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**Week ending 22 October 2016**

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**:: Week in Review**

*A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across*

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*these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.*

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***Editor's Note:***

*Last week, Burundi and South Africa, in separate actions, took steps to withdraw from the International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC's response to these historic decisions is below.*

**President of the Assembly regrets withdrawal of any State Party from the Rome Statute and reaffirms the Court's fight against impunity**

International Criminal Court (ICC) - Press Release  
22 October 2016 ICC-CPI-20161021-PR1248

On 21 October 2016, the Government of the Republic of South Africa deposited its instrument of withdrawal from the Rome Statute ("Statute"), the founding treaty of the International Criminal Court ("ICC"), with the Secretary General of the United Nations. The decision comes in the wake of the withdrawal process recently initiated by Burundi.

In this regard, the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Mr. Sidiki Kaba, indicated: "Although withdrawing from a treaty is a sovereign act, I regret these decisions and invite South Africa and Burundi to reconsider their positions." "I urge them to work together with other States in the fight against impunity, which often causes massive violations of human rights," he added.

The President of the Assembly is concerned that this disturbing signal would open the way to other African States withdrawing from the Rome Statute, thus weakening the only permanent international criminal court in charge of prosecuting the most serious crimes that shock the conscience of humanity, namely genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and crimes of aggression. For Mr. Kaba, the international community must remain united to face the enormous challenge of preventing the commission of such crimes, prosecuting the alleged perpetrators, whoever they are and wherever they are, to ensure peace, stability and security of our States.

Mr. Sidiki Kaba reiterates that the International Criminal Court needs the strong support of the international community and the cooperation of States to ensure its effectiveness and strengthen its credibility. In concluding, he calls upon all States parties to remain active members and other States to ratify the Rome Statute in order to ensure the right to universal justice to all victims of mass crimes.

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**UNOG- REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING BY THE INFORMATION SERVICE**

21 October 2016

*[Editor's text bolding]*

*...Burundi*

In response to a question, Ms. Shamdasani said that **OHCHR deeply regretted Burundi's**

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## **decision to leave the International Criminal Court. That had come after the Government had also indicated its decision not to cooperate with OHCHR in Burundi.**

The High Commissioner had met with the Burundian authorities to try to speak to them about those issues and help them understand that OHCHR presence in the country was there to help promote and protect human rights in Burundi. OHCHR had had quite a good relationship with the Government prior to this, in spite of the crisis in the country. The Government had allowed OHCHR access to detention centres and OHCHR had persuaded the Government to free several political prisoners. OHCHR stressed the need for international accountability for crimes of an international level.

OHCHR certainly encouraged other countries not to follow suit. The setting up of the ICC had been a huge victory for international justice for crimes that had shocked the human conscience. OHCHR urged countries not to take a step back.

In response to another question, she said that the Human Rights Council members could not decide to expel a Council member themselves, and that it would have to be a decision of the General Assembly. Rolando Gomez, Spokesperson for the Human Rights Council had circulated a note to that effect. The High Commissioner had expressed his deep concerns publicly and privately, and had spoken to the President of the Human Rights Council, but it was a matter for Member States. OHCHR would encourage all Member States of the UN to cooperate with any efforts towards international justice. The reason behind the creation of those international mechanisms was the kinds of war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity that had shocked the world's conscience, and those organizations had shown time and again their ability to deliver justice where the countries concerned were unable or unwilling to do so...

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## **Syria - Aleppo**

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

*Following a number of recent Security Council sessions which have seen strained debate on the crisis in Syria, and more particularly the situation in Aleppo, some 70 member states requested a special informal meeting of the General Assembly to engage the situation. A link to the video record of the extraordinary three-hour meeting held on 20 October 2016 is below.*

*Also last week, the Human Rights Council took up the situation in Aleppo, debating and then adopting a resolution [A/HRC/S-25/L.1](#) calling for a cessation of hostilities, among other actions described below.*

## **[Briefing on the situation in Syria - General Assembly, informal meeting, 71st session](#)**

[Video:: 3:00:34]

20 Oct 2016 - Informal meeting of the General Assembly to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General and his Special Envoy on Syria, Mr. Staffan de Mistura, on the situation in Syria.

## **[Human Rights Council concludes Special Session on the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, and the recent situation in Aleppo](#)**

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GENEVA (21 October 2016) - The Human Rights Council this afternoon concluded its Special Session on the deteriorating situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, and the recent situation in Aleppo, after requesting the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic to conduct a comprehensive, independent special inquiry into the events in Aleppo, and identify all those responsible for alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law.

In the [resolution](#) - [A/HRC/S-25/L.1](#) - adopted by a vote of 24 in favour, seven against and 16 abstentions, the Council welcomed any genuine steps to improve the humanitarian situation in Aleppo and the decision of the Secretary-General to establish an internal United Nations board of inquiry on the incident involving the bombing of a United Nations-Syrian Arab Red Crescent relief operation to Urum al-Kubra, in the Syrian Arab Republic, on 19 September 2016.

The Human Rights Council urged the immediate implementation of the cessation of hostilities, and demanded that the regime and its allies put an immediate end to all aerial bombardments of and military flights over Aleppo city. The Council demanded that all parties, in particular the Syrian authorities and its supporters, promptly allowed rapid, safe, unhindered and sustained humanitarian access, including across conflict lines and borders.

The Council requested the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic to conduct a comprehensive, independent special inquiry into the events in Aleppo, and identify all those responsible for alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law. It further requested the Commission of Inquiry to support efforts to ensure that perpetrators of alleged abuses and violations were held accountable, and to provide a full report of the findings of its special inquiry to the Human Rights Council no later than its thirty-fourth session.

The opening meeting of the Special Session heard keynote statements by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in a video message; Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic; and Catalina Devandas Aguilar, Member of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures, speaking on behalf of the Coordination Committee of Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council; as well as a statement by Syria, the concerned country.

