant factor for the implementation of this Programme, IOM Greece was able to support the Government of Greece in establishing and implementing common standard operating procedures to find durable solutions and ensure the right to the safe and dignified return as part of the protection of unaccompanied children.

The Programme "Addressing the needs of unaccompanied minors in Greece" was funded 90% by the Emergency Funds of the European Return Fund and 10% by the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Denmark and Sweden. We are grateful to all donors of the project for their support in managing migration in Greece in the context of international migration and protection of children, and in providing with viable alternatives the unaccompanied children, their families and their communities.

Thanks to this Programme, IOM Greece was given a unique opportunity to learn more about unaccompanied children in Greece. We gained valuable insight about the motivations which led children to leave behind their families and countries, and what motivated them to choose Europe as their final destination. It also provided us with evidence that almost all unaccompanied children view Greece as a transit country on the way to other European countries.

With this report, we attempt to capitalise and document our experience and findings from the implementation of this Programme, and provide an in-depth understanding of the situation of unaccompanied children in Greece and the related migration trends, in the hopes that the lessons learned will be a useful guide for other countries.

Press Release

[Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Greece: IOM Report](#)

Posted: 05/31/16

Greece - IOM Greece has published a report based on interviews with 1,206 unaccompanied child migrants in Greece. Some 508 said that they would not consider returning to their countries of origin because it was their intention to reach a northern European country and 282 expressed the wish to return back to their country of origin. The remainder initially expressed willingness to return home but later changed their minds and decided to stay in Greece.

By the end of the project in late 2014, which was designed to develop standard operating procedures for assisted voluntary return and reintegration of unaccompanied migrant children, 59 of the children returned home with IOM return and full reintegration assistance. Another 41 from Egypt returned home and received post arrival reintegration assistance.

The report: Addressing the Needs of Unaccompanied Minors (UAMs) in Greece showed that the 508 were intent on reaching their final destination no matter what services were made available to them in Greece, as they thought that they would have a better future in another European country.

Of these, some 32 percent said that their final destination would be Germany, 23 percent the United Kingdom, 22 percent Sweden, 9 percent Norway, 5 percent France and 9 percent other European countries, such as Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Finland. The majority of those who intended to continue their journey to northern Europe were boys aged between 15 and 17, primarily from Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"As per IOM Guidelines on the Protection of Unaccompanied Migrant Children, we had to confirm the identity of the legal guardians in the country of origin, have IOM or a partner NGO

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in the country of origin complete a family assessment, share the material with Greek authorities, get the child's opinion, and along with the Prosecutor of Minors, explore whether it was in the best interests of the child to return home," said IOM Greece Chief of Mission Daniel Esdras.

...During the project, IOM Greece worked closely with various organizations in the public sector, as well as with Greek NGOs, Embassies in Greece and IOM missions in the countries of origin. The project, which was funded by the European Union, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Denmark and Sweden, ran from February 2013 to October 2014.

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Horn of Africa: World Bank \$175 Million Financing Supports Regional Initiative on Communities Hosting Refugees

WASHINGTON, May 31, 2016—The World Bank Board of Executive Directors today approved \$175 million in financing to help mitigate the impact of forced displacement on refugee-hosting communities in the Horn of Africa.

"While much of the world's attention has been on the refugees' crises in the Middle East, we must do much more to help African countries respond to the long-term forced displacement of millions of people," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. "Our financing for countries hosting refugees in the Horn of Africa should bring more stability to the region and offer more economic opportunities for people living in these areas."

The funding comes from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's fund for the poorest, and includes \$100 million to Ethiopia, \$50 million to Uganda, \$20 million to Djibouti – all at low to no-interest -- and a \$5 million grant to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

Despite rich human, social, and natural capital, the Horn of Africa region, home to 242 million inhabitants, suffers weak governance, insecurity, increasing environmental degradation, entrenched poverty, and other persistent development challenges. Conflict remains endemic, compounded by population growth and migration, high youth unemployment, imbalanced service provision, competition for scarce natural resources, and harsh climatic conditions, with increasingly frequent and severe droughts and floods.

The Development Response to Displacement Impacts Project (DRDIP) will help improve access to basic social services, expand economic opportunities, and enhance environmental management for communities hosting refugees in target areas of the three countries. This project is the first phase of an expanded program to include other countries affected by forced displacement.

The Horn currently hosts an estimated 9.5 million displaced persons, including more than 6.5 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) and about 3 million refugees. The majority are women and children, with many female-headed households. The presence of refugees strains already weak public services and economic opportunities, jeopardizing the resilience of host communities.

...The project supports the World Bank Regional Horn of Africa Initiative by developing interventions that help refugee-hosting areas. It focuses on building resilience by addressing negative environmental and economic impacts, and by investing in infrastructure to improve

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economic opportunities for refugees and host communities. Global experience shows that self-reliant refugees are better prepared to return to their countries of origin. The project also supports close collaboration with the UNHCR in seeking durable solutions to the refugee crisis. Ethiopia has Africa's largest refugee population, and Uganda the third-largest. These refugees are settled close to international borders in communities facing extreme poverty. The project will improve these communities' access to basic social services and economic infrastructure, and help promote economic self-reliance and social development for refugees. It will make innovative use of government financing systems, structures, and institutions to deliver a development response to forced displacement.

The grant to IGAD will establish a regional secretariat for Forced Displacement and Mixed Migration to support a holistic regional response, backed by data, to influence interventions in both refugee-hosting and refugee-producing countries. It will support policy dialogue with member states and academic and research institutions on transitional and progressive solutions to displacement. It will help build countries' and institutions' capacities in the Horn and forge partnerships between humanitarian and development actors. IGAD's own capacity will also be strengthened to act both regionally and internationally on issues affecting the Horn of Africa.



"AIDS epidemic still being driven by human rights violations" – UN experts warn

GENEVA (3 June 2016) – In a public statement* ahead of the High-Level Meeting on ending AIDS by 2030 (New York, 8-10 June), a group of United Nations independent experts has warned that the AIDS epidemic is still driven by human rights violations around the world, including discrimination, violence, punitive laws, policies and practices.

The UN Special Rapporteurs on the right to health Dainius Pūras; on human rights defenders, Michel Forst; on extreme poverty, Philip Alston; and on violence against women Dubravka Šimonović; and the Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Discrimination against women, Frances Raday, urged all Governments to remove punitive laws, policies and practices, including overly broad criminalization of HIV transmission, third-party notification requirements, mandatory testing and others that block key populations' access to health services, goods and information.

"Such laws and practices impede, and sometimes altogether bar, certain populations from accessing information, as well as health goods and services that are critical to the prevention, treatment, and care of HIV," they said.

The UN experts noted that AIDS response has shown the importance of human rights when it comes to overcoming barriers that block effective responses to HIV, for better health and for advancing rights. "Using the power of human rights, people living with HIV and HIV/AIDS defenders have secured important victories, including access to medicines, law reform and the inclusion of human rights programmes in HIV responses."

"But the HIV epidemic continues to be a metaphor for great inequalities within and between countries," the human rights experts underlined. "Ending the AIDS epidemic in a way that leaves no one behind requires reaching out to populations that are deeply marginalized, even criminalized."

"Regrettably, over the past few years, we are witnessing a trend of increased criminalization of key populations most affected by HIV in certain parts of the world which fuels stigma, discrimination and violence against them," they said.

Specific populations that continue to be left out and bear the brunt of the epidemic include people who inject drugs, who are 24 times more likely to acquire HIV; women in prostitution/sex workers, who are 10 times more likely to acquire HIV; men who have sex with men, who are 24 times more likely to acquire HIV than adults in the general population; transgender people, who are 18 times more likely to acquire HIV; and prisoners, who are five times more likely to be living with HIV than the general population.

Evidence shows that health care settings are among the most frequent environments where people experience HIV-related stigma, discrimination, and even violence, the experts noted. Examples include denial of health care and unjust barriers in service provision, extreme violations of autonomy and bodily integrity such as forced abortions and sterilizations, undue third party authorizations for accessing services, and mandatory treatment; or compulsory detention.

"Globally, women and girls are still the most affected by the AIDS epidemic and women living with HIV report higher levels of stigma, discrimination and violence than men living with HIV," the human rights experts underlined...

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European Commission and IT Companies announce Code of Conduct on illegal online hate speech

European Commission - Press release
Brussels, 31 May 2016

The Commission together with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Microsoft ("the IT companies") today unveil a code of conduct that includes a series of commitments to combat the spread of illegal hate speech online in Europe.

The IT Companies support the European Commission and EU Member States in the effort to respond to the challenge of ensuring that online platforms do not offer opportunities for illegal online hate speech to spread virally. They share, together with other platforms and social media companies, a collective responsibility and pride in promoting and facilitating freedom of expression throughout the online world. However, the Commission and the IT Companies recognise that the spread of illegal hate speech online not only negatively affects the groups or individuals that it targets, it also negatively impacts those who speak out for freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination in our open societies and has a chilling effect on the democratic discourse on online platforms.

In order to prevent the spread of illegal hate speech, it is essential to ensure that relevant national laws transposing the Council Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia are fully enforced by Member States in the online as well as the in the offline environment. While the effective application of provisions criminalising hate speech is dependent on a robust system of enforcement of criminal law sanctions against the individual perpetrators of hate speech, this work must be complemented with actions geared at ensuring that illegal hate speech online is expeditiously reviewed by online intermediaries and social media platforms,

upon receipt of a valid notification, in an appropriate time-frame. To be considered valid in this respect, a notification should not be insufficiently precise or inadequately substantiated.

Věra Jourová, EU Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, said, "The recent terror attacks have reminded us of the urgent need to address illegal online hate speech. Social media is unfortunately one of the tools that terrorist groups use to radicalise young people and racist use to spread violence and hatred. This agreement is an important step forward to ensure that the internet remains a place of free and democratic expression, where European values and laws are respected. I welcome the commitment of worldwide IT companies to review the majority of valid notifications for removal of illegal hate speech in less than 24 hours and remove or disable access to such content, if necessary."

Twitter's Head of Public Policy for Europe, Karen White, commented: "Hateful conduct has no place on Twitter and we will continue to tackle this issue head on alongside our partners in industry and civil society. We remain committed to letting the Tweets flow. However, there is a clear distinction between freedom of expression and conduct that incites violence and hate. In tandem with actioning hateful conduct that breaches Twitter's Rules, we also leverage the platform's incredible capabilities to empower positive voices, to challenge prejudice and to tackle the deeper root causes of intolerance. We look forward to further constructive dialogue between the European Commission, member states, our partners in civil society and our peers in the technology sector on this issue."

Google's Public Policy and Government Relations Director, Lie Junius, said: "We're committed to giving people access to information through our services, but we have always prohibited illegal hate speech on our platforms. We have efficient systems to review valid notifications in less than 24 hours and to remove illegal content. We are pleased to work with the Commission to develop co- and self-regulatory approaches to fighting hate speech online."

Monika Bickert, Head of Global Policy Management at Facebook said: "We welcome today's announcement and the chance to continue our work with the Commission and wider tech industry to fight hate speech. With a global community of 1.6 billion people we work hard to balance giving people the power to express themselves whilst ensuring we provide a respectful environment. As we make clear in our Community Standards, there's no place for hate speech on Facebook. We urge people to use our reporting tools if they find content that they believe violates our standards so we can investigate. Our teams around the world review these reports around the clock and take swift action."

John Frank, Vice President EU Government Affairs at Microsoft, added: "We value civility and free expression, and so our terms of use prohibit advocating violence and hate speech on Microsoft-hosted consumer services. We recently announced additional steps to specifically prohibit the posting of terrorist content. We will continue to offer our users a way to notify us when they think that our policy is being breached. Joining the Code of Conduct reconfirms our commitment to this important issue."

By signing this code of conduct, the IT companies commit to continuing their efforts to tackle illegal hate speech online. This will include the continued development of internal procedures and staff training to guarantee that they review the majority of valid notifications for removal of illegal hate speech in less than 24 hours and remove or disable access to such content, if necessary. The IT companies will also endeavour to strengthen their ongoing partnerships with civil society organisations who will help flag content that promotes incitement to violence and hateful conduct. The IT companies and the European Commission also aim to continue their

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work in identifying and promoting independent counter-narratives, new ideas and initiatives, and supporting educational programs that encourage critical thinking.

The IT Companies also underline that the present code of conduct is aimed at guiding their own activities as well as sharing best practices with other internet companies, platforms and social media operators.

The code of conduct includes the following public commitments:

:: The IT Companies, taking the lead on countering the spread of illegal hate speech online, have agreed with the European Commission on a code of conduct setting the following public commitments:

:: The IT Companies to have in place clear and effective processes to review notifications regarding illegal hate speech on their services so they can remove or disable access to such content. The IT companies to have in place Rules or Community Guidelines clarifying that they prohibit the promotion of incitement to violence and hateful conduct.

:: Upon receipt of a valid removal notification, the IT Companies to review such requests against their rules and community guidelines and where necessary national laws transposing the Framework Decision 2008/913/JHA, with dedicated teams reviewing requests.

:: The IT Companies to review the majority of valid notifications for removal of illegal hate speech in less than 24 hours and remove or disable access to such content, if necessary. In addition to the above, the IT Companies to educate and raise awareness with their users about the types of content not permitted under their rules and community guidelines. The use of the notification system could be used as a tool to do this.

:: The IT companies to provide information on the procedures for submitting notices, with a view to improving the speed and effectiveness of communication between the Member State authorities and the IT Companies, in particular on notifications and on disabling access to or removal of illegal hate speech online. The information is to be channelled through the national contact points designated by the IT companies and the Member States respectively. This would also enable Member States, and in particular their law enforcement agencies, to further familiarise themselves with the methods to recognise and notify the companies of illegal hate speech online.

:: The IT Companies to encourage the provision of notices and flagging of content that promotes incitement to violence and hateful conduct at scale by experts, particularly via partnerships with CSOs, by providing clear information on individual company Rules and Community Guidelines and rules on the reporting and notification processes. The IT Companies to endeavour to strengthen partnerships with CSOs by widening the geographical spread of such partnerships and, where appropriate, to provide support and training to enable CSO partners to fulfil the role of a "trusted reporter" or equivalent, with due respect to the need of maintaining their independence and credibility.

:: The IT Companies rely on support from Member States and the European Commission to ensure access to a representative network of CSO partners and "trusted reporters" in all Member States helping to help provide high quality notices. IT Companies to make information about "trusted reporters" available on their websites.

:: The IT Companies to provide regular training to their staff on current societal developments and to exchange views on the potential for further improvement.

::: The IT Companies to intensify cooperation between themselves and other platforms and social media companies to enhance best practice sharing.

::: The IT Companies and the European Commission, recognising the value of independent counter speech against hateful rhetoric and prejudice, aim to continue their work in identifying and promoting independent counter-narratives, new ideas and initiatives and supporting educational programs that encourage critical thinking.

:: The IT Companies to intensify their work with CSOs to deliver best practice training on countering hateful rhetoric and prejudice and increase the scale of their proactive outreach to CSOs to help them deliver effective counter speech campaigns. The European Commission, in cooperation with Member States, to contribute to this endeavour by taking steps to map CSOs' specific needs and demands in this respect.

:: The European Commission in coordination with Member States to promote the adherence to the commitments set out in this code of conduct also to other relevant platforms and social media companies.

The IT Companies and the European Commission agree to assess the public commitments in this code of conduct on a regular basis, including their impact. They also agree to further discuss how to promote transparency and encourage counter and alternative narratives. To this end, regular meetings will take place and a preliminary assessment will be reported to the High Level Group on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and all forms of intolerance by the end of 2016...

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The Productivity-Inclusiveness Nexus

OECD - Meeting of the OECD Council at Ministerial Level

Paris, 1-2 June 2016

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Pdf: <http://www.oecd.org/inclusive-growth/publications/The-Productivity-Inclusiveness-Nexus-Preliminary.pdf>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY *[Excerpt]*

1. Eight years on from the start of the economic and financial crisis, the international economic context remains challenging, with growth still modest in advanced economies and continuing to slow in key emerging markets. While this weakness is in part cyclical, reflecting the realities of the post-crisis environment, it also results from a worrying slowdown in productivity growth which predates the crisis. Indeed, some 90% of OECD countries experienced a decline in trend labour productivity growth after the turn of the millennium, and the slowdown has now also spread to emerging market economies, despite their comparatively low productivity levels and continued scope for catch up.

2. Of equal cause for concern is the fact that this decline in productivity growth has played out against a global backdrop of rising, or persistently high, inequalities of income, wealth and well-being. In 2012, the average income of the top 10% of earners in the OECD area grew to just under 10 times that of the bottom 10%, up from around 7 times in the mid-1980s. In terms of wealth, the situation is considerably starker, with the top 10% controlling half of all total household wealth in 2012 in the 18 OECD countries with comparable data.

3. Among the myriad challenges facing our economies, few pose greater obstacles to better economic performance than the productivity slowdown and the rise in inequalities. Both have been exacerbated in recent years, as the climate of low investment and high unemployment bequeathed by the crisis has taken its toll, but they also reflect more fundamental challenges with the way our economies function.

4. In such a context, we can no longer take it for granted that technological advances, and the related innovations in processes and business models, will automatically lead to better economic performance and stronger productivity growth. At the same time, there is no guarantee that the benefits of higher levels of growth, or higher levels of productivity in certain sectors, when they materialise, will be broadly shared across the population as a whole. On the

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contrary, there is a risk of a vicious cycle setting in, with individuals with fewer skills and poorer access to opportunities often confined to operate in low productivity, precarious jobs, and - in many emerging-market countries - in the informal economy. This reduces aggregate productivity, widens inequality, and ultimately undermines policy efforts to increase productivity and growth.

5. This report on the Productivity-Inclusiveness Nexus gathers the most recent empirical evidence on the main factors behind slowing productivity gains and rising inequality; it suggests possible common foundations and linkages between these two trends; it draws preliminary conclusions on the type of policy packages that are needed and on the implications for policy making, and it also suggests the specific areas where more research may be needed.

6. The main message of this report is a call for policy makers to adopt a broader, more inclusive, approach to productivity growth that considers how to expand the productive assets of an economy by investing in the skills of its people and providing an environment where all firms have a fair chance to succeed, including in lagging regions. The overriding aim behind this is to broaden the productive base of the economy to generate strong and sustainable future productivity gains that everyone is empowered to contribute to, whilst also ensuring that productivity growth benefits all parts of society, in terms of improved living standards and opportunities. Achieving this will require a comprehensive policy framework to account for the multiple interactions between inequalities and productivity and how these interactions play out across countries, regions, firms and between individuals. Such a framework can help policy makers to put in place ex-ante and ex-post measures to promote synergies and deal with trade-offs when productivity policies impact on inequality...

Press Release

[New 'nexus' approach needed to tackle productivity and inequality challenges, says OECD report](#)
31/05/2016 - *Declining productivity growth and rising inequality are two of the biggest obstacles to improved economic performance, according to a new OECD report.*

The Productivity-Inclusiveness Nexus explores the root causes behind each of these challenges, examining the extent to which they are connected, and at how to take a coherent policy response. In particular, it signals the need to expand the productive assets in an economy by investing in the skills of people and in an environment where all firms and regions have a chance to succeed.

The report discusses possible complementary explanations for the slowdown in productivity growth, which has affected some 90% of OECD countries since the turn of the millennium and has now spread to emerging market economies. It says the failure to translate rapid technological change into productivity growth reflects a mix of cyclical and structural factors.

One cyclical factor has been the persistently low investment in physical capital, in a context of weak global demand. On the structural side, there has been growing dispersion in productivity performance between leading, or 'frontier' firms, and other companies that are lagging behind.

The report finds several, possibly complementary, explanations for the dispersion in productivity growth, such as the breakdown of technology diffusion and the possibility of growing capture of rents by the frontier firms. A related issue is the a lack of competition in certain markets, which may have on the one hand, allowed poorly-performing firms to linger, trapping valuable human and capital resources in unproductive activities, entrenching inequalities of income, while on the other increasing leading firms market power and raising barriers to entry.

Indeed, the Nexus report also shows that inequalities of income, wealth, well-being and

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opportunities have increased in a majority of countries. It highlights how different aspects of inequality tend to feed off of each other, hindering efforts to improve individual well-being and undercutting our economies' productive potential. It notes in particular how low income groups and regions that have fallen behind tend to accumulate economic and social disadvantages...

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Joint Letter: Freedom House Joins a Call to Repeal China's NGO Law

June 1, 2016

To delegates of the National People's Congress:

We, the undersigned, oppose in the strongest terms the Law on the Management of Overseas Non-Governmental Organizations' Activities within Mainland China ("the Overseas NGO Law" or "the law", 《中华人民共和国境外非政府组织境内活动管理法》), adopted by the Standing Committee of the 12th National People's Congress (NPC) on April 28, 2016, and we call on NPC delegates to repeal this law.

A stable and effective Chinese society depends on diverse citizen-led organizations, free to operate independent of government intervention and free to seek the support of overseas NGOs, which can provide important resources, training and advocacy. The Overseas NGO Law severely harms Chinese civil society by attacking these principles. The law tasks Chinese civil society organizations with carrying out state control of overseas NGOs, converting local NGOs into instruments of the public security apparatus. This diverts NGOs' efforts away from their important work to improve the lives of the Chinese people.

The law also impairs the ability of Chinese NGOs, universities, businesses, and even the Chinese government to engage with the global community. Efforts to gain information or resources, including technical expertise and partnerships, will often be monitored. Many aspects of programming and bank accounts are subject to tracking and intervention by the state. The law also draws an unclear and arbitrary division between so-called "welcome" and "unwelcome" NGOs. When combined with substantial police powers, these features leave the regulation of civil society vulnerable to politicization, and are inconsistent with international law principles set out by the UN Human Rights Council in Resolution 24/2014, which calls for States to create and maintain, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment for civil society.

This law constrains opportunities for Chinese citizens, including together with overseas NGO partners, to develop new approaches to social problems affecting their country—social problems that, if left unchecked by civil society, could lead to greater instability and burden on the state.

During the past several years, Chinese public security has increasingly monitored and obstructed both domestic and overseas NGOs. This law now formalizes many of the problematic bureaucratic tools already in use against Chinese civil society organizations, and legalizes arbitrary police actions against domestic and overseas NGOs. Some of these previously informal practices now given a legal basis include:

- :: The Public Security Bureau can monitor and investigate NGOs at will;
- :: Police can detain NGO staff accused of conducting activities deemed to be 'creating rumors,' 'engaging in defamation,' or make 'other situations that endanger state security or damage the national or public interest';
- :: NGO activities carried out without prior approval are punishable as a crime;
- :: NGOs must report new employees to authorities;
- :: NGOs found to violate these vague rules may be banned from future activities in China.

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The law's vague provisions grant broad enforcement authority to China's public security apparatus and legalize perpetual surveillance on Chinese NGO employees who seek to advance dignity and prosperity for their compatriots. Formalizing restrictions will further impede civil society's ability to provide support to many Chinese that currently benefit from NGO programs, including women, internal migrants, minorities, and those concerned with other issues such as public health and education.

In addition to minimizing civil society's influence as a body of independent citizens, this law, together with the recently passed Charity Law, signifies that the PRC government views civil society with suspicion. The state should see civil society organizations as partners who offer value and capacity to address many of the issues confronting Chinese society today.

We call on the NPC to restore trust in the Chinese people and repeal the Overseas NGO Law in order to allow Chinese NGOs greater freedom in their activities and advocacy.

*In support of Chinese civil society,
Caring For China Center
Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty
China Aid
China Change
China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group
China Human Rights Service Center
China Labour Bulletin
China Rights Defenders Friendship Association
Christian Solidarity Worldwide(CSW), UK
Freedom House
Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions
Human Rights in China
Independent Chinese PEN Center
Initiatives for China/Citizen Power for China
International Campaign for Tibet
PEN America Center
New School for Democracy
Reporters Without Borders
Southern Mongolian Human Rights Information Center
Taiwan Association for China Human Rights
Taiwan Association for Human Rights
Uyghur Human Rights Project
Uyghur-American Association (UAA)
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China-based NGO 3*
China-based NGO 4*
China-based NGO 5**

**Some China-based NGOs were forced to remain anonymous for security reasons.*

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MacArthur Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press release

New MacArthur Competition to Award \$100 Million to Help Solve a Critical Problem of Our Time

Published June 2, 2016

A new competition launched today will award a \$100 million grant to a single proposal designed to help solve a critical problem affecting people, places, or the planet. The Foundation's competition, called 100&Change, is open to organizations working in any field of endeavor anywhere. Applicants must identify both the problem they are trying to solve, as well as their proposed solution. Competitive proposals will be meaningful, verifiable, durable, and feasible.

"Solving society's most pressing problems isn't easy, but we believe it can be done," said MacArthur President Julia Stasch. "Potential solutions may go unnoticed or under resourced and are waiting to be brought to scale. Every three years, we plan to award \$100 million to help make one of these solutions a reality. Through 100&Change, we want to inspire, encourage, and support other people's ideas, here in our hometown Chicago, across the nation and around the world, about how to address major challenges and enable real progress toward a solution." The selection process for 100&Change is rigorous, fair, and transparent. Each valid proposal will be reviewed by a panel of expert judges from a variety of fields, and evaluated according to a strict set of criteria designed to favor proposals that maximize measurable impact in their chosen areas. Information about the judges and their evaluation methodology will be shared publicly via the [competition website](#). Participants will receive feedback on their proposals from the judges.

"We believe that 100&Change can have a ripple effect beyond what a single \$100 million grant enables," said Cecilia Conrad, MacArthur's Managing Director leading the competition. "Setting audacious goals is inspiring. Clear evidence of impact can encourage other funders to invest in solvable problems more broadly, and applicants who do not receive the \$100 million grant will still receive valuable feedback on and attention to their ideas."

100&Change will consider applications from across the United States and around the world. Nonprofit and for-profit organizations can apply, subject to eligibility rules. The competition will not accept applications from individuals or government agencies.

To participate, applicants must first register on the website by September 2, 2016. Then they must complete a substantive online application, detailing the problem, solution, and budget, along with posting a video pitch. Proposals will be accepted through October 3, 2016. Semi-finalists will be announced in December. Each semi-finalist will receive assistance from an expert team to identify and address questions about technical and organizational capacity required to implement each proposed solution, including specific plans to monitor, evaluate, and learn during implementation. Each semi-finalist will also be asked to show significant, authentic engagement with affected communities. MacArthur's Board of Directors will select finalists in the summer of 2017. Finalists will present their solutions during a live event in the fall of 2017, after which the Board will make the final decision about the \$100 million grant recipient.

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on

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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

2 June 2016

SC/12386

Secretary-General, Other Speakers in Security Council Voice Concern over Evolution of Sexual Violence into 'Tactic of Terrorism'

Sexual violence was increasingly evolving from a tactic of war to one of terrorism, speakers said today, as the Security Council held an open debate on the use of sexual violence in conflict situations.

2 June 2016

SG/SM/17813-SC/12387

Calling for Strong, Unified Response, Secretary-General Tells Security Council Victims of Sexual Violence in Conflict Seen as 'Spoils of War' for Too Long

1 June 2016

SG/SM/17812

Haiti Can 'Ill Afford' Prolonging Transitional Governance, Secretary-General Says, Urging Authorities to Seek Peaceful Completion of 2015 Elections

1 June 2016

SG/SM/17811-AFR/3393-PKO/586

Outraged by Terrorist Attacks against Mission, Secretary-General Calls for Mali Government to 'Expediently' Investigate, Hold Perpetrators Accountable

31 May 2016

SC/12382

Security Council Renews Sanctions against South Sudan, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2290 (2016)

Expressing its deep concern at the failure of South Sudan's leaders to end hostilities and fully implement the agreement on resolving the conflict in that country, the Security Council today renewed until 31 May 2017 a package of sanctions — including a travel ban and asset freeze — imposed by resolution 2206 (2015) on those blocking peace, security and stability

31 May 2016

SG/SM/17806-AFR/3390

Secretary-General, with Thoughts on Victims, Applauds Senegal, African Union on Judgment in Case against Former Chad President Hissène Habré

29 May 2016

DEV/3234

Adopting Declaration, Political Leaders, Representatives Reaffirm Commitment to Istanbul Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries

ANTALYA, Turkey, 29 May - A complete summary of today's plenary meetings of the Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries will be made available after their conclusion.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>
Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Ukraine: after two years of conflict, situation in east remains "grim" – UN report](#)

[Press briefing notes on Flogging in Iran, unfair restrictions on NGO access to the UN and executions in Gaza](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
3 June 2016

[Committee on the Rights of the Child concludes seventy-second session](#)

ROUNDUP

Adopts Concluding Observations on Reports of Eight States and General Comment on Public Budgets to Realize the Rights of the Child

GENEVA (3 June 2016) - The Committee on the Rights of the Child this afternoon concluded its seventy-second session after adopting its concluding observations and recommendations on the reports of Samoa, Nepal, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Gabon, Pakistan, Bulgaria and Luxembourg under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.

The concluding observations and recommendations on the reports will be made available on the Committee's [webpage](#) as of Thursday, 9 June 2016...

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

[to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx>
3 June 2016

[Inter-American Commission on Human Rights financial crisis](#)

"We cannot let it go bankrupt" – Two key UN rights bodies urge crucial funding for regional rights organ

GENEVA (3 June 2016) – The two largest independent bodies and mechanisms in the United Nations human rights system* express their grave concern about the future of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) as it faces a financial crisis that threatens its existence.

The Coordination Committee of Special Procedures and the Chairpersons of Human Rights Treaty Bodies call on all Governments and human rights stakeholders in the Americas to provide the necessary funds to save one of the leading regional rights systems...

SRSB/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 4 June 2016]

<https://childrenandarmedconflict.un.org/virtual-library/press-release-archive/>
02 Jun 2016

[Shock at the Scale of Grave Violations Committed Against Children in 2015](#)

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Annual Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict

New York – In his Annual report on children and armed conflict covering the year 2015, the UN Secretary-General expressed his shock at the scale of grave violations committed against children in countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

Emerging and escalating crises had a horrific impact on boys and girls. The situation in Yemen was particularly worrisome with a five-fold increase in the number of children recruited and six times more children killed and maimed compared to 2014. Violations committed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) continued to have a devastating impact on children, including persistent child recruitment and use and boys featured as child soldiers in social media and in some cases as executioners. In Nigeria, Boko Haram increased suicide attacks, including by using 21 girls as suicide bombers in crowded public spaces. The armed group spread its activities from northeastern Nigeria to neighboring countries, causing a significant number of casualties among civilians and large-scale displacements.