A summary of their statements and the debate can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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## **UNOG- [REGULAR PRESS BRIEFING BY THE INFORMATION SERVICE](#)**

21 October 2016

*[Excerpt]*

*Syria*

Jens Laerke, for the [Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#) (OCHA), **said that medical evacuations of sick and injured people could unfortunately not commence this morning in east Aleppo as planned, because the necessary conditions were not in place to ensure safe, secure and voluntary evacuation of the sick and critically wounded people and their families.**

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The UN and its humanitarian partners were present and ready in west Aleppo to carry out the UN plan for medical evacuations as soon as conditions allowed. He reiterated that the UN was not involved in any way in any proposed evacuation of other civilians from eastern Aleppo, related to the announcement by the Russian Federation. The UN plan was a strictly humanitarian initiative and separate from other initiatives at the political level. The UN continued to push for full humanitarian access to besieged eastern Aleppo to provide urgently needed supplies for the civilian population, which was part of the UN's four-day plan of operations during the window offered by the unilateral pause announced by the Russian Federation, which had begun on 20 October. Humanitarian supplies had been prepared, as well as medicines and medical supplies, so that they could proceed as soon as approval from all parties would be granted.

The UN continued to urge all parties to the conflict and those with influence over them to come to an agreement so that the UN could provide assistance to some 275,000 people living under siege, and safely evacuate the sick and wounded so that they could get the life-saving medical care that they needed. People in eastern Aleppo had not been reached with UN assistance since early July 2016...

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## **Mosul**

### **UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR, STEPHEN O'BRIEN - STATEMENT ON IRAQ**

New York, 16 October 2016

I am extremely concerned for the safety of up to 1.5 million people living in Mosul who may be impacted by military operations to retake the city from ISIL. Families are at extreme risk of being caught in cross-fire or targeted by snipers. Tens of thousands of Iraqi girls, boys, women and men may be under siege or held as human shields.

Thousands may be forcibly expelled or trapped between the fighting lines. Children, women, the elderly and disabled will be particularly vulnerable. Depending on the intensity and scope of the fighting, as many as one million people may be forced to flee their homes in a worst-case scenario.

I renew my call on all parties to the conflict to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians and ensure they have access to the assistance they are entitled to and deserve. Nothing is more important.

Humanitarian partners will be doing everything possible to support the people who may be displaced and affected by this military operation. Shelter is currently available for 60,000 people in camps and emergency sites. Construction of additional sites, with capacity for 250,000 people, is underway. Food rations for 220,000 families are ready for distribution, 143,000 sets of emergency household items are in stock; latrines and showers are being readied for dispatch and 240 tonnes of medication are available at distribution points.

Despite generous contributions from donor countries, funding has been insufficient to prepare fully for the worst-case scenario. With the resources available, humanitarian

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partners have done their best to prepare as efficiently as possible. Working under some of the most difficult and insecure conditions in the world, humanitarian partners will be doing everything possible to help as many people as possible in the days and weeks ahead.

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## **HABITAT III - NEW URBAN AGENDA**

### **QUITO DECLARATION ON SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOR ALL**

October 2016 :: 24 pages

*[Excerpt]*

*...Our shared vision*

11. We share a vision of cities for all, referring to the equal use and enjoyment of cities and human settlements, seeking to promote inclusivity and ensure that all inhabitants, of present and future generations, without discrimination of any kind, are able to inhabit and produce just, safe, healthy, accessible, affordable, resilient, and sustainable cities and human settlements, to foster prosperity and quality of life for all. We note the efforts of some national and local governments to enshrine this vision, referred to as right to the city, in their legislations, political declarations and charters.

12. We aim to achieve cities and human settlements where all persons are able to enjoy equal rights and opportunities, as well as their fundamental freedoms, guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, including full respect for international law. In this regard, the New Urban Agenda is grounded in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, international human rights treaties, the Millennium Declaration, and the 2005 World Summit Outcome. It is informed by other instruments such as the Declaration on the Right to Development.

13. We envisage cities and human settlements that:

(a) fulfill their social function, including the social and ecological function of land, with a view to progressively achieve the full realization of the right to adequate housing, as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, without discrimination, universal access to safe and affordable drinking water and sanitation, as well as equal access for all to public goods and quality services in areas such as food security and nutrition, health, education, infrastructure, mobility and transportation, energy, air quality, and livelihoods;

(b) are participatory, promote civic engagement, engender a sense of belonging and ownership among all their inhabitants, prioritize safe, inclusive, accessible, green, and quality public spaces, friendly for families, enhance social and intergenerational interactions, cultural expressions, and political participation, as appropriate, and foster social cohesion, inclusion, and safety in peaceful and pluralistic societies, where the needs of all inhabitants are met, recognizing the specific needs of those in vulnerable situations;

(c) achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, ensuring women's full and effective participation and equal rights in all fields and in leadership at all levels of decision-making, and by ensuring decent work and equal pay for equal work, or work of equal value for

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all women, as well as preventing and eliminating all forms of discrimination, violence, and harassment against women and girls in private and public spaces;

(d) meet the challenges and opportunities of present and future sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, leveraging urbanization for structural transformation, high productivity, value-added activities, and resource efficiency, harnessing local economies, taking note of the contribution of the informal economy while supporting a sustainable transition to the formal economy;

(e) fulfill their territorial functions across administrative boundaries, and act as hubs and drivers for balanced sustainable and integrated urban and territorial development at all levels;

(f) promote age- and gender-responsive planning and investment for sustainable, safe, and accessible urban mobility for all and resource efficient transport systems for passengers and freight, effectively linking people, places, goods, services, and economic opportunities;

(g) adopt and implement disaster risk reduction and management, reduce vulnerability, build resilience and responsiveness to natural and man-made hazards, and foster mitigation and adaptation to climate change;

(h) protect, conserve, restore, and promote their ecosystems, water, natural habitats, and biodiversity, minimize their environmental impact, and change to sustainable consumption and production patterns...

#### *Press Release*

#### [New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III](#)

21 October 2016 – The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development has wrapped up in Quito, Ecuador, with delegations adopting the [New Urban Agenda](#) – a new framework that lays out how cities should be planned and managed to best promote sustainable urbanization.

“We have analyzed and discussed the challenges that our cities are facing and have [agreed] on a common roadmap for the 20 years to come,” Joan Clos, Secretary-General of the conference and Executive Director of the UN Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), told participants at the closing session.

The conference, hosted by the city of Quito drew around 36,000 people from 167 different countries over the past week and a reported 50,000 to the various associated exhibition areas. Clos said that the document should be seen as an extension of the [2030 Agenda](#) for Sustainable Development, agreed by 193 Member States of the UN in September 2015.

That Agenda’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)) recognized the power of cities and towns, which will constitute up to 70 per cent of the world population by 2050, to be the engine for sustainable growth in the future, a concept further emphasized in the New Urban Agenda. Habitat III brought together mayors, local and regional authorities, civil society and community groups, the private sector and urban planners.

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In the sidelines of the formal discussions, dozens of side and parallel events brought partners together to debate the more intricate areas of urbanization, such as the right of women and youth to the city, the importance of public space and how to finance the New Urban Agenda. Above all, Clos said, the New Urban Agenda is: "A commitment that we will all together take the responsibility...[for the] direction of the development of our common urbanizing world."...

**Habitat III website:** <https://habitat3.org/about>

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### **The State of World Population 2016**

UNFPA 2016 :: 116 pages

PDF:

[http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/sowp/downloads/The\\_State\\_of\\_World\\_Population\\_2016\\_-\\_English.pdf](http://www.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/sowp/downloads/The_State_of_World_Population_2016_-_English.pdf)

*Press Release*

[UNFPA State of World Population 2016](#)

20 October 2016

*Investing in 10-year-old girls could yield huge demographic dividend, pump billions into national economies*

:: Girls are less likely than boys to complete schooling and more likely to face forced marriage, child labour, female genital mutilation and other undermining practices.

:: More than half of the world's 60 million 10-year-old girls live in the 48 countries with the worst gender inequality.

:: \$21 billion a year dividend for developing countries can be unlocked if all 10-year-old girls complete secondary education.

UNITED NATIONS, New York—Forced marriage, child labour, female genital mutilation and other practices undermining girls' health and rights threaten the world's ambitious development agenda, warns UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in The State of World Population 2016, released today...

The State of World Population report notes that of the 125 million 10-year-olds today, 60 million are girls who are systematically disadvantaged at the global level as they move through adolescence into adulthood. Girls are less likely than boys to complete formal schooling at the secondary and university levels, are more likely to be in poorer physical and mental health, and will find it harder to get paid jobs.

The range of proven policy options available to governments has grown over the past decade. These include banning harmful practices, such as child marriage and providing cash transfers to parents of girls in poor households to help defray costs of schooling, and, thus keep girls in school longer. They also include providing life-skills training and age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to girls approaching puberty.

The challenge now, UNFPA's State of World Population report says, is to scale up these interventions to reach more girls, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, by age 10. "How we invest in and support 10-year-old girls today will determine what our world will look like in 2030," Dr. Osotimehin says. "With support from family, community and nation, and the

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full realization of her rights, a 10-year-old girl can thrive and help bring about the future we all want.”

#### Key statistics

- :: Nine out of 10 10-year-old girls live in developing countries, and one in five lives in a least developed country: one in five is in India, and one in eight in China.
- :: Each year of education delivers an additional 11.7 per cent uplift in wages in later life for girls (compared with 9.6 per cent for men). Yet, 16 million girls between 6 and 11 will never start school, twice the number of boys.
- :: If all the 10-year-old girls who drop out of school or do not attend school in developing countries completed secondary education, they would trigger a \$21 billion annual dividend.
- :: Ten per cent of 5-to-14 year-old girls do more than 28 hours of household chores per week, twice that of boys. Three in four girl labourers are unpaid.
- :: Every day, an estimated 47,700 girls are married before 18.

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#### **Monitoring Global Poverty - Report of the Commission on Global Poverty**

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank

2017 :: 263 pages

PDF:

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/25141/9781464809613.pdf>

#### *Press Release*

#### World Bank's Poverty Commission Releases Report on How to Better Measure and Monitor Global Poverty

WASHINGTON, October 18, 2016 – The World Bank's Commission on Global Poverty has submitted recommendations on how to more comprehensively measure and monitor global poverty in support of the Bank Group's goals of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity.

“The aim of our Report was to improve the way the World Bank monitors poverty. By focusing on changes over time, we can learn, taking account of the potential margins of error, about the evolution of global poverty. The confidence to be placed in these conclusions can be increased by improvements in the methods of analysis and in the underlying data. Outside the World Bank, it is hoped that this report will be of value to everyone engaged in poverty measurement across the world, and be a highly positive force in encouraging partnerships,” said Sir Anthony Atkinson, Lead Author & Chair of the Commission on Global Poverty.

In its report, the Commission acknowledges the challenges posed by its recommendations, including the limited statistical resources available to poor countries, the need for collaboration across countries and agencies, and different national circumstances among low, and middle-income countries.

The Commission also recommends that the World Bank hold constant the yardstick for measuring extreme poverty – at \$1.90 a day in 2011 PPPs - until 2030, the target year for the Bank's own goal of ending poverty as well as the end-year for the Sustainable Development

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Goals (SDGs), the first and foremost of which is the eradication of extreme poverty everywhere, in all its forms...

"Ending poverty is at the core of the World Bank's development work. As we strive towards ending extreme poverty by 2030, the recommendations of the Commission on Global Poverty will inform how we measure progress in all dimensions of our work," said World Bank Chief Economist, Paul Romer, "We are extremely thankful to the Commission for taking on this important task and providing its valuable recommendations."

Romer said that the Bank agreed with the Commission's call for the extreme poverty line to be cited as "the International Poverty Line (IPL)", and expressed in each country in terms of its local currency. The Commission had also urged the Bank to "establish its own requirements with regard to the measurement of non-monetary poverty", and to introduce a "multi-dimensional poverty indicator based on the counting approach, and covering the overlap of dimensions."

In response, Romer said the World Bank would now track non-monetary deprivations of poverty in three specific domains, namely: educational outcomes; access to health care; and access to basic services, such as water, sanitation and electricity. He said the Bank was particularly interested in the overlap among these different deprivations, and between them and monetary poverty..

[The Commission's final report](#) includes a set of 21 recommendations. Highlights include recommendations on broadening the conception of poverty to include non-monetary measures of deprivation; a suggestion to introduce a societal headcount measure of global poverty, which combines absolute and relative elements of poverty, and a recommendation to publish a global profile of the poor.

For a more detailed World Bank response to the recommendations of the Atkinson Commission, see the cover note '[Monitoring Global Poverty: A Cover Note to the Report of the Commission on Global Poverty](#)'

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## Health

### **UNICEF - [Supply of children's five-in-one vaccine secured at lowest-ever price](#)**

GENEVA, 19 October 2016 – Breakthrough prices have been achieved with six vaccine suppliers who offered to price pentavalent vaccine at an 84 cents a dose average – half the price that the UN children's agency currently pays.