"In several situations of conflict, aerial operations contributed to creating complex environments in which large numbers of children were killed and maimed. State-allied armed groups and militia have also increasingly been used to fight in support of Government forces, in some cases recruiting and using children," said Leila Zerrougui, the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

In Syria, thousands of children have been killed during over five years of war. Afghanistan recorded the highest number of child deaths and injuries since the UN started systematically documenting civilian casualties in 2009. In Somalia, there was a 50% increase in the number of recorded violations against children. In South Sudan, children were victims of gruesome violations, particularly during brutal military offensives against opposition forces.

"I am also gravely concerned by the increasing number of children deprived of liberty for their alleged association with parties to conflict. I call upon Member States to treat these children primarily as victims to ensure the full protection of their human rights and to urgently put in place alternatives to detention and prosecution of children," declared Leila Zerrougui...

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 4 June 2016]

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

03 Jun 2016

Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Security Council Briefing on Humanitarian Access in Syria

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Iraq: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien statement on Iraq [EN/AR/KU]

31 May 2016

Syrian Arab Republic: Joint Statement by Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria and Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis on the safety and protection of civilians in northern Aleppo Damascus and Amman, 30 May 2016 [EN/AR]

UNICEF [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

Vaccination campaign at risk as fighting intensifies in Syria

AMMAN/CAIRO, 2 June 2016 - "As fighting and violence escalate across Syria, we risk losing the opportunity to vaccinate and save the lives of more than one million children.

Iraq: UNICEF calls for protection of the children of Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 1 June 2016 – "As the violence continues to escalate in Fallujah and across Iraq, we are concerned over the protection of children in the face of extreme and rising danger.

UNICEF steps up response to the migration crisis in Greece

ATHENS/GENEVA, 31 May 2016 – Amid mounting concern over a fresh surge in the number of refugees and migrants bound for Europe, UNICEF is adjusting its strategy in support of the response by the authorities and civil society in Greece, where the humanitarian and longer-term needs of more than 22,000 children are growing.

UNICEF alarmed at refugee and migrant deaths in the Mediterranean

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 29 May 2016 - UNICEF expresses alarm at the number of migrant and refugee deaths in the past week in the Central Mediterranean, many of whom were believed to be unaccompanied minors.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 4 June 2016]

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

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

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UNHCR welcomes announcement of Refugee Olympic Team

3 Jun 2016

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, warmly welcomes today's announcement by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of the refugees who will compete as a team in the upcoming 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. They include two Syrian swimmers, two judokas from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and six runners from Ethiopia and South Sudan. They all fled violence and persecution in their countries and sought refuge in places as wide-ranging as Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Kenya and Brazil.

The initiative to send a refugee team to the Rio Games is unprecedented and sends a strong message of support and hope for refugees worldwide...

UNHCR concerned by expulsions from Sudan

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Joint Statement of support in the lead-up to the Bahamian Constitutional Referendum

1 Jun 2016

UNHCR concerned about fighting in northern Syria affecting thousands of vulnerable civilians

28 May 2016

Geneva – UNHCR is deeply concerned about the plight of some 165,000 displaced persons reportedly massing near the Syrian town of Azaz in northern Syria.

People have started to flee due to heavy fighting in northern Aleppo. Fleeing civilians are being caught in cross-fire and are facing challenges to access medical services, food, water and safety.

For the purpose of emergency preparedness, UNHCR has immediately alerted Turkish authorities of developments in northern Syria...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 4 June 2016]

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

06/03/16

Aid Reaches Besieged Population in Syria's Daraya, Moadamieh

Syria - On June 1st international aid reached the besieged town of Daraya in Rural Damascus, Syria for the first time in four years.

IOM Continues to Support Conflict-affected Populations in Taizz, Yemen

06/03/16

Yemen - Ongoing clashes in Yemen's third largest city, Taizz, continue to expand and affect more people, despite a ceasefire announced in April 2016.

IOM Signs Assisted Voluntary Returns Program Agreement with Greece

06/03/16

Greece - IOM has signed an agreement with Greece to implement an assisted voluntary return and reintegration program.

Restoring Dignity to Disabled People in Post-Quake Nepal

06/03/16

Nepal - The earthquake that rocked Nepal a year ago carried a high toll not just in human life and economic losses, but also in the large number of people – estimated to be in the thousands – left temporarily or permanently disabled through crush or other injuries.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals in 2016: 205,509; Deaths 2,443: New Tragedy Reported Off Crete Today

06/03/16

Italy - IOM reports an estimated 205,509 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 31 May, arriving in Italy, Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

Protecting the Interests of Asian Migrant Workers through Labour Market Research

06/03/16

Sri Lanka - Over 2.5 million Asian workers leave their countries every year to work abroad, yet there is little attention paid to labour market requirements and trends in their countries of destination.

Unaccompanied Migrant Children in Greece: IOM Report

05/31/16

Greece - IOM Greece has published a report based on interviews with 1,206 unaccompanied child migrants in Greece.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IOM Aids Migrants, Refugees Rescued off Libyan Coast

05/31/16

Libya - IOM Libya is helping some 3,500 migrants and refugees intercepted at sea by the Libyan authorities between 22-28 May.

UN Women [to 4 June 2016]

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

Date: 01 June 2016

Boosting incomes and hope in rural Mexico and Central America

María José Schaeffer, a UN Women Programme Analyst in Guatemala who coordinates two multi-country economic empowerment programmes, recounts a recent monitoring mission to Oaxaca, Mexico.

Women of South Sudan set agenda for a gender-responsive peace agreement

Date: 31 May 2016

Following the signing of the Agreement for the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan, between August and September 2015, and since discussions around its implementation began at the National Women's Peace Dialogue (November 2015); more than 500 women from all States of South Sudan have adopted a 7-point agenda on how to implement a gender-responsive peace agreement.

Statement by UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka on the conviction of Hissène Habré

Date: 31 May 2016

In a statement welcoming the historic conviction for crimes including rape and sexual slavery by the former President of Chad, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka said UN Women stands in solidarity with the survivors of his crimes. She signals that "UN Women is committed to ensuring that this global momentum for accountability continues to grow, until there is an unstoppable force for justice which makes these crimes a relic of the past."

WHO & Regional Offices [to 4 June 2016]

Highlights

End of Ebola transmission in Guinea

June 2016 – It has been 42 days since the last person confirmed to have Ebola in the Republic of Guinea tested negative for the virus disease, for the second time. The Republic of Guinea now enters a 90-day period of heightened surveillance.

Landmark working group on health and human rights of women, children and adolescents

May 2016 – WHO and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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(OHCHR) have announced the establishment of a high-level working group of global champions on health and human rights of women, children and adolescents.

Double burden of malnutrition

May 2016 – Addressing undernutrition along with overweight and obesity, or diet-related noncommunicable diseases, within individuals, households and populations will be key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In low- and middle-income countries, roughly 5 million children die of undernutrition-related causes every year. These same populations are also experiencing a rise in childhood overweight and obesity – increasing 30% faster than high-income countries.

:: WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: End of Ebola transmission in Guinea

Brazzaville, 1 June 2016 - Today the World Health Organization (WHO) declares the end of Ebola virus transmission in the Republic of Guinea. Forty-two days have passed since the last person confirmed to have Ebola virus disease tested negative for the second time. Guinea now enters a 90-day period of heightened surveillance to ensure that any new cases are identified quickly before they can spread to other people. r

:: WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, calls on African countries to adopt plain packaging of tobacco products - 31 May 2016

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: World No Tobacco Day, 31 May 2016: 'Get ready for plain packaging' (05/31/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Maldives and Sri Lanka eliminate lymphatic filariasis 03 June 2016

WHO European Region EURO

:: Can a mobile phone help you stop smoking? 03-06-2016

:: Closing of the World Health Assembly: WHO Framework for Engagement with Non-State Actors adopted 01-06-2016

:: Day 4 of the World Health Assembly: Two new strategies call for action on women's and children's health, ageing 01-06-2016

:: Day 3 of the World Health Assembly: New Health Emergencies Programme adopted 31-05-2016

:: Norway announces decision to send bill on plain packaging to Parliament 31-05-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO condemns attack on Benghazi Medical Center in Benghazi, Libya 30 May 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: WHO urges the use and promotion of plain packaging to reduce tobacco-related harms

MANILA, 31 May 2016 – On World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Western Pacific continues its call for governments, civil society and other partners, to support the implementation and promotion of the use of plain packaging as a tobacco control measure. "Plain packaging is a good public health measure because it prevents tobacco companies from using packaging as an effective marketing tool," said Dr Shin Young-soo, WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific.

UNAIDS [to 4 June 2016]

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

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[Calling on innovators, implementers, investors, activists and leaders to Fast-Track ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030](#)

UNAIDS Executive Director, Michel Sidibé, stresses the importance of a people-centred approach at up-coming United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS

NEW YORK/GENEVA, 3 June 2016—The AIDS epidemic has defined the global health agenda for an entire generation. The first AIDS-related deaths were diagnosed over 30 years ago and HIV rapidly became a global crisis. The epidemic threatened all countries and had the power to destabilize the most vulnerable nations. By 2000, AIDS had wiped out decades of development gains.

Today, many nations have taken great steps in getting ahead of the epidemic. South Africa, for example, has reduced the number of new HIV infections from 600 000 in 2000 to 340 000 in 2014. Life expectancy has risen in many of the most severely affected countries in sub-Saharan Africa as access to HIV prevention, testing and treatment has been scaled up. Worldwide, there are now more than 17 million people living with HIV accessing life-saving antiretroviral treatment.

But as world leaders grapple with a growing number of global concerns and threats, including massive displacement, climate change and an uncertain economic outlook—it would be a misstep to let up on the response to HIV. Here are three reasons why AIDS deserves continued attention and a Fast-Track approach:

- :: To restore dignity, health and hope to the people left behind in the AIDS response.
- :: To build robust and resilient societies ready to face future health crises
- :: To serve as a beacon for what can be achieved through international solidarity and political will...

30 May 2016

[UNAIDS announces 2 million more people living with HIV on treatment in 2015, bringing new total to 17 million](#)

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 4 June 2016]

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

Jun 3, 2016CR3, United Nations - New York, USA

[Helen Clark: Statement on “Working in Fragile Contexts, Including in Middle-Income Countries” at the 2016 Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS/UNICEF/UN-Women/WFP](#)

Jun 3, 2016The

[The Boards of six UN development agencies discuss joint efforts to address fragility and to leverage big data to achieve global goals](#)

Presidents of the governing bodies of six United Nations agencies focusing on international development met today at United Nations headquarters.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 4 June 2016]

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

11 - 20 July 2016, New York | Ministerial days from 18 - 20 July

[The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development is](#) United Nations central platform for the follow-up and review of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals](#), adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015.

The Forum, which adopts a Ministerial Declaration, is expected to start effectively delivering on its mandates to provide political leadership, guidance and recommendations on the 2030 Agenda's implementation and follow-up; keep track of progress; spur coherent policies informed by evidence, science and country experiences; as well as address new and emerging issues.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 4 June 2016]

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

June 3

[Future Earth and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network to mobilize the best of science for the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

Future Earth and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) announce a collaboration to advance science in support of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

May 30

[SDSN Newsletter — May 2016](#)

Explore updates from the SDSN and our partners in the May 2016 newsletter.

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[Bertelsmann Stiftung and Sustainable Development Solutions Network \(SDSN\) to enter into collaboration](#)

Organizations to work jointly on annual Index and Dashboard for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the next 3 years Gütersloh and New York, May 30, 2016 – The Bertelsmann Stiftung and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) are jointly developing an SDG Index and Dashboard.

May 30

[Can Extractive Industries Support the SDGs?](#)

On May 24th the SDSN co-hosted a meeting in partnership with the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, the UNDP, and the World Bank on how the extractive resources sector (mining, oil and gas, etc.) can support the Sustainable Development Goals.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 4 June 2016]

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

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

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

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UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 4 June 2016]

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

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UNEP-INTERPOL Report: Value of Environmental Crime up 26%

Eco-crime hits record high at up to \$258 billion, outstripping the illegal trade in small arms, as international criminal gangs and militant groups profit from the plunder of Earth's resources
04/06/2016

Celebrating World Environment Day, UN Environment Programme and Georgetown University Launch Law Fellowship

New program will strengthen environmental law in developing countries
04/06/2016

Nigeria Launches \$1 Billion Ogoniland Clean-up and Restoration Programme

Government, communities and oil industry commit to implementing UNEP report recommendations
02/06/2016

At UN Environment Assembly Convening in Nairobi: Governments Agree to 25 Landmark Resolutions to Drive Sustainability Agenda and Paris Climate Agreement

28/05/2016

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 4 June 2016]

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

1 June 2016

UN welcomes India's first national disaster management plan

The head of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mr. Robert Glasser, today congratulated the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, and his government for producing the country's first ever National Disaster Management Plan.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 4 June 2016]

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

3 June 2016, New York

Inaugural ECOSOC forum pursues financing for development commitments

Following up to the adoption of three historic agreements to put the world on a path to sustainable development — the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change — the international community came together to discuss effective implementation that reaches all people.

UNESCO [to 4 June 2016]

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

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Director General opens Berlin expert meeting on the safeguarding of Syria's heritage

UNESCO Director-General opened the Expert meeting on the safeguarding of Syria's heritage, with Maria Böhmer, Minister of State to the Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany.

...More than 230 Syrian and international experts from all sides are joining forces to develop a common damage assessment and define priorities in emergency safeguarding measures for the sites affected by the conflict.

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..."The priority is to conduct a comprehensive inventory of the damages, identify emergency safeguard measures to save what is possible, wherever possible", she said. "To succeed , we must bring together the best of international expertise, guided by the same spirit that culture should not be manipulated or instrumentalized, and I thank all Syrian and international experts who unite here for heritage : this is the spirit of Berlin. "...

2 June 2016

[Artistic Freedom in a digital age and sustainable development challenges. UNESCO's global report Re|Shaping Cultural Policies launched during World Press Freedom Day](#)

1 June 2016

[Experts Meet at UN on Unprecedented Destruction and Trafficking of Cultural Property](#)

Global experts on destruction and illegal trafficking of culture objects met on 27 May 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters for a meeting co-organized by UNESCO with the Permanent Missions of Jordan and Italy, INTERPOL and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Held in the framework of the partnership initiative "Protecting Cultural Heritage – an Imperative for Humanity: Acting together against the destruction and trafficking of cultural property by terrorist groups and organized crime," the meeting brought together a wide array of stakeholders to discuss growing threats to cultural heritage.

...Participants affirmed that cultural heritage provides an important foundation for national reconciliation and economic recovery, and that its protection should be included in any peacekeeping mandate and prioritized throughout the post-conflict period. Gaps in the international response were identified, including the lack of documentation and inventory of the cultural assets destroyed, of efficient planning for emergency response and capacity, and of coordination at national and global levels...

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 4 June 2016]

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

03/06/2016 –

[Statement of UNODC Executive Director Yuri Fedotov on World Environment Day](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 4 June 2016]

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

Posted May 31, 2016

[Venice 'Architecture Biennale 2016' endorses UN-Habitat's Urban Planning Labs approach](#)

Venice 31 May 2016 — At the recently held Venice 'Architecture Biennale 2016' themed 'Reporting from the Front', UN-Habitat's Network of Urban Planning Labs facilitated an Expert Group Meeting with Urban Planning Labs from five countries: Ghana, Mexico,...

[Foundation stone laid for Japan funded Myanmar low cost housing project](#)

Yangon, 27 May 2016 – A stone laying ceremony for a low-cost housing project took place on Wednesday in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon Region. The Government of Japan funded UN-Habitat to provide housing and basic services...

Posted May 27, 2016

UN-Habitat supporting youth entrepreneurship in Kuwait

Kuwait City, 27 May 2016- Ms Ameera Al- Hassan, UN-Habitat's assistant head of Kuwait office, presented an empowering presentation on youth entrepreneurship during a Gender Mainstream workshop for women in Kuwaiti society at a ceremony on Sunday...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/3-06-2016>

Investment in agricultural innovation needed to fight poverty and hunger

Promoting sustainable agriculture requires a renewed focus on innovation and investment in research, technology and capacity development, FAO Director General José Graziano da Silva said at a meeting of agriculture ministers of the G20 in China.

2-06-2016

Commodity trends point to stable food prices, declining global food import bill

Solid production prospects and abundant stocks pointing to a broadly stable outcome for global food commodity markets in the year ahead, FAO's Food Outlook report said. Lower food prices mean the world's food import bill could fall below \$1 trillion for the first time since 2009.

2-06-2016

Ongoing conflicts and droughts exacerbate food needs

Drought linked to El Niño and civil conflict have pushed the number of countries currently in need of external food assistance up to 37 from 34 in March, according to a NEW FAO REPORT.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 4 June 2016]

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

News

Mali becomes the third African country to ratify the Protocol of 2014 on forced labour

01 June 2016

105th session of the International Labour Conference

ILO head calls on global community "to bring about the future of work that we all want"

30 May 2016

Guy Ryder, Director-General of the ILO, has told delegates to the 105th International Labour Conference that the world of work is key to meeting the many challenges humanity faces.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 4 June 2016]

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

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ICAO Council President: Political Will Exists to Complete Aviation's Carbon Neutral Growth Strategy

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 4 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)
Press Release

WMO first U.N. agency to formalize relationship with Green Climate Fund

June 3, 2016 (WMO) The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has become the first UN specialized agency to formalize its relationship with the Green Climate Fund (GCF). By signing its accreditation master agreement with GCF, the WMO can now receive financial resources for climate action programmes and projects.

This development represents an important milestone for both GCF and the UN system, signaling the role of the Fund in supporting international organizations to advance low-emission, carbon-resilient and adaptation programmes and projects through GCF in developing countries...

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
Friday, 03 June 2016

UNIDO partners with Korea's SMBA to boost SME competitiveness in developing countries

VIENNA, 3 June 2016 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Small and Medium Business Administration (SMBA) of the Republic of Korea will cooperate on the promotion of cooperation

UNIDO Director General voices support for new energy management campaign

Thursday, 02 June 2016

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 June 2016 – LI Yong, the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), today announced the Organization's strong support for the new ISO 50001 global energy...

Developing and emerging industrial economies contribute most to global manufacturing growth, says UNIDO report

Thursday, 02 June 2016

VIENNA, 2 June 2016 - World manufacturing remained sluggish in the first quarter of 2016 due to the fragile nature of the recovery process in industrialized economies, which in turn had an impact on growth rates in both...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 4 June 2016]
http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm
2 June 2016

Clean Energy Ministerial focuses on ISO 50001 for low-carbon development

At the seventh Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM7) held this week in San Francisco, USA, world energy leaders announced ambitious actions to accelerate the global transition to clean energy. These actions include efforts to address energy efficiency using ISO 50001 on energy management systems. This year's participants comprise energy ministers, global business leaders, entrepreneurs, experts from laboratories and academia, and leaders from civil society organizations to discuss barriers to progress and identify potential solutions to energy challenges.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 4 June 2016]

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

26 May 2016

ITU and UNECE launch advocacy platform for smart sustainable cities

United Nations call for public policy to promote urban ICT innovation

Geneva,– ITU and UNECE have launched the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) global initiative to advocate for public policy aimed at ensuring a catalytic role for information and communication technologies (ICTs) in enabling the transition to smart sustainable cities. The initiative will assist the response to Goal 11 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): to “Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”.

The U4SSC global initiative, which is open to all United Nations agencies, municipalities, industry, academia and other relevant stakeholders, will focus on the integration of ICTs in urban operations and build on existing international standards and key performance indicators (KPIs).

United Nations bodies, including UNIDO, ECLAC, FAO, UNFCCC, WMO, UN Women, UNEP, UNEP-FI, WHO, WTO, UNCCD, UNU-IAS, UNDESA and UNECE, have expressed their intention to join the Advisory Board of the U4SSC global initiative...

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 4 June 2016]

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

2016-06-05

Message of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, on the occasion of World Environment Day

2016-06-03

Integrating agricultural issues in national biodiversity strategies

Montreal/Nairobi, 3 June 2016 – Biodiversity and ecosystem services are at the heart of many solutions to sustainable increase in agricultural productivity. They not only deliver better outcomes for food and nutrition security but also reduce negative environmental externalities of production.

2016-06-03

The booming illegal trade in wildlife products contributes to the continued erosion of Earth’s precious biodiversity. The unsustainable rate of loss of animals robs us of our national heritage, and cultural ties, and can drive whole species to the edge of extinction.

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USAID [to 4 June 2016]

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

June 3, 2016

Tunisia signs \$500 million Loan Guarantee Agreement with the United States

Today, Tunisia signed a loan guarantee agreement with the United States that will allow Tunisia to access up to \$500 million in affordable financing from international capital markets, delivering on President Obama's discussions with Tunisian President Caid Essebsi in May 2015. The loan guarantee underscores the United States' enduring commitment to the people of Tunisia and their democratic transition. It is designed to support Tunisia as it pursues important economic reforms that will provide the foundation for growth and prosperity, while also furthering Tunisia's ability to access global capital markets.

USAID Launches Call for Innovations to Support Global Food Security

June 2, 2016

U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Gayle Smith announced at USAID's first-ever Ag Innovation Investment Summit this week the launch of two new open competitions for entrepreneurs with promising, innovative solutions to food insecurity in Latin America, the Caribbean and Zambia. Winners of the competitions will receive funding and mentoring from the U.S. Government's Feed the Future initiative to pilot, market and scale their proven solutions to benefit smallholder farmers in developing countries. Feed the Future will invest up to \$5.75 million through these two competitions.

Innovators Showcase New Approaches To Fight Wildlife Crime

May 31, 2016

On June 2, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will host a showcase for the 16 prize winners of the Wildlife Crime Tech Challenge during which winners will demonstrate brief overviews of their contributions to combat wildlife crime.

DFID [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 4 June 2016]

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

02/06/2016

Commissioner Stylianides reaffirms EU's humanitarian support for Lebanon

During his visit yesterday to Lebanon, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides reaffirmed the EU's commitment to providing help for the refugees living in the country and for their hosting communities."...

31/05/2016

EU steps up humanitarian aid for Burundi crisis: €22 million in 2016

The European Commission has announced today additional €10 million in humanitarian aid to help the increasing number of Burundians fleeing the country's ongoing instability. This comes on top of the €12.2 million already provided...

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African Union [to 4 June 2016]

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

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June 03, 2016 | Press Releases

Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants within and from the Horn of Africa

Sharm-El Sheikh, Egypt 2nd June 2016: Ahead of the 2nd Ministerial Meeting of the African Union-Horn of Africa Initiative (AU-HOAI), Experts from the Core and Neighboring countries of AU-HOAI as well as partner governments and institutions converged in the Rixos - Sea Gate Resort in Sharm-El Sheikh, Egypt, for the Senior Official segment which kicked off Thursday 2nd June 2016 to discuss the challenges of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants within and from the Horn of Africa...

June 01, 2016 | Press Releases

AU Backs Ethiopia's Foreign Minister for WHO Director-General

June 01, 2016 | Press Releases

AU welcomes the judgement of an unprecedented trial of Hissène Habré

May 30, 2016 | Press Releases

African Union Maps Out Implementation Plan of the Continent's Nutrition Strategy

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 4 June 2016]

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

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ASEAN improves border controls to address irregular migration and trafficking in persons

MUNTINLUPA CITY, 2 June 2016 – The ASEAN Workshop on Improving Border Controls and Strengthening the Capacity of Law Enforcement Authorities to Address Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons was convened on 1-2 June in Muntinlupa City, Philippines. The workshop was attended by representatives of ASEAN Committee on the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers (ACMW), Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes, Director Generals of Immigration and Consular Relations Meeting, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights, and Senior Officials on Social Welfare and Development.

Delegates discussed and deliberated on issues concerning trafficking in persons including on regional situation and challenges on border control measures, law enforcement responses to trafficking and irregular migration, bilateral law enforcement cooperation arrangement, human rights-based approaches and regional measures on the protection of the rights of trafficked persons.

Delegates adopted recommendations for elevation including on calls for immediate ratification of the ASEAN Convention against Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) by all ASEAN Member States, and accelerated finalisation of the ASEAN instrument on the protection and promotion of the rights of migrant workers. Delegates also called for regular meetings of ASEAN inter-governmental and sectoral bodies under the framework of ACTIP to facilitate comprehensive and integrated responses to trafficking in persons...

European Commission [to 4 June 2016]

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

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Commission adopts Rule of Law Opinion on the situation in Poland

Press release Commission Brussels, 1 June 2016

The European Commission has today adopted an Opinion concerning the rule of law in Poland. Following the intensive dialogue that has been ongoing with the Polish authorities since 13 January, the Commission has deemed it necessary to formalise its assessment of the current situation in this Opinion. As foreseen in the Rule of Law Framework, this is the first step taken by the Commission in this process. The Opinion sets out the concerns of the Commission and serves to focus the ongoing dialogue with the Polish authorities towards finding a solution.

First Vice-President Frans Timmermans said today: "The rule of law is one of the foundations of the European Union. There have been constructive talks which should now be translated into concrete steps to resolve the systemic risk to the rule of law in Poland. The Opinion adopted today presents our assessment of the issues at stake, building on the dialogue which started in January. On this basis we stand ready to continue the dialogue with the Polish authorities. "...

European Commission and IT Companies announce Code of Conduct on illegal online hate speech

Date: 31/05/2016

- Press release European Commission Brussels, 31 May 2016 The Commission together with Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Microsoft ("the IT companies") today unveil a code of conduct that includes a series of commitments to combat the spread of illegal hate speech online in Europe.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

EU steps up humanitarian aid for Burundi crisis: €22 million in 2016

Date: 31/05/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 31 May 2016 The EU is increasing its support to respond to emergency needs of those fleeing the country due to ongoing instability in Burundi. The European Commission has announced additional €10 million in humanitarian aid to help the increasing number of displaced Burundians.

OECD [to 4 June 2016]

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

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2-June-2016

Enhancing Productivity for Inclusive Growth - 2016 Ministerial Council Statement

Outcome of the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting under the Chairmanship of Chile and the Vice-Chairmanship of Finland, Hungary and Japan on 1-2 June to discuss how to enhance productivity and inclusive growth in mutually reinforcing ways, as key drivers to increase people's wellbeing. C/MIN(2016)8

31-May-2016

New 'nexus' approach needed to tackle productivity and inequality challenges, says OECD report

Declining productivity growth and rising inequality are two of the biggest obstacles to improved economic performance, according to a new OECD report.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

31-May-2016

The path to happiness lies in good health and a good job, the Better Life Index shows

Being healthy and having a good job are two of the most important ingredients associated with subjective well-being, according to the latest data from the OECD's Better Life Index.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press Release

Permanent Council Approves Declaration on Situation in Venezuela

FNE-19676 June 1, 2016

The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) today approved by consensus a declaration in which the member states make an offer to Venezuela "in order to identify, by common accord, a course of action that will assist the search for solutions to the situation through open and inclusive dialogue" among political and social actors in the country "to preserve peace and security in Venezuela, with full respect for its sovereignty."

The declaration also offers support for the initiative of the former presidents of Spain, the Dominican Republic, and Panama to reopen an effective dialogue between the government and the opposition, "in order to find alternatives to promote political stability, social development and economic recovery" of the country; the support of the Council "to the different initiatives of national dialogue that will lead, with adherence to the constitution and full respect for human rights and in a timely, prompt and effective manner, to the solution to the differences and the consolidation of representative democracy;" and its support to "all efforts of understanding, dialogue and constitutional procedures."

The complete text of the declaration is available [here](#).

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 4 June 2016]

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

[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]

COMSTECH Targets 50 Universities of OIC Member States to be Included in the Rank of Top 500 Universities

The 15th session of the general assembly of the OIC Standing Committee on Science and Technology (COMSTECH) decided to facilitate enhancement of education and skills in the member states, with the target of 50 universities of member states to be included in the rank of the top 500 universities.

02/06/2016

OIC Condemns the Terrorist Attack on MINUSMA Camp in Northern Mali

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemned the terrorist attack that took place on Tuesday, 31 May 2016, against an outpost of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSMA) in Gao, northern Mali, killing a blue helmet peacekeeper. Three people were also killed and others wounded by assailants in another area of the city.

01/06/2016

OIC Expresses Concern at the Current Developments in Iraq

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation expressed deep concern at the ongoing developments in Iraq and the victimization and displacement of innocent civilians in the war to liberate Fallujah.

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Group of 77 [to 4 June 2016]

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

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by His Excellency Mr. Virachai Plasai, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of 77 and China, at the **8th summit of ACP Heads of State and Government (New York, 31 May 2016)**

UNCTAD [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 4 June 2016]

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

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press Release : 2 June 2016

ICC welcomes El Salvador as a new State Party

ICC-CPI-20160602-PR1218

Today, 2 June 2016, the International Criminal Court (ICC) held a ceremony at the new permanent premises of the Court in The Hague (the Netherlands) to welcome El Salvador as the 124th State Party to the Rome Statute, the ICC's founding treaty...

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World Bank [to 4 June 2016]

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

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New Little Green Data Book offers tools for measuring progress on SDGs

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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015 articulate a new global development agenda to eradicate poverty and shift the world onto a sustainable development path by 2030. The 17 SDGs and...

Date: June 3, 2016 Type: Feature Story Language: English

Horn of Africa: World Bank \$175 Million Financing Supports Regional Initiative on Communities Hosting Refugees

WASHINGTON, May 31, 2016—The World Bank Board of Executive Directors today approved \$175 million in financing to help mitigate the impact of forced displacement on refugee-hosting communities in the Horn...

Date: May 31, 2016 Type: Press Release Language: English

Zambia: World Bank \$20 Million Supports Former Refugees Integration

WASHINGTON, May 27, 2016— The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors today approved a \$20 million International Development Association (IDA)* credit to help support the Government of Zambia implement...