In the next three years, UNICEF will buy 450 million doses to send to 80 countries. Four hundred million doses will be allocated to Gavi-supported and transitioning countries. The vaccine will protect tens of millions of children from potentially deadly infections caused by diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b.

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Since 2001, strong collaboration on market shaping across Gavi Alliance partners, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WHO and UNICEF, has achieved an affordable and sustainable pentavalent vaccine supply for children in the world's poorest countries.

The new pricing can also be accessed by governments who self-finance procurement of this cost-effective vaccine. It will generate over \$366 million in savings for donors and for governments.

"Ninety per cent of the world's children under five who die from vaccine-preventable diseases live in countries whose vaccine supply is no longer fully funded by donors," said Shanelle Hall, Director of UNICEF's supply and procurement headquarters. "For the most vulnerable children in the world, pricing can make a difference between life and death," Hall added.

"Gavi estimates that 5.7 million deaths will be averted thanks to pentavalent vaccination in Gavi-supported countries between 2011 and 2020," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "The market for five-in-one vaccines is now a lot healthier than it was just a few years ago thanks to our collective efforts to grow a base of vaccine suppliers. We remain committed to making vaccine markets work better for the world's poorest countries to ensure immunization investments and efforts are sustainable for all."

Achieving milestones in making vaccines more affordable illustrates how collaborative engagement, including with vaccine suppliers, can result in vaccine markets that put children's health first.

Careful monitoring of supply and demand in vaccine markets and consultations with vaccine manufacturers have helped determine the most effective actions to secure sufficient production levels and efficiencies of scale. Between 2001 and 2015, UNICEF's pentavalent vaccine procurement jumped from 14.5 million to more than 235 million doses, mainly driven by the increase in demand in countries supported by Gavi.

Broadening the supplier base reduces the risk of supply shortages and other serious market constraints that could negatively impact children. Collaboration between Gavi, the Gates Foundation and UNICEF leveraged the significant donor funding and through multi-year supplier contracts, improved demand forecasts and special contracting terms, helped grow the pentavalent vaccine supplier base from one in 2001 to six by 2016, and reduce prices.

As additional manufacturers become interested in supplying vaccines to UNICEF, competition between them intensifies. Since 2011, UNICEF publishes the prices of all vaccines it procures, giving manufacturers the advantage of seeing what their competitors charge – and this had led to better offers. By 2016, the price for donor-funded and government self-funded pentavalent vaccines was an average of \$1.65 a dose.

In 2016, a competitive pentavalent vaccine market and excess supply capacity represented ideal conditions to launch a new phased approach to tendering.

In the first phase, UNICEF invited interested suppliers to submit a proposed price. After making awards to the most competitive bids, UNICEF published prices and launched a second request for proposals, which gave time for suppliers to sharpen their initial offers. The final awards achieved lowest ever pricing while sustaining a healthy supply market for the longer-term.

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"Today's announcement demonstrates that partnerships can bring affordability and price sustainability to the table in supplier discussions, and this is transforming health outcomes for children," said Hall.

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### **[NIH contributes to global effort to prevent and manage lung diseases](#)** [CLEAN COOKSTOVES]

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 U.S.National INSITUTUES OF hEALTH  
*NIH-funded trial will measure health benefits of clean cookstoves.*

Household air pollution created by using wood, coal and other solid fuels for cooking and heating homes is a leading cause of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases worldwide, and causes more than 4 million premature deaths each year, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). To tackle this global health problem, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), with partial support through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is funding a **\$30.5 million, multi-country trial** to determine if using a widely available, clean, alternative cooking fuel significantly reduces deaths and illnesses, especially in women and children who suffer the greatest exposure. This is the first large-scale trial to investigate whether home use of cookstoves that run on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) improve air quality sufficiently to provide measurable health benefits and can be effectively adopted in real world situations.

The five-year study is part of a broader international effort totaling more than \$50 million to conduct research in 30 countries aimed at discovering how to prevent and manage chronic lung diseases. That initiative is being coordinated by the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD), a coalition of the world's largest public funders of health research.

"Indoor air pollution caused by cookstoves is one of the top health risks in developing countries, causing deaths from low birth weight among babies, pneumonia in young children, and heart and lung problems in adults," said NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D. "By working with our global partners on alternative fuel solutions, we have an opportunity to reduce that risk significantly for millions of people."

Three billion people worldwide rely on solid fuels for cooking and heating, according to the WHO. The resulting indoor pollution, which includes small particles that can lodge deep in the lungs, causes pneumonia, chronic lung disease, cardiovascular and heart disease, cancer and other conditions. Most solid fuel use occurs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), but also takes place in high-income countries, largely in rural areas.

The NIH award will enable researchers to conduct a randomized control trial of LPG cookstoves and fuel in four LMICs: India, Rwanda, Guatemala and Peru. U.S. investigators and their collaborators in the trial sites will follow pregnant women, their offspring and older women to provide evidence of the impact the alternative fuel has on household air pollution, child health and development, and adult chronic diseases. Emory University in Atlanta is leading the study...

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## Emergencies / Disasters

### [WHO Grade 3 Emergencies](#) [to 22 October 2016]

[Iraq](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

#### [Nigeria](#)

:: [Early warnings on disease outbreaks guide response in Nigeria](#)

20 October 2016 – WHO has rapidly expanded and strengthened disease detection and response in support of the Government of Nigeria's response to the humanitarian crisis in north eastern Nigeria, where 3.7 million people are in need of health assistance. Within two weeks of scaling up its emergency response in late August 2016, WHO rolled out its Early Warning Alert Response System in 56 health facilities in Borno state.

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[South Sudan](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[The Syrian Arab Republic](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

#### [Yemen](#)

:: [Yemen cholera outbreak: WHO and partners urgently require US\\$ 22.35 million to save lives and reduce suffering](#)

18 October 2016 – The World Health Organization and health partners urgently require support from the international donor community to contain the spread of acute watery diarrhoea/cholera in Yemen. A total of US\$ 22.35 million is required by the Health and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene clusters, of which US\$ 16.6 million is immediately required.

*[Editor's Note: No mention of OCV]*

### [WHO Grade 2 Emergencies](#) [to 22 October 2016]

[Cameroon](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Central African Republic](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Ethiopia](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Libya](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Myanmar](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Niger](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

[Ukraine](#) - *No new announcements identified.*

### [UN OCHA - Emergencies](#) [to 22 October 2016]

*The UN and its humanitarian partners are currently responding to three 'L3' emergencies. This is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises.*

[Iraq](#) –

:: [Statement on Iraq \[Mosul\]](#) - UN Humanitarian Chief 16 Oct 2016

#### [Syria](#)

- *No new announcements identified.*

#### [Yemen](#)

:: [Yemen Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 16 | As of 30 September 2016](#) 18 Oct 2016

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## **IKEA Foundation to help Save the Children and MSF save thousands of children's lives during catastrophic disasters**

October 17, 2016

...Today the IKEA Foundation signed framework agreements with Save the Children and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) that will enable the organisations to access the funding they need right after a disaster strikes...

### *Protecting children in the deadliest disasters*

The IKEA Foundation's new agreement will give Save the Children access to up to €2 million within 72 hours of a category-one disaster—an extraordinary emergency affecting more than one million children and causing widespread destruction.

Save the Children will use the funding to quickly and efficiently help children and their families survive the unthinkable and begin to recover in the months that follow.

"Save the Children is tremendously excited to deepen our relationship with the IKEA Foundation, and even more so, to further our mutual commitment to do whatever it takes to save children's lives in emergencies around the world. Quite simply, rapid response save children's lives. This partnership, allowing for substantial and immediate funding of emergency response, allows us the flexibility to immediately begin our work on the ground. I hear repeatedly from seasoned response workers around the world that this is the kind of partnership we need to take humanitarian response to the next level. On behalf of Save the Children, I want to thank the IKEA Foundation for partnering with us and driving innovation in the sector", said Daniele Timarco, Humanitarian Director Save the Children.

### *Providing medical care during "unseen" disasters*

...Thanks to this new agreement with the IKEA Foundation, MSF will be able to access emergency grants of up to €3 million to help children and their families survive these disasters.

"Emergency humanitarian action often happens in places the world seems to have forgotten, in places that are hard to reach for journalists," explains Bruno Jochum, General Director of Médecins Sans Frontières. "The IKEA Foundation grants will help our teams provide lifesaving medical care and, in so doing, show the families caught in these crises that we're trying to support them in their time of greatest need."...

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

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

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

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

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SG/SM/18220-IHA/1420

[Secretary-General Creates Inquiry Board to Investigate Incident Involving United Nations-Syrian Arab Red Crescent Relief Convoy Near Aleppo](#)

20 October 2016

SG/SM/18218-GA/11845

[Vulnerable Suffering Most of All under 'Medieval' Conditions in Eastern Aleppo, Secretary-General Tells Informal General Assembly Meeting on Syria](#)

19 October 2016

GA/11842

[Amid Rising Violent Extremism, Intolerance, Speakers at General Assembly Commemoration Urge Upholding of Key Human Rights Covenants](#)

With violent extremism on the rise and waves of intolerance and hate targeting minorities, migrants and the most vulnerable, the international community must renew efforts to uphold its human rights treaties, the General Assembly heard this morning.

19 October 2016

SC/12558

[Despite Other Middle East Crises, Intensifying Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Must Not Be Ignored, Delegates Tell Security Council during Day-long Debate](#)

Citing outbreaks of violence between Israelis and Palestinians, Israeli settlement activity, Palestinian political turmoil and militant activity, along with continued suffering in Gaza, speakers in a day-long debate at the Security Council warned that, regardless of other conflict in the region, the situation must not be ignored.

19 October 2016

GA/SHC/4173

[Growing Intolerance against Migrants, Minorities Challenges Basic Global Values, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Tells Third Committee](#)

Growing unilateralism — often fuelled by intolerance towards migrants as well as racial and ethnic minorities — impeded the realization of human rights, the senior-most United Nations human rights official told the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today, as delegates discussed ways to improve the Organization's ability to serve those most in need.

17 October 2016

GA/SHC/4171

[Food and Agriculture Organization Calls Indigenous Peoples 'True Custodians of Biodiversity' as Third Committee Holds Day-long Debate on Their Rights](#)

Speakers in the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural) today called for concrete steps to protect indigenous peoples' rights, including through obtaining free, prior and informed consent and enhancing their participation in both national policy design and at the United Nations.

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 22 October 2016]

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

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### [Mosul: ISIL use of 'human shields' underscores need to protect civilians – Zeid](#)

GENEVA (21 October 2016) – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein called for the protection of civilians to be at the forefront of military planning as the Iraqi Government and associated forces attempt to re-take Mosul, amid reports that fighters from the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, ISIL, are using civilians as human shields.

"We are gravely worried by reports that ISIL is using civilians in and around Mosul as human shields as the Iraqi forces advance, keeping civilians close to their offices or places where fighters are located, which may result in civilian casualties," said Zeid. "We therefore welcome the public statements by Iraq's leaders that the utmost efforts will be made to protect civilians, as required by international humanitarian law."

The High Commissioner voiced particular concern regarding the women, children and men held captive by ISIL, especially those from ethnic or religious communities who are at extreme risk. "There is a grave danger that ISIL fighters will not only use such vulnerable people as human shields but may opt to kill them rather than see them liberated," he said...

### [DRC: UN reports reveal clear use of excessive force, rife impunity for rights violations](#)

### [Canada: UN expert panel warns of systemic anti-Black racism in the criminal justice](#)

### [Zeid publishes human rights recommendations on Mexico](#)

### ["The New Urban Agenda" -- Opening remarks at a press conference by UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Kate Gilmore at the Habitat III Conference in Ecuador](#)

### [Refugees and terrorism: "No evidence of risk" – New report by UN expert on counter-terrorism](#)

### [Violence against environmental defenders – New UN major report urges zero-tolerance](#)

### [Habitat III: "It's not about conferences, but people" – UN expert calls for big 'Shift' in approach to housing](#)

### **Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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

[to 22 October 2016]

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

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### ["Stand strong to support them" – UN experts urge families and communities of the released 21 Chibok girls](#)

### **SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 22 October 2016]

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

19 October 2016

[Mauritania: UN experts concerned about situation of jailed human rights activists](#)

18 October 2016

["Stand strong to support them" – UN experts urge families and communities of the released 21 Chibok girls](#)

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN OCHA** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Afghanistan: Afghanistan: Common Humanitarian Fund \(CHF\) – Funding Update - October 2016](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Afghanistan, Australia, Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Contributions Since its inception in 2014, the CHF-Afghanistan pooled fund has received just over US\$120 million in contributions from eight key donors dedicated to coordinated humanitarian action in Afghanistan. In 2016, an estimated US\$47.2 million has been committed, the most...