Date: May 27, 2016 Type: Press Release Language: English

IMF [to 4 June 2016]

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

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African Development Bank Group [to 4 June 2016]

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

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The Gambia awarded US \$1.5 million to undertake a sweeping Strategic Program for Climate Resilience

01/06/2016 - With support from the African Development Bank (AfDB), The Gambia has been granted US \$1.5 million under the Climate Investment Funds' Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (CIF PPCR) to prepare a national Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR). Through the SPCR, the country will develop a double-edged set of solutions for its climate vulnerability, identifying programs to implement resilience actions while at the same time reducing barriers that exacerbate climate vulnerability. The Plan will be developed with support from two Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), the AfDB as lead agency and the World Bank.

AfDB, Malawi ink US \$1-million humanitarian assistance grant agreement

31/05/2016 - The African Development Bank and the Government of the Republic of Malawi signed a grant agreement for a humanitarian emergency assistance to mitigate the effects of the 2015 floods and El Niño in 2016. The signing ceremony was hosted by Kapil Kapoor, AfDB Acting Vice-President, Sector Operations, during the institution's Annual Meetings held in Lusaka, Zambia.

Asian Development Bank [to 4 June 2016]

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

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2 June 2016

Inaugural ADB Conference on Economic Development to Examine FDI, Growth

ADB Conference on Economic Development opened in Hong Kong, China. The inaugural event brings experts and researchers to examine the role that foreign direct investment plays in driving inclusive economic growth and regional integration.

ACED is sponsored by ADB's Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) in collaboration with one of Asia's leading research centers—the University of Hong Kong. ACED will be held regularly to exchange knowledge, expertise, and ideas on development issues. Some 30 researchers are taking part in the 2-day conference, with keynote lectures from Professor Wolfgang Keller of the University of Colorado Boulder and Professor Stephen Yeaple of Pennsylvania State University...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 4 June 2016]

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

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05/30/2016

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and European Investment Bank agree to strengthen cooperation

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 4 June 2016]

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

3 June 2016

IFAD's Recipe for Change on World Environment Day

31 May 2016

"If we abandon smallholder farmers, we abandon our future," IFAD President to tell G20 ministers

30 May 2016

UN agency examines approach to decentralized operations in Latin America and the Caribbean

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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 4 June 2016]

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<http://amref.org/news/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.brac.net/#news>
No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 4 June 2016]
<https://www.drc.dk/news>
30.05.2016

[DRC warns further deaths at sea if protection measures not improved](#)

The Danish Refugee Council has warned of further deaths at sea if alternative safe and legal routes to Europe are not identified and other protection measures are being put into place, following the deaths of at least 700 people in the Mediterranean Sea this week.

ECPAT [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>
No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 4 June 2016]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 4 June 2016]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
No new digest content identified.

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HelpAge International [to 4 June 2016]

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

Posted: 31 May 2016

[New WHO commitment to healthy ageing could help millions, says HelpAge International](#)

HelpAge International has welcomed the WHO's new action plan on ageing and health, calling on countries to promote healthy lives for older people.

ICRC [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected News Releases and Articles

03-06-2016 | *Article*

[Everything you need to know about humanitarian airdrops](#)

While humanitarian airdrops may offer short term help, they are not a long term solution when fighters themselves restrict humanitarian access, such as in Syria.

03-06-2016 | *Article*

[Is the law of armed conflict in crisis and how to recommit to its respect?](#)

On 21 April 2016, the ICRC hosted a panel at the Humanitarium to discuss whether adherence to international humanitarian law (IHL) has been eroding in today's armed conflicts and if so, how to rebuild respect for it.

03-06-2016 | *Report*

[Explosive weapons in populated areas: Technical considerations relevant to their use and effects](#)

Too often, explosive weapons that have wide-area effects are used in populated areas, with devastating effects on civilians and civilian infrastructure. Explosive weapons use the detonation of a high-explosive substance to create blast, and commonly

31-05-2016 | *Article*

[Ensuring respect for IHL in multinational operations](#)

The ICRC delegation to the African Union held a roundtable on 26-27 May in Addis Ababa on the obligation to ensure respect for international humanitarian law in multinational operations in Africa.

IFRC [to 4 June 2016]

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

1 June 2016

[IFRC doubles support for migrants stranded in Greece](#)

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[IFRC Secretary General calls on EU to expand efforts to reach most vulnerable and isolated](#)

30 May 2016

[Ecuador: IFRC President praises bravery and commitment of earthquake response volunteers](#)

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IFRC Secretary General: Deaths at sea are an “unacceptable tragedy”

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

27 May 2016

160,000 Syrians trapped and terrified on the Turkish border as ISIS advances

IRCT [to 4 June 2016]

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

News

IRCT Annual Report 2015 is now available online

31 May 2016

Islamic Relief [to 4 June 2016]

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

[Undated]

Emergency food aid needed as households in Somalia cut off by floods

Emergency food distributions are planned where floods have cut off people in remote villages. Islamic Relief is one of the few INGOs that has been able to access the most hard-to-reach areas on the outskirts of flooded Beledweyne town on the Ethiopian border (200 miles north of Mogadishu), with our field staff using a tractor and “improvised canoes” to get to stranded people.

Landsea [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press release

Ahead of Prime Minister Modi's Visit, Doctors Without Borders Urges India to Put People's Health Before Pharmaceutical Profits

June 02, 2016

India must resist pressure from US lawmakers and pharmaceutical industry groups to block access to key medicines for millions of people worldwide

Press release

Syria: 100,000 People are Trapped Near Turkish Border as Battle Lines Approach

June 02, 2016

BARCELONA/NEW YORK, JUNE 2, 2016 — An estimated 100,000 people are trapped in northern Syria's Azaz district with battle lines approaching, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) warned today, calling on Turkey and Europe to open their borders.

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Mercy Corps [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.operationssmile.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 4 June 2016]

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

2 June 2016

Two years since war, Gaza blockade plunging Palestinians deeper into poverty

As the blockade imposed by Israel approaches its 9th anniversary, it continues to devastate the lives and livelihoods of 1.8 million Palestinians living in Gaza. This collective punishment keeps people poor, denies them their rights and fails to make Israel safer, Oxfam said today.

31 May 2016

Sweatshop wages and unpaid care work: the double burden on Asia's women as its economy booms

Asia's economic success has been paid for by poor women, who work long hours for poverty pay and do the majority of unpaid care work, according to a new report by Oxfam today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 4 June 2016]

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

PRESS RELEASE

Civilians urgently need safe passage out of Fallujah

(31.05.2016)

Humanitarian conditions inside the Iraqi town of Fallujah are rapidly deteriorating as fierce fighting intensifies. Families who have escaped surrounding villages told the Norwegian Refugee Council of the city being attacked from three different directions, leaving little safe routes through which civilians can evacuate.

Pact [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 4 June 2016]

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

Announcement | May 31, 2016

PATH welcomes Governor Gary Locke to its board of directors

PATH's board of directors has voted to appoint former Washington State Governor Gary Locke to the board. Governor Locke's years of experience in government and diplomacy will strengthen the board's expertise in international relations, commerce, and organizational management...

Plan International [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press Release

Female genital mutilation is still killing girls in Egypt

2 June 2016

Plan International expresses deep shock and sorrow over the tragic death of 17-year-old Mayar, who died while undergoing female genital mutilation (FGM) in Egypt on 29 May...

Save The Children [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 4 June 2016]

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

02.06.2016

Open Space Literacy ICT4D project in Kenya improves scores and attendance

- The Open Space Literacy project in Kenya was launched in 2015 to bring technology into primary school classrooms and increase literacy among children. A study has now shown that students, teachers and the community are benefitting from the ICT4D project.

01.06.2016

Helping refugees connect

- SOS Children's Villages' ICT Corners in the Balkans help fill urgent communication needs for refugees and aid workers.

Tostan [to 4 June 2016]

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

May 31, 2016

CommCare: A custom mobile platform that is changing the face of Tostan's monitoring and evaluation

As we at Tostan continue to improve upon our monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system, we have had the opportunity to partner with Dimagi—a software social enterprise that develops technologies to improve service delivery in underserved communities—to create an electronic data collection system. This system comes in the form of a new platform—CommCare—which Tostan will be using to automate data collection from the field, minimize errors that occur when collecting and processing by hand, and expedite evaluation. "[Before,] we were faced with a problem of completeness, consistency and reliability. With the implementation of CommCare, all this is resolved," explains Bakary Guèye of Tostan Senegal.

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The CommCare platform is customizable to the specific M&E needs of the Community Empowerment Program (CEP). For example, the application includes tools for monthly and quarterly program M&E questionnaires...

Women for Women International [to 4 June 2016]

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

May 25, 2016 | *Huffington Post*

The Most Important Outcome of the World Humanitarian Summit

On the heels of the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit, WfWI CEO Jennifer L. Windsor explains why developing comprehensive programs that meet women survivors of conflict where they are is a critical step toward women's empowerment.

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Amnesty International [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Press Release

EU's reckless refugee returns to Turkey illegal

3 June 2016, 17:56 UTC

The European Union (EU) must immediately halt plans to return asylum-seekers to Turkey on the false pretence that it is a "safe country" for refugees, said Amnesty International in a briefing published today.

The briefing, No safe refuge: Asylum-seekers and refugees denied effective protection in Turkey, details the short-comings in Turkey's asylum system and the hardships refugees face there that would render their return under the EU-Turkey Agreement of 18 March illegal – and unconscionable.

The briefing shows that Turkey's asylum system is struggling to cope with more than three million asylum-seekers and refugees. As a result, asylum-seekers face years waiting for their cases to be dealt with, during which time they receive little or no support to find shelter and sustenance for themselves and their families, with children as young as nine working to support families.

"The EU-Turkey deal is reckless and illegal. Amnesty International's findings expose as a fiction the idea that Turkey is able to respect the rights and meet the needs of over three million asylum-seekers and refugees," said John Dalhuisen, Amnesty International's Director for Europe and Central Asia...

Press Release

Denmark takes key step towards destigmatizing transgender people

31 May 2016, 16:41 UTC

The Danish Parliament has ushered in a historic victory in the struggle for transgender rights by today adopting a decision to no longer stigmatize transgender identities as mental disorders, said Amnesty International.

"This very encouraging move from Denmark sets a strong example internationally towards destigmatizing transgender people and paving the way for quick and transparent processes for legal gender recognition," said Leda Avgousti, Amnesty International's Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Advisor...

Freedom House [to 4 June 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements

Joint Letters

Joint Letter: Freedom House Joins a Call to Repeal China's NGO Law

June 1, 2016

Twenty-eight international and China-based NGOs have signed a joint letter calling on the National People's Congress of China to repeal a recently adopted law which provides broad tools to the government to severely suppress the activities of independent civil society organizations in China.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Press Releases

'Shameful' Decision to Deny CPJ Access to United Nations

May 27, 2016

The NGO Committee of the United Nations Economic and Social Council has voted to deny consultative status to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Transparency International [to 4 June 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

2 Jun 2016

Transparency International strongly condemns threats against Honduran anti-corruption activists

Civil society –

Transparency International strongly condemns recent intimidation attempts against members and advisors of the Special Commission for the Restructuring and Purging of the National Police and calls on the government of Honduras to take urgent steps to protect civil society members of the commission.

30 May 2016

Transparency International calls on government of Brazil to remove tainted ministers

Politics and government –

Transparency International calls on the government of Brazil to thoroughly investigate allegations that the minister for Transparency, Monitoring and Control (MTMC) tried to influence the course of the Petrobras corruption investigations

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ChildFund Alliance [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 4 June 2016]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

May 31, 2016 |

What kind of partnerships for the Agenda 2030?

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Partnerships are at the heart of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Taking part in the "How to make SDGs Europe's Business" conference, Seamus Jeffreson, CONCORD director, has elaborated some key recommendations for the successful implementation of Agenda 2030 which depends on a new way of perceiving partnerships.

May 30, 2016 |

CONCORD's position on the revision of the Financial Regulation

The European Commission is going to review the Financial Regulation in order to simplify it. CONCORD Europe has launched a position paper that we invite you to read in this blogpost.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 4 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 4 June 2016]

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

Press release 1 June 2016

The Elders welcome Paris conference as step towards two-state solution for Israel-Palestine

The Elders call for decisive international engagement to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and secure a lasting peace based on a two-state solution.

News 30 May 2016

The Elders launch Universal Health Coverage initiative at Women Deliver

The Elders call for universal access to health care as a way of saving lives, tackling poverty, empowering women and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

News 30 May 2016

Elders discuss Middle East with BBC's Lyse Doucet at ODI

The Elders and ODI co-hosted a discussion panel on the Middle East with the BBC's Lyse Doucet, bringing together world-leading research and experience to discuss all angles of the regional crisis.

END Fund

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified

Global Fund [to 4 June 2016]

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<http://www.theglobalfund.org/>
No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 4 June 2016]

<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>
An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients
June 3, 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 4 June 2016]

<http://www.interaction.org/media-center/press-releases>
No new digest content identified.

Locus

<http://locusworld.org/>
"Locus is a movement focused on engaging those we serve, practitioners, the private sector, donors and to drive adoption of locally owned, integrated solutions."
No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 4 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 4 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.
No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 4 June 2016]

<http://www.alnap.org/>
No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 4 June 2016]

<http://chsalliance.org/news-events/news>
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Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) translated into Ukrainian to support humanitarian actors

The Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) is now available in Ukrainian. The new language version of the CHS will be an invaluable resource for the community of humanitarian and development organisations working in Ukraine.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 4 June 2016]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

ODI [to 4 June 2016]

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

Research reports and studies

Resilience: the big picture - top themes and trends

June 2016 | Emma Lovell, Aditya Bahadur, Thomas Tanner and Hani Morsi.

This report uses infographics to identify key themes and emerging trends in resilience thinking and practice.

Urban Institute [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 4 June 2016]

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

News 26 May 2016

25th World Economic Forum on ASEAN to Address Growth and Inclusion

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Bahasa Melayu

:: The 25th World Economic Forum on ASEAN will take place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 1-2 June

:: More than 550 leaders from business, public sector, academia, civil society and media to attend

:: The Fourth Industrial Revolution and its implications for ASEAN countries take centre stage at the meeting

News 1 Jun 2016

Leaders Must do More to Address Growing Human Trafficking Crisis; Women Most Affected

:: World Economic Forum on ASEAN highlights a growing problem of human trafficking in South-East Asia

:: Regional leaders have a shared responsibility to protect those vulnerable to trafficking, especially women and children

:: Labour laws must be reinforced and recruitment practices investigated to better protect vulnerable people

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1 June 2016 – In a session on human trafficking on the opening day of the World Economic Forum on ASEAN, participants were told that tougher action is needed by regional governments to address the growing problem. In the session on forced slavery and human trafficking in the ASEAN region, Nenette Motus, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, International Organization for Migration (IOM), said: "Trafficking is the third most profitable crime business in the world next to guns and drugs. We have a shared responsibility. Trafficked people need our help to get them out of poverty."

Amid revelations of slavery within the fishing industry in South-East Asia and the growing migration crisis in Europe, Motus applauded the recent move by the 10-member ASEAN bloc to sign the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (ACTIP) but added that more needs to be done. "We need to take a deeper look – at the economic components, at job creation, at recruitment, and at how to stop people being re-trafficked," she said.

The ACTIP was passed by the ASEAN bloc in November 2015 – just months after the region was faced with a crisis of thousands of ethnic Rohingya stranded at sea – but has still to be ratified by all member states.

Christopher Ng, Regional Secretary of Asia and the Pacific at the UNI Global Union, welcomed the conversation and said he hoped it would lead to implementation of the ACTIP. "If people want to move to other countries, it should be by choice not circumstance," he said. "What is needed is a code of conduct to regulate recruitment agencies, so there is a way to evaluate practices on the ground."

Social entrepreneur Pierre Tami, Founder of 360, Cambodia, highlighted the lack of country-specific knowledge which has led to the misallocation of resources. He said this perpetuates violence against vulnerable people, especially women and children.

International donors tend to prioritize funds for those who have already been trafficked, he noted, but often it is women who are victims of sexual violence that later become the most vulnerable to trafficking. "So these issues really need to be seen in a context of violence against women," he said.

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Buddhist leader Kirinde Dhammaratana Nayaka Maha Thero, Founder Ti-Ratana Welfare Society, Malaysia, said religious leaders also had a role to play. He encouraged leaders from all faiths to come forward and collaborate to stop “the scourge” of human trafficking. “Sometimes you might think, why is there a religious leader in the forum,” he said. “But we can contribute to society in many ways too. We can provide shelter, food and counselling. Human trafficking is a very serious issue, and a human-being created problem.”

The Co-Chairs of the World Economic Forum on ASEAN are: Sigve Brekke, Chief Executive Officer, Telenor, Norway; Kathleen Chew, Group Legal Counsel, YTL Corporation Berhad, Malaysia; Yoshiaki Fujimori, President and Chief Executive Officer, LIXIL Group Corporation, Japan; Shahril bin Shamsuddin, President and Group Chief Executive Officer, SapuraKencana Petroleum Berhad, Malaysia; Salil Shetty, Secretary-General, Amnesty International, United Kingdom and George Yeo, Visiting Scholar, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

News 1 Jun 2016

Making Complex Reforms Work: Seven Principles for Public-Private Cooperation

:: Over 70 leaders from business, government, academia and civil society met at the World Economic Forum to steward an action-oriented agenda on the Middle East and North Africa’s most pressing challenges.

:: Oil-price shifts have created an unprecedented opportunity for reforms in oil-importing and oil-exporting countries.

:: The World Economic Forum’s communities have defined seven principles for public-private cooperation to promote an effective and inclusive reform process.

Geneva, Switzerland, 1 June 2016 – A select group of over 70 leaders from business, government, academia and civil society met at World Economic Forum headquarters in Geneva to steward an action-oriented agenda on the Middle East and North Africa’s most pressing challenges. Held under the theme “Redesigning Public-Private Cooperation for the Middle East and North Africa”, the meeting focused on two imperatives for the region: peace and prosperity.

Given the instability and geopolitical disruptions posing unprecedented challenges to prosperity in the region, participants explored the fragile security and humanitarian context. They agreed on the need for collaborative diplomatic action to help resolve conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen, and for private-sector innovation in humanitarian aid delivery. “The World Economic Forum is committed to providing the international community a platform for greater public-private collaboration to respond to humanitarian and diplomatic imperatives,” said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum.

The current reform momentum created by low oil prices is seen as a key enabler for prosperity in the region. The reform needs are well recognized but, due to their complex nature, how to successfully implement them is not. In addition, the broad range of social issues in the Middle East and North Africa makes it challenging to find political consensus for undertaking successful reforms, especially for unpopular but needed ones.

Seven Principles for Public-Private Cooperation

In a pledge to make complex reforms work, representatives of the World Economic Forum’s communities, including leaders from government, business and civil society, defined the following seven principles for public-private cooperation to promote an effective and inclusive reform process:

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1. Create a clear vision– Leadership’s vision and political commitment are the most important prerequisites for successful reforms and provide the framework for planning and implementation
2. Establish an environment for trust– The decision-making process needs to be transparent and provide confidence that the reforms will genuinely benefit social and economic progress
3. Foster inclusive collaboration - Reform implementation needs to be a collaborative process among government, policy-makers, the private sector and civil society with the objective of generating balanced benefits for all citizens
4. Consult public beforehand and maintain momentum through regular communication– Along with effective communication, it is important to consult the public before planning reforms, continuously communicate during the process, and inform the public about the results achieved
5. Enable an ecosystem for accountability– Social and economic progress requires the government to establish an ecosystem that encourages and validates citizen demand for accountability
6. Attract and promote talent – Considering the national interest and complexity of reforms needed, their design and implementation call for consulting the best experts available
7. Build foundations for stability – Greater public-private collaboration is imperative to address the humanitarian crisis and build regional cohesion because peace is fundamental to prosperity.

“The principles defined by our core communities take the agenda for public-private cooperation to a new level, consistent with the needs of the region today,” said Miroslav Dusek, Head of Middle East and North Africa and Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum.

News 31 May 2016

New landmark for Grow Asia: almost half a million smallholder farmers gain access to investment and training across South-East Asia

:: 150 ASEAN leaders join the Grow Asia Forum 2016 to develop South-East Asian agricultural sector

:: Grow Asia, an initiative which facilitates multistakeholder collaboration for the benefit of smallholder farmers, works with five ASEAN countries, reaching 471,200 farmers

:: Since its launch in 2015, Grow Asia has helped build partnerships in the Philippines and Cambodia and strengthened existing partnerships in Indonesia, Myanmar and Vietnam

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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 4 June 2016]

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

27 May 2016

New Cross-border transmission line brings electricity to Afghan villagers

Khorog, Tajikistan, 27 May 2016 – Nearly 3,000 people in Deshor and Wiriz, Afghanistan now have access to clean, cheap, renewable energy for the first time in their history. The villages were connected to the grid as part of the Cross-Border Energy in Shugnan District project, funded with a \$1 million grant from United States Agency for International Development

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(USAID) and a \$464,000 matching contribution from the Aga Khan Foundation. In addition to the newly connected villages, the project helped Pamir Energy upgrade its existing systems and infrastructure, laying the groundwork for further expansion and service improvement to customers on both sides of the Tajik-Afghan border...

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

June 1, 2016

Applications Open for Third Presidential Leadership Scholars Class

Press Release

Today, the Presidential Leadership Scholars (PLS) program, a partnership between the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson, opened online applications for the 2017 class...

Ford Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

News

— 31 May 2016

Elizabeth Alexander elected to Pulitzer Prize Board

The Pulitzer Prize Board elected Alexander to a three-year term. The 19-member board chooses the winners of the Pulitzer Prizes in journalism, books, drama and music each April.

At the Ford Foundation, where she began work last year as the Director of Creativity and Free Expression, Alexander shapes and directs grant-making in arts, media and culture. She guides efforts to examine how cultural narratives affect and shape social movements and how media and the arts, including film and visual storytelling, can contribute to a fairer and more just society...

GHIT Fund [to 4 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.

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

Our News

[Why U.S. foundations should take the global Sustainable Development Goals seriously](#)

June 1, 2016 By Edmund J. Cain

In his article, originally published in the Spring 2016 issue of Responsive Philanthropy, the official publication of the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, Vice President for Grant Programs Ed Cain calls on Foundations to get serious about supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.

Grameen Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 4 June 2016]

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

Research [June 2, 2016]

[New Technique Helps Researchers Determine Developmental Origins of Cells](#)

HHMI scientists have pioneered the use of genome editing to trace lineage in living systems.

Institute [June 1, 2016]

[David Clapham Named Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer at HHMI](#)

HHMI Investigator David E. Clapham, MD, PhD, will become Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, effective September 1, 2016.

Institute [May 31, 2016]

[Huda Zoghbi to Receive Shaw Prize](#)

Zoghbi shares Shaw Prize for research leading to discovery of genes and proteins involved in Rett syndrome.

Kellogg Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press release

[New MacArthur Competition to Award \\$100 Million to Help Solve a Critical Problem of Our Time](#)

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Published June 2, 2016

A new competition launched today will award a \$100 million grant to a single proposal designed to help solve a critical problem affecting people, places, or the planet. The Foundation's competition, called 100&Change, is open to organizations working in any field of endeavor anywhere. Applicants must identify both the problem they are trying to solve, as well as their proposed solution. Competitive proposals will be meaningful, verifiable, durable, and feasible. *[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

Publication

Healthy Aging Begins At Home

Published May 26, 2016

Communities across the country must make meeting the needs of older residents a priority as they plan for the future, according to a MacArthur-supported report by the Bipartisan Policy Center's Senior Health and Housing Task Force. Over the next 15 years, the explosive growth of the nation's senior population will present unprecedented challenges, particularly as millions of Americans find they lack enough savings to fund their retirement. Some will struggle to afford housing, while others find their housing ill-suited for independent living. In response, the report recommends communities experiment and innovate to bridge important connections between housing, architecture, health care, information technology, transportation, urban planning, and financial services. Watch video of the event where the report was released and its recommendations discussed by panelists including former U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretaries Henry Cisneros and Mel Martinez.

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 4 June 2016]

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

May 26, 2016

Official launch of the Peru Legacy Initiative

On Thursday, May 26, an event in Lima marked the official launch of the Peru Legacy Initiative, a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) effort that aims to secure long-term financing for Peru's protected area systems, and which is supported in part by the Moore Foundation. The project is led by a diverse group of partners and will provide park rangers and other local entities with the tools and support they need to help conserve Peru's natural resources.

A video from WWF highlighting this project can be found here.

Also, read more about the announcement from National Service of Protected Natural Areas by the State (SERNANP) here.

Open Society Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 4 June 2016]

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

Press Release

Pew: CFPB's Proposed Payday Loan Rule Misses Historic Opportunity

Instead of saving borrowers billions in lower-cost loans, agency would still expose them to harmful lending

June 02, 2016 *Small-Dollar Loans*

Washington—The Pew Charitable Trusts warned today that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's proposed rule on payday and auto title lending lacks clear product safety standards, makes it too easy for payday lenders to continue making harmful loans, and fails to encourage banks and credit unions to enter the market and make lower-cost loans.

Payday lenders have direct access to a borrower's checking account or, in the case of auto title lenders, the power to repossess a borrower's vehicle. Each year, 12 million Americans take out payday loans, spending \$9 billion on loan fees. An additional 2.5 million take out auto title loans annually at a cost of \$3 billion.

Pew's small-dollar loans project has conducted extensive research on this high-cost loan market over the past five years, and the findings show that although payday and auto title loans offer quick cash, the unaffordable payments lead consumers to take out additional loans to cover expenses, creating a cycle of debt. Both borrowers and the general public strongly favor payday loan reform. The CFPB draft rule, released June 2, is the first federal proposal to regulate payday and auto title loan...

Press Release

Pew Analysis Shows Many States Looking to Increase Opportunities for Retirement Savings

More than 30 million full-time private sector employees lack access to workplace retirement plans

June 01, 2016 *Retirement Savings*

WASHINGTON—At least half of state governments in the United States are exploring or implementing programs to provide retirement savings options for private sector workers who do not have retirement plans through their employers, according to a report released today by The Pew Charitable Trusts. These state efforts—which are intended to increase savings during employees' working years and reduce poverty among retirees—often require policymakers to balance multiple and sometimes conflicting priorities, the report found.

No major federal legislation to increase retirement savings has passed since the Pension Protection Act of 2006, so some state policymakers are looking for opportunities to fill the gap. Many states are considering what are essentially state-backed individual retirement accounts that build savings through regular deductions from workers' paychecks. Illinois, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Washington have enacted such programs.

The report, "How States Are Working to Address the Retirement Savings Challenge: An Analysis of State-Sponsored Initiatives to Help Private Sector Workers Save," examines efforts in 25 states...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 4 June 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 4 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 digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 4 June 2016]

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

News

Cancer diagnostic wins FDA approval

A new diagnostic tool to help doctors pinpoint exactly where in the body prostate cancer recurs has been granted approval by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The tool, called Axumin™ was developed by Blue Earth Diagnostics Ltd, a subsidiary of Syncona LLP, the healthcare investment company founded by Wellcome...

...Axumin™ is a molecular tracer. When it is injected as part of a PET imaging scan, it enables doctors to detect and localise the cancer. Knowing the location and to what extent the cancer has recurred helps to determine the most appropriate method of treatment.

This is the first product approval for Syncona, which was formed by Wellcome in October 2012 to deliver impact to patients from world-class research.

Opinion

Preparing the WHO for the next outbreak

Dr Jeremy Farrar, Director of the Wellcome Trust, calls on the international community to give its full support to the WHO so that the world is better prepared for future health emergencies.

"The Ebola outbreak that started in 2013 confirmed what had long been evident: that the structure and approach of the World Health Organization (WHO) were deeply flawed. The global community was sluggish in reacting to the crisis, with inadequate coordination and confused decision making. Vaccines and treatments that showed promise only came on stream toward the end of the epidemic, and even those owed much to luck..."

Read the whole article on the [Wall Street Journal](#) website.

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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

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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>

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

Annals of Internal Medicine

17 May 2016, Vol. 164. No. 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

Research article

[Perspectives of frontline health workers on Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme before and after community engagement interventions](#)

Barely a decade after introduction of Ghana's National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS), significant successes have been recorded in universal access to basic healthcare services.

However, sustainability of the ...

Robert Kaba Alhassan, Edward Nketiah-Amponsah, Nicole Spieker, Daniel Kojo Arhinful and Tobias F. Rinke de Wit

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

[No new relevant content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

Research article

[Can a community health worker administered postnatal checklist increase health-seeking behaviors and knowledge?: evidence from a randomized trial with a private maternity facility in Kiambu County, Kenya](#)

Since the 2009 WHO and UNICEF recommendation that women receive home-based postnatal care within the first three days after birth, a growing number of low-income countries have explored integrating postnatal h...

Margaret McConnell, Allison Ettenger, Claire Watt Rothschild, Faith Muigai and Jessica Cohen
BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:136

Published on: 4 June 2016

Research article

[Factors associated with postnatal care utilisation in Rwanda: A secondary analysis of 2010 Demographic and Health Survey data](#)

Postnatal care (PNC) in the first seven days is important for preventing morbidity and mortality in mothers and new-borns. Sub-Saharan African countries, which account for 62 % of maternal deaths globally, hav...

Bernard N. Rwabufigiri, Judith Mukamurigo, Dana R. Thomson, Bethany L. Hedt-Gautier and Jean Paul S. Semasaka

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:122

Published on: 31 May 2016

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

Research article

[Early mortality from external causes in Aboriginal mothers: a retrospective cohort study](#)

Maternal loss can have a deep-rooted impact on families. Whilst a disproportionate number of Aboriginal women die from potentially preventable causes, no research has investigated mortality in Aboriginal mothe...

Jenny Fairthorne, Roz Walker, Nick de Klerk and Carrington Shepherd

BMC Public Health 2016 16:461

Published on: 1 June 2016

Research article

[Migrant integration policies and health inequalities in Europe](#)

Research on socio-economic determinants of migrant health inequalities has produced a large body of evidence. There is lack of evidence on the influence of structural factors on lives of fragile groups...