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[occupied Palestinian territory: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on the Humanitarian Situation in the oPt](#)

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[Iraq: The United Nations and humanitarian partners delivering assistance for displaced families from Mosul \[EN/AR/KU\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq Country: Iraq (Baghdad, 17 October 2016): The intensification of military operations to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) could affect up to 1.5 million people in the city. Up to 1 million girls, boys, women and men may be forced from their homes, of which up to 700,000 may be in need of shelter assistance. Up to 200,000 people may be...

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[Iraq: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien - Statement on Iraq, 16 October 2016 \[EN/KU/AR\]](#)

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[Tajikistan: Simulating earthquake response in Tajikistan for better preparedness](#)

**UNICEF** [to 17 September 2016]

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

DAMASCUS/ GENEVA, 21 October 2016

[Children in war-torn Syria risk their lives to go to school](#)

- With the start of the school year in Syria, over 1.7 million children remain out of school and another 1.3 million are at a risk of dropping out, according to new education data.

[UNICEF calls on European Council to address plight of refugee and migrant children](#)

BRUSSELS, 20 October, 2016 - "This week's meeting of the European Council in Brussels is a perfect opportunity for Europe to begin putting in place specific and measurable actions to address the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children.

[Supply of children's five-in-one vaccine secured at lowest-ever price](#)

GENEVA, 19 October 2016 – Breakthrough prices have been achieved with six vaccine suppliers who offered to price pentavalent vaccine at an 84 cents a dose average – half the price that the UN children's agency currently pays.

[Aamir Khan travels to Bhutan with UNICEF to help advocate against malnutrition](#)

THIMPHU, Bhutan 18 October 2016 – UNICEF Regional Goodwill Ambassador and film actor and director Aamir Khan is in Bhutan to meet children affected by malnutrition, and to witness how UNICEF is working to address stunting across the country.

[UNICEF statement on the sentencing of Baquer Namazi](#)

NEW YORK, 18 October 2016 – "His friends and colleagues at UNICEF have learned with deep sadness and personal concern that our former colleague Baquer Namazi, who has been incarcerated in Iran since 22 February, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

[Record numbers of unaccompanied children arrive in Italy – UNICEF](#)

ROME/ GENEVA, 18 October 2016 – Three newborn babies, two born on Italian Coastguard boats in the Central Mediterranean and one at port, are among the newest arrivals of refugee and migrant children in Italy, as numbers of children hit record levels, says UNICEF.

[Keep children safe in Mosul operation, UNICEF says](#)

BAGHDAD, 17 October 2016 – More than half a million children and their families in Mosul will be at extreme risk in the coming weeks, UNICEF warned today as a military operation to retake the northern Iraqi city gets under way.

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 22 October 2016]

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

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[Mosul: Low-level displacement in northern Iraq and Syria, UNHCR focus on continued preparations](#)

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[UNHCR makes new aid delivery push in Yemen, welcomes 72-hour ceasefire](#)

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[UNHCR concern over the return of 10 Syrian asylum-seekers from Greece](#)

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**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[IOM Team Brings Aid to Newly Retaken Areas in Mosul, Iraq](#)

Iraq - An IOM Iraq team has visited the recently retaken area of Qayara to hand over the Qayara Airstrip emergency site to contractors, and to distribute non-food item kits.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 319,711; Deaths at Sea: 3,654](#)

10/21/16

Switzerland - IOM reports that 319,711 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 19 October, arriving mostly in Greece and Italy.

[Preparation Pays Off in Philippines as Monster Storm Barrels Through](#)

10/21/16

Philippines - A major humanitarian catastrophe has been averted in the Philippines, thanks to efficient preparedness and evacuation measures by the Philippine government and its partners.

[Migration Information and Data Analysis System \(MIDAS\) Goes Online in Burkina Faso](#)

10/21/16

Burkina Faso - For the first time, Burkina Faso will be able to monitor electronically migration flows at the border crossings of Dakola (border with Ghana) Madouba Department (border with Mali) and Yendéré (border with Côte d'Ivoire), following the instalment of a Migration...

[IOM, Tanzania Launch Safe Family Reunification Guidelines for Child Victims of Trafficking](#)

10/18/16

Tanzania - IOM and Tanzania's Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), (through the National Anti-Trafficking Secretariat) will tomorrow launch standard operating procedures for protecting, assisting and referring trafficked children and safe family-reunification guidelines for child...

[IOM Combats Cholera Outbreak in Yemen](#)

10/18/16

Yemen - Yemen's Ministry of Public Health and Population (MoPHP) has officially announced eight cholera cases in Sana'a city. Three more confirmed cases of cholera were reported on 9 October 2016, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 11.

**WHO & Regional Offices** [to 22 October 2016]

*Highlights*

[Community-based social innovations to support older people](#)

October 2016 -- The WHO Kobe Centre has launched a large-scale research project on community-based social innovations for healthy ageing. This new research aims at improving

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health and well-being of older people at a community level, and to guide development and implementation of various models of community-based care and support services.

#### [India's leprosy case detection campaign reaches 320 million people](#)

October 2016 -- A recent door-to-door leprosy case detection campaign in India has screened a record 320 million people, revealing thousands of 'hidden' cases in some of the country's districts. The campaign by the National Leprosy Elimination Programme covered 149 districts across 19 states and mobilized almost 300 000 health workers.

#### [Lead poisoning is entirely preventable](#)

WHO

21 October 2016 – In 2013 lead exposure accounted for 853 000 deaths and 16.8 million life years lost due to its long-term effects on health, with the highest burden in developing countries. An important source of lead exposure, particularly in children, is paint containing high levels of lead. From 23 to 29 October 2016, the international lead poisoning prevention week of action will focus on eliminating lead paint.