Margherita Giannoni, Luisa Franzini and Giuliano Masiero

BMC Public Health 2016 16:463

Published on: 1 June 2016

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 4 June 2016)

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BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 6

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

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British Medical Journal

4 June 2016 (vol 352, issue 80609)

<http://www.bmj.com/content/353/8060>

[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/>

EDITORIALS

[Defining the syndrome associated with congenital Zika virus infection](#)

Anthony Costello, Tarun Dua, Pablo Duran, Metin Gülmezoglu, Olufemi T Oladapo, William Perea, João Pires, Pilar Ramon-Pardo, Nigel Rollins & Shekhar Saxena

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.16.176990>

[Innovation for healthy ageing: a call for papers](#)

Islene Araujo de Carvalho, Isabella Aboderin, Eri Arikawa-Hirasawa, Matteo Cesari, Yoshiaki Furukawa, Luis Miguel Gutierrez Robledo, John E Morley, Anne Margriet Pot, Jean-Yves

Reginster, Greg Shaw, Naoko Tomita & John R Beard
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.16.176743>

Charting a path to end the AIDS epidemic

Michel Sidibé

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.16.176875>

Research

Recommendations for dealing with waste contaminated with Ebola virus: a Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points approach

Kelly L Edmunds, Samira Abd Elrahman, Diana J Bell, Julii Brainard, Samir Dervisevic, Tsimbiri P Fedha, Roger Few, Guy Howard, Iain Lake, Peter Maes, Joseph Matofari, Harvey Minnigh, Ahmed A Mohamedani, Maggie Montgomery, Sarah Morter, Edward Muchiri, Lutendo S Mudau, Benedict M Mutua, Julius M Ndambuki, Katherine Pond, Mark D Sobsey, Mike van der Es, Mark Zeitoun & Paul R Hunter

Objective

To assess, within communities experiencing Ebola virus outbreaks, the risks associated with the disposal of human waste and to generate recommendations for mitigating such risks.

Methods

A team with expertise in the Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points framework identified waste products from the care of individuals with Ebola virus disease and constructed, tested and confirmed flow diagrams showing the creation of such products. After listing potential hazards associated with each step in each flow diagram, the team conducted a hazard analysis, determined critical control points and made recommendations to mitigate the transmission risks at each control point.

Findings

The collection, transportation, cleaning and shared use of blood-soiled fomites and the shared use of latrines contaminated with blood or bloodied faeces appeared to be associated with particularly high levels of risk of Ebola virus transmission. More moderate levels of risk were associated with the collection and transportation of material contaminated with bodily fluids other than blood, shared use of latrines soiled with such fluids, the cleaning and shared use of fomites soiled with such fluids, and the contamination of the environment during the collection and transportation of blood-contaminated waste.

Conclusion

The risk of the waste-related transmission of Ebola virus could be reduced by the use of full personal protective equipment, appropriate hand hygiene and an appropriate disinfectant after careful cleaning. Use of the Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Points framework could facilitate rapid responses to outbreaks of emerging infectious disease.

Research

Vaccination timing of low-birth-weight infants in rural Ghana: a population-based, prospective cohort study

Maureen O'Leary, Sara Thomas, Lisa Hurt, Sian Floyd, Caitlin Shannon, Sam Newton, Gyan Thomas, Seeba Amenga-Etego, Charlotte Tawiah-Agyemang, Lu Gram, Chris Hurt, Rajiv Bahl, Seth Owusu-Agyei, Betty Kirkwood & Karen Edmond

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.15.159699>

Objective

To investigate delays in first and third dose diphtheria–tetanus–pertussis (DTP1 and DTP3) vaccination in low-birth-weight infants in Ghana, and the associated determinants.

Methods

We used data from a large, population-based vitamin A trial in 2010–2013, with 22 955 enrolled infants. We measured vaccination rate and maternal and infant characteristics and compared three categories of low-birth-weight infants (2.0–2.4 kg; 1.5–1.9 kg; and < 1.5 kg) with infants weighing \geq 2.5 kg. Poisson regression was used to calculate vaccination rate ratios for DTP1 at 10, 14 and 18 weeks after birth, and for DTP3 at 18, 22 and 24 weeks (equivalent to 1, 2 and 3 months after the respective vaccination due dates of 6 and 14 weeks).

Findings

Compared with non-low-birth-weight infants ($n = 18\,979$), those with low birth weight ($n = 3382$) had an almost 40% lower DTP1 vaccination rate at age 10 weeks (adjusted rate ratio, aRR: 0.58; 95% confidence interval, CI: 0.43–0.77) and at age 18 weeks (aRR: 0.63; 95% CI: 0.50–0.80). Infants weighing 1.5–1.9 kg ($n = 386$) had vaccination rates approximately 25% lower than infants weighing \geq 2.5 kg at these time points. Similar results were observed for DTP3. Lower maternal age, educational attainment and longer distance to the nearest health facility were associated with lower DTP1 and DTP3 vaccination rates.

Conclusion

Low-birth-weight infants are a high-risk group for delayed vaccination in Ghana. Efforts to improve the vaccination of these infants are warranted, alongside further research to understand the reasons for the delays.

POLICY & PRACTICE

Priority-setting for achieving universal health coverage

Kalipso Chalkidou, Amanda Glassman, Robert Marten, Jeanette Vega, Yot Teerawattananon, Nattha Tritasavit, Martha Gyansa-Lutterodt, Andreas Seiter, Marie Paule Kieny, Karen Hofman & Anthony J Culyer

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.15.155721>

Abstract

Governments in low- and middle-income countries are legitimizing the implementation of universal health coverage (UHC), following a United Nation's resolution on UHC in 2012 and its reinforcement in the sustainable development goals set in 2015. UHC will differ in each country depending on country contexts and needs, as well as demand and supply in health care. Therefore, fundamental issues such as objectives, users and cost-effectiveness of UHC have been raised by policy-makers and stakeholders. While priority-setting is done on a daily basis by health authorities – implicitly or explicitly – it has not been made clear how priority-setting for UHC should be conducted. We provide justification for explicit health priority-setting and guidance to countries on how to set priorities for UHC.

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>

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Complexity

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

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

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Conflict and Health

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

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Debate

Syrian refugees in Lebanon: the search for universal health coverage

Karl Blanchet, Fouad M. Fouad and Tejendra Pherali

Published on: 1 June 2016

Abstract

The crisis in Syria has forced more than 4 million people to find refuge outside Syria. In Lebanon, in 2015, the refugee population represented 30 % of the total population. International health assistance has been provided to refugee populations in Lebanon. However, the current humanitarian system has also contributed to increase fragmentation of the Lebanese health system. Ensuring universal health coverage to vulnerable Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian refugees will require in Lebanon to redistribute the key functions and responsibilities of the Ministry of Health and its partners to generate more coherence and efficiency.

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>

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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>

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Development in Practice

Volume 26, Issue 4, 2016

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

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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>

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 11, Issue 5, 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 10 - Issue 02 - April 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

April 2016 Volume 40, Issue 2 Pages 183–383

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

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Emergency Medicine Journal

May 2016, Volume 33, Issue 5

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

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Epidemics

Volume 15, *In Progress* (June 2016)

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

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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>

Short Report

Arboviruses

Potential exposure to Zika virus for foreign tourists during the 2016 Carnival and Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

M. N. BURATTINI, F. A. B. COUTINHO, L. F. LOPEZ, R. XIMENES, M. QUAM, A. WILDER-SMITH and E. MASSAD

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268816000649>, Published online: 04 April 2016

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Original Papers

Polio

Effective case/infection ratio of poliomyelitis in vaccinated populations

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SUMMARY

Recent polio outbreaks in Syria and Ukraine, and isolation of poliovirus from asymptomatic carriers in Israel have raised concerns that polio might endanger Europe. We devised a model to calculate the time needed to detect the first case should the disease be imported into Europe, taking the effect of vaccine coverage – both from inactivated and oral polio vaccines, also considering their differences – on the length of silent transmission into account by deriving

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an 'effective' case/infection ratio that is applicable for vaccinated populations. Using vaccine coverage data and the newly developed model, the relationship between this ratio and vaccine coverage is derived theoretically and is also numerically determined for European countries. This shows that unnoticed transmission is longer for countries with higher vaccine coverage and a higher proportion of IPV-vaccinated individuals among those vaccinated. Assuming borderline transmission ($R = 1.1$), the expected time to detect the first case is between 326 days and 512 days in different countries, with the number of infected individuals between 235 and 1439. Imperfect surveillance further increases these numbers, especially the number of infected until detection. While longer silent transmission does not increase the number of clinical diseases, it can make the application of traditional outbreak response methods more complicated, among others.

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2016 (Issue 30.1) | March 10, 2016

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

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The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 26, Issue 3, 1 June 2016

<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/3?current-issue=y>

Viewpoint

Public health needs of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Europe, 2015: Infectious disease aspects

Jan C. Semenza, Paloma Carrillo-Santisteve, Herve Zeller, Andreas Sandgren, Marieke J. van der Werf, Ettore Severi, Lucia Pastore Celentano, Emma Wiltshire, Jonathan E. Suk, Irina Dinca, Teymur Noori, Piotr Kramarz

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Extract

In the first 10 months of 2015 the total number of asylum applications to the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) recorded by European Union (EU) countries exceeded the 1 million mark, an unprecedented level since the establishment of the EU. Syria has been the most common country of origin of asylum applications, followed by Afghanistan and Iraq.¹ However, these figures do not take unregistered migrants into account: in the same time period, 500 000 undocumented border crossing detections were recorded on the EU's external borders, according to Frontex.² In the light of these developments, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) assessed the public health needs of migrants or individuals that are applying for asylum or refugee status, through: (i) interviews with 14 experts from Member States and Non-Governmental Organizations with first-hand experience working with migrant populations (7–11 August 2015); (ii) a non-systematic review of available evidence (peer-reviewed publications and relevant ECDC risk assessments); and (c) an expert meeting on the prevention of infectious diseases among newly arrived migrants in the EU and European Economic Area (EEA) (12–13 November 2015).^{3–5}

Reception system for newly arrived migrants

A recurrent theme across all the expert consultations conducted by ECDC was the need to establish a reception system for newly arrived migrants. In primary reception centres, a health assessment should be carried out immediately upon arrival. Equipping these reception areas with primary care and public health services facilitates screening, vaccination and treatment (if required) of individuals free of charge. The organisers of reception areas should consider adequately stocking them with rapid tests (e.g. for malaria) and providing instant treatment and

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care to patients. Such rapid interventions are the best course of action to detect and prevent onwards spread of cases of infectious disease, through the identification and management of infectious diseases with potential for ...

Refugees mental health—A public mental health challenge

Jutta Lindert, Mauro G. Carta, Ingo Schäfer, Richard F. Mollica Eur J Public Health (2016) 26 (3): 374-375 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckw010> First published online: 6 April 2016 (2 pages)

Refugees' mental health—a call for a public health approach with focus on resilience and cultural sensitivity

Sofie Bäärnhielm Eur J Public Health (2016) 26 (3): 375-376 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckw055> First published online: 9 April 2016 (2 pages)

Eurosurveillance

Volume 21, Issue 22, 02 June 2016

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

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Food Policy

Volume 61, In Progress (May 2016)

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

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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>

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

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

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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/>

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Research

[Adapting HIV patient and program monitoring tools for chronic non-communicable diseases in Ethiopia](#)

Chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs) have become a huge public health concern in developing countries. Many resource-poor countries facing this growing epidemic, however, lack systems for an organized and ...

Mekitew Letebo and Fassil Shiferaw

Globalization and Health 2016 12:26

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Review

[Towards sustainable partnerships in global health: the case of the CRONICAS Centre of Excellence in Chronic Diseases in Peru](#)

Human capital requires opportunities to develop and capacity to overcome challenges, together with an enabling environment that fosters critical and disruptive innovation. Exploring such features is necessary ...

J. Jaime Miranda, Antonio Bernabé-Ortiz, Francisco Diez-Canseco, Germán Málaga, María K. Cárdenas, Rodrigo M. Carrillo-Larco, María Lazo-Porras, Miguel Moscoso-Porras, M. Amalia Pesantes, Vilarmina Ponce, Ricardo Araya, David Beran, Peter Busse, Oscar Boggio, William Checkley, Patricia J. García...

Globalization and Health 2016 12:29

Published on: 2 June 2016

Health Affairs

May 2016; Volume 35, Issue 5

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

Prescription Drugs, Global Health & More

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 31 Issue 5 June 2016

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 4 June 2016]

Commentary

Public/community engagement in health research with men who have sex with men in sub-Saharan Africa: challenges and opportunities

Community engagement, incorporating elements of the broader concepts of public and stakeholder engagement, is increasingly promoted globally, including for health research conducted in developing countries.

Sassy Molyneux, Salla Sariola, Dan Allman, Maartje Dijkstra, Evans Gichuru, Susan Graham, Dorcas Kamuya, Gloria Gakii, Brian Kayemba, Bernadette Kombo, Allan Maleche, Jessie Mbwambo, Vicki Marsh, Murugi Micheni, Noni Mumba, Michael Parker...

Health Research Policy and Systems 2016 14:40

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 38, Number 2, May 2016

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

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Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics (formerly Human Vaccines)

Volume 12, Issue 4, 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

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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.idpjournals.com/content>

[Accessed 4 June 2016]

Research Article

Productivity losses associated with tuberculosis deaths in the World Health Organization African region

In 2014, almost half of the global tuberculosis deaths occurred in the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region. Approximately 21.5 % of the 6 060 742 TB cases (new and relapse) reported to the WHO in 20...

Joses Muthuri Kirigia and Rosenabi Deborah Karimi Muthuri

Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2016 5:43

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International Health

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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>

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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>

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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

Introduction

Landsenses ecology and ecological planning toward sustainable development

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Jingzhu Zhaoab*, Xin Liucd, Rencai Dongb & Guofan Shaoe
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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes the concepts and associated contents of landsenses ecology and mix-marching data, and explains the roles of the meliorization model and Internet of Things (IoT) in the landsenses ecology-based land-use planning, construction and management. It also analyses the importance and application approaches of mix-marching data. In the current situation of rapid social-economic, scientific, and technological development, there exists an urgent need for us to further study landsenses ecology and its applications.

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[U.S. State Laws Addressing Human Trafficking: Education of and Mandatory Reporting by Health Care Providers and Other Professionals](#)

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Holly G. Atkinson^a, Kevin J. Curnin^b & Nicole C. Hanson^b

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ABSTRACT

Human trafficking is a global problem and constitutes a grave human rights violation, affecting more than 20 million individuals worldwide. This brutal crime often results in both short- and long-term physical and psychological harm to its victims. We provide a systematic review of U.S. laws that address education about human trafficking and/or mandatory reporting requirements that affect healthcare providers and other professionals across the United States. Thirteen U.S. states now have laws that address education about human trafficking, while seven specifically require mandatory reporting of minors who are victims of trafficking. The findings are instructive to not only practicing physicians and other professionals, who are now mandated reporters of trafficking victims in some states, but also to regulatory and legislative bodies contemplating enacting such laws in an effort to address trafficking.

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Editorial

[World Humanitarian Summit: next steps crucial](#)

The Lancet

Summary

Ban Ki-moon's final flagship initiative for his tenure as UN Secretary-General, the World Humanitarian Summit, was held in Istanbul, Turkey, last week (May 23–24). The meeting, the first of its kind, was marred in controversy before it started, with Médecins Sans Frontières boycotting the event because it did not believe that it would address the weaknesses in humanitarian action and emergency response. Other non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were sceptical too. Were they right?