#### **:: WHO Regional Offices**

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##### [WHO African Region](#) AFRO

#### **:: Thumbs up for the transformation process in the WHO African Region**

October 2016 - The Regional Director's Independent Advisory Group (IAG) has unanimously commended the Regional Director, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, for progress made so far in the efforts to transform the Secretariat of the WHO African Region into an effective, efficient and transparent organization.

#### **:: The heads of delegation of Members States of the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region adopt the Algiers's Call to Action for tobacco control - 19 October 2016**

#### **:: WHO hosts regional consultation to strengthen national school health programmes in the African Region - 18 October 2016**

##### [WHO Region of the Americas](#) PAHO

#### **:: Health leaders discuss action against mosquito-borne viruses such as Zika and dengue (10/21/2016)**

#### **:: The Americas celebrate 25 years without polio (10/21/2016)**

#### **:: USAID grants PAHO \$31 million to improve health in Latin America and the Caribbean (10/17/2016)**

##### [WHO South-East Asia Region](#) SEARO

*No new content identified.*

##### [WHO European Region](#) EURO

#### **:: New WHO policy paper reviews opportunities to promote environmental sustainability in health systems 20-10-2016**

#### **:: World Statistics Day 2016 – be a data explorer 20-10-2016**

#### **:: Influenza vaccine: Protection for both health care workers and patients 17-10-2016**

##### [WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region](#) EMRO

#### **:: Cutting deaths caused by pollution 19 October 2016**

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:: Yemen cholera outbreak: WHO and partners urgently require US\$ 22.35 million to save lives and reduce suffering 18 October 2016

WHO [Western Pacific Region](#)

*No new content identified*

**UNAIDS** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Press statement*

[BRICS countries underline the imperative of advancing cooperation and action on HIV and tuberculosis](#)

GENEVA, 17 October 2016—At the close of the 2016 BRICS Summit in Goa, India, leaders of the BRICS countries (Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa) have underlined the imperative of advancing cooperation and action to respond to the epidemics of HIV and tuberculosis.

In their declaration, the leaders emphasized the importance of cooperation among BRICS countries in promoting the research and development of local pharmaceuticals and diagnostic tools in order to facilitate access to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines.

The Goa Declaration, issued at the end of the two-day summit, also took note of efforts made by BRICS health ministers to achieve the 90–90–90 targets by 2020, whereby 90% of people living with HIV will know their HIV status, 90% of people who know their HIV-positive status will access treatment and 90% of people on treatment will have suppressed viral loads. The declaration also noted the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS, which took place in New York, United States of America, in June 2016, at which countries committed to following a Fast-Track response to ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030...

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 22 October 2016]

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

20 October 2016

Press Release

[UNFPA State of World Population 2016](#)

*Investing in 10-year-old girls could yield huge demographic dividend, pump billions into national economies*

:: Girls are less likely than boys to complete schooling and more likely to face forced marriage, child labour, female genital mutilation and other undermining practices.

:: More than half of the world's 60 million 10-year-old girls live in the 48 countries with the worst gender inequality.

:: \$21 billion a year dividend for developing countries can be unlocked if all 10-year-old girls complete secondary education.

UNITED NATIONS, New York—Forced marriage, child labour, female genital mutilation and other practices undermining girls' health and rights threaten the world's ambitious development agenda, warns UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in The State of World Population 2016, released today...

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

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Helen Clark: Written statement at the 11th annual International Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs](#)

Oct 20, 2016 Cape Town, South Africa

[UNDP and Global Fund sign a new \\$7 million grant to address human rights barriers to HIV services in eight Caribbean countries](#)

Oct 18, 2016

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Fund have signed a new US\$7 million grant to address human rights barriers to HIV services in eight Caribbean countries – Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. The funds will focus on promoting and protecting human rights and access to HIV services for key populations such as men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers, marginalized young people and those using drugs, all of whom often bear the highest burden of HIV infection in the region.

[Sustainable development in cities is critical to achieving most of the 2030 Agenda](#)

Oct 17, 2016

The 2030 Agenda and the new Sustainable Development Goals provide a powerful illustration of the challenges and opportunities cities present. The Habitat III Conference, the largest global development conference in 2016, aims to secure renewed political commitment for sustainable urban development, assess accomplishments to date, tackle urban poverty and identify and address new and emerging challenges.

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 22 October 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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[International Seminar on Data for Sustainable Development Goals: Data Disaggregation](#)

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and Statistics Korea (KOSTAT) are organising an International Seminar on Data for Sustainable Development Goals: Data Disaggregation, to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 3-4 November 2016. This seminar will bring together international experts to discuss some of the challenges faced by national statistical systems in producing disaggregated data to monitor the sustainable development goals and targets and ensure no one is left behind.

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**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Urgent investment needed in walking and cycling infrastructure to save millions of lives and combat climate change](#)

- Of the 1.3 million people dying each year from traffic accidents, 49 per cent are pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists
- Malawi, Kenya, and South Africa most dangerous countries to walk and cycle
- Motorized transport responsible for 23 per cent of global CO2 emissions

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[Reforestation Africa's highest mountain could halt severe water shortages - UN Environment](#)

- Rivers begin to dry up as the loss of Mt Kilimanjaro's forests triggers water crisis
- Climate change has destroyed 13,000 hectares of the mountain's forests since 1976 – equivalent to cutting off a year's supply of drinking water for 1 million people
- East Africa's glaciers expected to disappear within a few decades

15/10/2016

[Countries agree to curb powerful greenhouse gases in largest climate breakthrough since Paris](#)

- Reducing emissions of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) under the Kigali Amendment can prevent up to 0.5°C of global warming, while continuing to protect the ozone layer
- HFCs consumption to be reduced in 2019 in developed countries and frozen in 2024 and 2028 in developing countries

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 22 October 2016]

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

19 October 2016, New York

[Habitat III: Promoting accessible and inclusive cities for all](#)

"The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development highlights the importance of the inclusion of disability in urban development," UN DESA's Under-Secretary-General Wu Hongbo said as he addressed the opening of the High Level Forum on Disability Inclusion and Accessible Urban Development, which took place on the eve of the UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Human Settlements (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador, on 16 October.

Bringing together more than 100 global urban planning and disability experts, the event honed in on finding solutions to make urban development inclusive of and accessible to the world's one billion persons with disabilities, many of whom live in cities.

Aimed at supporting States and related stakeholders in jointly advancing accessible and inclusive urban development, the event resulted in a set of key recommendations to build inclusive and accessible cities and implement the New Urban Agenda for all, including persons with disabilities.