Comment

[Time for mental health to come out of the shadows](#)

Arthur Kleinman, Georgia Lockwood Estrin, Shamaila Usmani, Dan Chisholm, Patricio V Marquez, Tim G Evans, Shekhar Saxena

Summary

Mental disorders, such as depression, anxiety, and substance use disorders, impose an enormous global disease burden¹ that leads to premature mortality and affects functioning and quality of life. If left untreated, mental disorders can result in worse treatment adherence and outcomes for commonly co-occurring diseases, such as tuberculosis, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer.² Yet parity between mental and physical health conditions remains a distant ideal. Poor mental health also impacts on economic development through lost production and consumption opportunities at both the individual and societal level.

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

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[Mandating influenza vaccine for Hajj pilgrims](#)

Mohammad Alfelali, Amani S Alqahtani, Osamah Barasheed, Robert Booy, Harunor Rashid
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The risk of acquisition and transmission of respiratory tract infections including influenza is considerably enhanced among attendees of the Hajj pilgrimage.¹ Influenza vaccine has been recommended by the Saudi Ministry of Health since 2005 for all pilgrims, particularly for those at increased risk of severe disease.² The Saudi Ministry of Health is now seriously considering mandating influenza vaccine for all pilgrims,³ and the Saudi Thoracic Society has already urged consideration of a “strict vaccination strategy” for Hajj and Umrah visitors.

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[Effect of the introduction of pneumococcal conjugate vaccination on invasive pneumococcal disease in The Gambia: a population-based surveillance study](#)

Grant A Mackenzie, Philip C Hill, David J Jeffries, Ilias Hossain, Uchendu Uchendu, David Ameh, Malick Ndiaye, Oyedemi Adeyemi, Jayani Pathirana, Yekini Olatunji, Bade Abatan, Bilquees S Muhammad, Augustin E Fombah, Debasish Saha, Ian Plumb, Aliu Akano, Bernard Ebruke, Readon C Ideh, Bankole Kuti, Peter Githua, Emmanuel Olutunde, Ogochukwu Ofordile, Edward Green, Effua Usuf, Henry Badji, Usman N A Ikumapayi, Ahmad Manjang, Rasheed Salaudeen, E David Nsekong, Sheikh Jarju, Martin Antonio, Sana Sambou, Lamin Ceesay, Yamundow Lowe-Jallow, Momodou Jasseh, Kim Mulholland, Maria Knoll, Orin S Levine, Stephen R Howie, Richard A Adegbola, Brian M Greenwood, Tumani Corrah

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Summary

Background

Little information is available about the effect of pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCVs) in low-income countries. We measured the effect of these vaccines on invasive pneumococcal disease in The Gambia where the 7-valent vaccine (PCV7) was introduced in August, 2009, followed by the 13-valent vaccine (PCV13) in May, 2011.

Methods

We conducted population-based surveillance for invasive pneumococcal disease in individuals aged 2 months and older who were residents of the Basse Health and Demographic Surveillance System (BHDSS) in the Upper River Region, The Gambia, using standardised criteria to identify and investigate patients. Surveillance was done between May, 2008, and December, 2014. We compared the incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease between baseline (May 12, 2008–May 11, 2010) and after the introduction of PCV13 (Jan 1, 2013–Dec 31, 2014), adjusting for changes in case ascertainment over time.

Findings

We investigated 14 650 patients, in whom we identified 320 cases of invasive pneumococcal disease. Compared with baseline, after the introduction of the PCV programme, the incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease decreased by 55% (95% CI 30–71) in the 2–23 months age group, from 253 to 113 per 100 000 population. This decrease was due to an 82% (95% CI 64–91) reduction in serotypes covered by the PCV13 vaccine. In the 2–4 years age group, the incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease decreased by 56% (95% CI 25–75), from 113 to 49 cases per 100 000, with a 68% (95% CI 39–83) reduction in PCV13 serotypes. The incidence of non-PCV13 serotypes in children aged 2–59 months increased by 47% (–21 to 275) from 28 to 41 per 100 000, with a broad range of serotypes. The incidence of non-pneumococcal bacteraemia varied little over time.

Interpretation

The Gambian PCV programme reduced the incidence of invasive pneumococcal disease in children aged 2–59 months by around 55%. Further surveillance is needed to ascertain the maximum effect of the vaccine in the 2–4 years and older age groups, and to monitor serotype replacement. Low-income and middle-income countries that introduce PCV13 can expect substantial reductions in invasive pneumococcal disease.

Funding

GAVI's Pneumococcal vaccines Accelerated Development and Introduction Plan (PneumoADIP), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the UK Medical Research Council.

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[The global burden of dengue: an analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013](#)

Jeffrey D Stanaway, Donald S Shepard, Eduardo A Undurraga, Yara A Halasa, Luc E Coffeng, Oliver J Brady, Simon I Hay, Neeraj Bedi, Isabela M Bensenor, Carlos A Castañeda-Orjuela, Ting-Wu Chuang, Katherine B Gibney, Ziad A Memish, Anwar Rafay, Kingsley N Ukwaja, Naohiro Yonemoto, Christopher J L Murray

Summary

Background

Dengue is the most common arbovirus infection globally, but its burden is poorly quantified. We estimated dengue mortality, incidence, and burden for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013.

Methods

We modelled mortality from vital registration, verbal autopsy, and surveillance data using the Cause of Death Ensemble Modelling tool. We modelled incidence from officially reported cases, and adjusted our raw estimates for under-reporting based on published estimates of expansion factors. In total, we had 1780 country-years of mortality data from 130 countries, 1636 country-years of dengue case reports from 76 countries, and expansion factor estimates for 14 countries.

Findings

We estimated an average of 9221 dengue deaths per year between 1990 and 2013, increasing from a low of 8277 (95% uncertainty estimate 5353–10 649) in 1992, to a peak of 11 302 (6790–13 722) in 2010. This yielded a total of 576 900 (330 000–701 200) years of life lost to premature mortality attributable to dengue in 2013. The incidence of dengue increased greatly between 1990 and 2013, with the number of cases more than doubling every decade, from 8·3 million (3·3 million–17·2 million) apparent cases in 1990, to 58·4 million (23·6 million–121·9 million) apparent cases in 2013. When accounting for disability from moderate and severe acute dengue, and post-dengue chronic fatigue, 566 000 (186 000–1 415 000) years lived with disability were attributable to dengue in 2013. Considering fatal and non-fatal outcomes together, dengue was responsible for 1·14 million (0·73 million–1·98 million) disability-adjusted life-years in 2013.

Interpretation

Although lower than other estimates, our results offer more evidence that the true symptomatic incidence of dengue probably falls within the commonly cited range of 50 million to 100 million cases per year. Our mortality estimates are lower than those presented elsewhere and should be considered in light of the totality of evidence suggesting that dengue mortality might, in fact, be substantially higher.

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HIV-exposed, uninfected infants: new global challenges in the era of paediatric HIV elimination

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Summary

The number of infants infected with HIV is declining with the rise in interventions for the elimination of paediatric HIV infection, but the number of uninfected infants exposed to HIV through their HIV-infected mothers is increasing. Interest in the health outcomes of HIV-exposed, uninfected infants has grown in the past decade, with several studies suggesting that these infants have increased mortality rates, increased infectious morbidity, and impaired growth compared with HIV-unexposed infants. However, heterogeneous results might reflect the inherent challenges in studies of HIV-exposed, uninfected infants, which need large populations with appropriate, contemporaneous comparison groups and repeated HIV testing throughout the period of breastfeeding. We review the effects of HIV exposure on mortality, morbidity, and growth, discuss the immunological abnormalities identified so far, and provide an overview of interventions that could be effective in this susceptible population. As the number of infants infected with HIV declines, the health needs of HIV-exposed, uninfected infants should be prioritised further, to ensure that post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals are achieved.

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Editorial

Clinical Trials Series

Janet Woodcock, M.D., James H. Ware, Ph.D., Pamela W. Miller, John J.V. McMurray, M.D., David P. Harrington, Ph.D., and Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D.

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Clinical trials are our best vehicle for turning medical information that we may think is true into evidence that we know, within reasonable limits, to be true. Since the introduction of random assignments to treatment in the 1930s,¹ the clinical trial has been in continuous evolution. Among the major milestones have been the development of methods to perform randomization; the convening of data and safety monitoring committees; the formulation of stopping guidelines for safety, efficacy, and futility; and many others. Indeed, the clinical trial landscape is far different today from what it was over 80 years ago, when investigators first confronted the conundrum of how to obtain unbiased data that could be used to guide clinical practice. Today, trials range from a single person² to 100,000 people, from a single lab to hundreds of centers around the world, from simple two-arm randomizations to increasingly complex study designs.

In this issue, we inaugurate a series of articles called “The Changing Face of Clinical Trials,” in which we examine the current challenges in the design, performance, and interpretation of clinical trials. The series will deal with contemporary challenges that affect clinical trialists today. It is not meant to be a course in clinical trial performance; rather, the articles are written by trialists for trialists about issues that face us all. We plan to cover new trial designs, current issues related to the performance of clinical trials, how to deal with unexpected events during the progress of trials, difficulties in the interpretation of trial findings, and challenges faced by specific sectors of trialists, including those working for large or small companies; the viewpoint of regulators who use trial data in their decision making will also be included. Each review article will define a specific issue of interest and illustrate it with examples from actual practice. The articles will occasionally be accompanied by Perspective pieces to bring additional history

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and color to the topic. We begin with an article on integrating comparative effectiveness trials into patient care,³ accompanied by a history of clinical trials.⁴ We have enjoyed putting the series together for you, and we hope that it will stimulate thought and discussion.

Review Article

[Integrating Randomized Comparative Effectiveness Research with Patient Care](#)

Louis D. Fiore, M.D., M.P.H., and Philip W. Lavori, Ph.D.

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Clinical trials of interventions in common practice can be built into the workflow of an electronic medical record. The authors review four such trials and highlight the strengths and weaknesses of this approach to gathering information.

Medicine and Society

[Assessing the Gold Standard — Lessons from the History of RCTs](#)

Laura E. Bothwell, Ph.D., Jeremy A. Greene, M.D., Ph.D., Scott H. Podolsky, M.D., and David S. Jones, M.D., Ph.D.

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Over the past 70 years, randomized, controlled trials (RCTs) have reshaped medical knowledge and practice. Popularized by mid-20th-century clinical researchers and statisticians aiming to reduce bias and enhance the accuracy of clinical experimentation, RCTs have often functioned well in that role. Yet the past seven decades also bear witness to many limitations of this new “gold standard.” The scientific and political history of RCTs offers lessons regarding the complexity of medicine and disease and the economic and political forces that shape the production and circulation of medical knowledge...

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Research Article

Maintaining Maternal and Child Health Services During the Ebola Outbreak: Experience from Pujehun, Sierra Leone

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Background: During the Ebola outbreak the overall confidence of the population in the national health system declined in Sierra Leone, with a reduction in the use of health services. The objective of this study is to provide information on understanding of how Ebola impacted maternal and child health services in Sierra Leone. Data come from an operational setting which is representative of the communities affected by the outbreak.

Methods: By integrating hospital registers and contact tracing form data with healthcare workers and local population interviews, the transmission chain was reconstructed. Data on the utilization of maternal and neonatal health services were collected from the local district's Health Management Information System. The main measures put in place to control the Ebola epidemic were: the organization of a rapid response to the crisis by the local health authorities; triage, contact tracing and quarantine; isolation, clinical management and safe burials; training and community sensitization.

Results: A total of 49 case patients were registered between July and November 2014 in the Pujehun district. Hospitalization rate was 89%. Overall, 74.3% of transmission events occurred between members of the same family, 17.9% in the community and 7.7% in hospital. The mean number of contacts investigated per case raised from 11.5 in July to 25 in September 2014. The 2014 admission trend in the pediatric ward shows a decrease after beginning of June: the reduction was almost significant in the period July-December (p 0.05). The admission in the maternity ward showed no statistical differences in comparison with the previous year (p 0.07). Also the number of deliveries appeared to be similar to the previous year, without significant variations (p 0.41).

Conclusion: The Ebola outbreak reduced the number of patients at hospital level in Pujehun district. However, the activities undertaken to manage Ebola, reduced the spread of infection and the impact of the disease in mothers and children. A number of reasons which may explain these results are presented and discussed.

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Original Articles

An art therapy intervention for symptoms of post-traumatic stress, depression and anxiety among Syrian refugee children

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ABSTRACT

This study first examined the prevalence of psychological symptoms among Syrian refugee children (N = 64) and assessed the effect of an art therapy intervention on post-traumatic stress, depression and anxiety symptoms. The Stressful Life Events (SLE) Questionnaire was used to measure stressful and traumatic experiences. The main outcome measures were UCLA Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Parent version, Child Depression Inventory and State-Trait Anxiety Scale. After the baseline assessment, a five-day art therapy intervention, which is based on Skills for Psychological Recovery, was implemented. Findings of the study indicated that 60.3% (N = 35) of Syrian children who participated had high risk to develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) according to the SLE scale. The 23.4% of the children had PTSD symptoms while the 17.6% showed severe depression symptoms. Moreover, the 14.4% of the children showed severe levels of state anxiety symptoms and the 31.1% showed severe levels of trait anxiety symptoms. Findings of the study indicated that trauma, depression and trait anxiety symptoms of children were significantly reduced at the post-assessment. However, for state anxiety scores, significant differences between pre- and post-assessments did not appear. Therefore, it could be said that art therapy may be an effective method to reduce post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and trait anxiety symptoms among refugee children.

ARTICLE

The health of children whose mothers are trafficked or in sex work in the U.S.: an exploratory study

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ABSTRACT

The goal of this exploratory study was to identify health problems experienced by children whose mothers are trafficked or in sex work in the U.S. and the proportion of the children who experience these health problems. Participants were adult survivors of sex trafficking and adult women in sex work. They were asked about the health of children whose mothers were trafficked or in sex work but not about their own children. This approach allows participants to discuss sensitive issues but without having to share potentially negative information about their own children. Participants were asked to identify the common and serious health problems among the children based on their observations, to rank the problems in order of seriousness, to estimate the percentages of the children who experience certain health problems, and to identify the causes of death among the children. There were numerous reports of birth defects, fetal alcohol syndrome, blindness, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and physical and sexual abuse. Nearly a third of respondents (31%) knew of the death of a child whose mother was trafficked or in sex work, and 11% reported they knew of the death of a child due to physical abuse. The majority of respondents (89%) reported that some daughters are trafficked into prostitution. The median estimate of the percentage of daughters who are trafficked was 50%. Children born to trafficked adolescents and adult female sex workers in the U.S. are potentially at high risk for many serious and fatal health problems. The magnitude of these health problems is poorly understood but warrant urgent attention.

World Heritage Review

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World Heritage and gender equality

It is increasingly recognized that culture has an essential role to play as a driver of sustainable development, contributing to the eradication of poverty and enhancing social inclusion. Culture helps to define people's identities and determines the way they shape their future. Gender equality, which is a UNESCO priority, refers to the roles and responsibilities of men and women and gender dynamics within families, societies and cultures.

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