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17 October 2016, New York

[United Nations urges commitment to fight humiliation and exclusion to end poverty](#)

Marking the 24th anniversary of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP), the United Nations today underscored the need to recognize and address the humiliation and exclusion endured by many people living in poverty.

"As we work together to honor our pledge to build a life of peace, prosperity and dignity for all, we must recognize that prejudice and discrimination seriously impede our efforts," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "To end poverty, we must commit to respect and defend the human rights of all people and end the humiliation and social exclusion that the poor face every day."...

**UNESCO** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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["World Heritage Sites and Museums" – International Conference, 2-3 November 2016](#)

Co-organized by UNESCO and the Arab Regional Centre for World Heritage (ARCIWH), the International Conference on World Heritage Sites and Museums will take place in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, from 2 to 3 November 2016, in cooperation also with ALECSO, ICCROM, ICOM, ICOMOS, and IUCN.

The World Heritage Convention, with its 192 States Parties and 1052 cultural, natural and mixed sites, holds that World Heritage sites belong to the international community as a whole, and are ours to share, to protect and to respect. Many World Heritage sites have related "site museums" or cultural institutions with rich collections that serve to present and preserve the integrity of the sites through conservation, public awareness and education. Some museums were also inscribed as World Heritage...

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[Yemen World Heritage. Archeology Art and Architecture](#)

The Oriental Art Museum, the Venetian Institute for Cultural Heritage (IVBC) and the Italian Archaeological Mission in Yemen will conduct a series of events from 20 October to 16 December, 2016 at the Oriental Art Museum, Venice, Italy in order promote and raise awareness about the historic and artistic richness of cultural heritage in Yemen.

[At the start of the battle for Mosul, UNESCO Director-General declares protection of heritage and human lives are inseparable](#)

Monday 17 October – As the Government of Iraq has announced the launch of a major offensive on Mosul, I wish to reiterate UNESCO's support to the population of Mosul, women, men and children who have suffered from violence and persecution over the past years, and who still are suffering. Nineveh (Mosul) is also one of the oldest cities of Mesopotamia, whose memory has been transmitted for centuries by people of all origins and all religions as a world symbol of dialogue between cultures and a medium of identity and memory for the Iraqi people. I call on all involved in military action to protect cultural heritage and refrain from any military use or targeting of cultural sites and monuments, in respect of obligations under international treaties...

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[As crime conference ends, UNODC receives boost to vital work of protecting sustainable development](#)

*The closing of the Eighth Session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) underlined how transnational organized crime hurts everyone, everywhere*

Vienna, 21 October 2016 - The Eighth Session of the Conference of Parties to the Palermo Convention today reinforced a growing acknowledgement that transnational organized crime undermines sustainable development and causes havoc in vulnerable and fragile societies...

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 22 October 2016]

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

Posted October 22, 2016

[New Urban Agenda adopted at Habitat III](#)

21 October 2016 – The United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development has wrapped up in Quito, Ecuador, with delegations adopting the New Urban Agenda – a new framework that lays out how cities...

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

[Joint Statement between UN-Habitat and OECD](#)

by UN Habitat Deputy Executive Director, Ms Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, and the OECD Development Centre Director, Mr Mario Pezzini, on their commitment to cooperate to address cities' financing gap The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and...

[ISOCARP endorses City Climate publication](#)

Quito, Ecuador: 19 October – The International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) is the latest of 46 partners to endorse the Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning, launched by UN Habitat and partners at...

[Mayor Sally Lee, Sorsogon, launches 'Addressing Climate Change in National Urban Policy' publication at Habitat III](#)

Quito, 18 October 2016 – UN Habitat on Tuesday launched, 'Addressing Climate Change in National Urban Policy,' a guide developed to assist all National Urban Policy stakeholders to better understand the intersection between National Urban Policy and...

[Habitat III opens with calls for commitment, implementation of the NUA](#)

Quito, 17 October 2016 – Making the New Urban Agenda a cornerstone of participatory, integrated and sustainable urban development is the core message from the opening of Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban...

[Women promote inclusion in New Urban Agenda in first session of Habitat III](#)

Quito, 15 October 2016 – The Women Assembly brought together grassroots women, gender champions, representatives from civil society, academia, international organisations and UN agencies to discuss the empowerment of women, gender equality and the New Urban Agenda....

[Young people create Youth DeclarACTION for New Urban Agenda](#)

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Quito, 14 October 2016 – Young people participating at the YouthHab Conference have gathered in Quito, Ecuador, to develop a “DeclarACTION” to seek local authorities’ commitment to youths within the framework of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and strengthen...

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[FAO and NEPAD team up to boost rural youth employment in Benin, Cameroon, Malawi and Niger](#)

The agreement signed today by FAO and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) will help the four countries involved draw up and implement policies that seek to boost the development of enterprises in rural areas, including through the transfer of knowledge and skills.

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[Agriculture has big role to play in curbing greenhouse gas emissions](#)

Agriculture generates around a fifth of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions. The sector must both contribute more to combating climate change while bracing to overcome its impacts, according to The State of Food and Agriculture 2016.

17-10-2016

[Rome-based UN agencies urge transformation of food systems for better nutrition](#)

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) opened its plenary today, poised in the wake of international agreements on new global Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change to forge ahead with coordinated action to transform the world’s food systems and nutrition.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Future of work and enterprises*

[France and ILO organize international conference on the future of enterprises](#)

21 October 2016

Researchers, government representatives and social partners from France and other countries look at how enterprises and workers can best adapt to future of work challenges.

*Labour situation in Latin America and the Caribbean*

[Labour indicators in Latin America and the Caribbean continue to deteriorate in the midst of regional economic contraction](#)

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ECLAC/ILO report indicates that urban unemployment increased during the first semester of 2016 and could reach 8.6 per cent for the year on average, with a marked variation between countries and subregions.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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## [New UN agreement to foster sustainable development synergies between air transport and urban development](#)

Montréal and Quito, 20 October 2016 – A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) enhancing the synergies between urban development and aviation has been signed in Quito by Dr. Fang Liu, the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Dr. Joan Clos, the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

The signing took place on the occasion of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III).

The agreement is significant as sustainable civil aviation is in a position to make critical contributions to States' achievement of the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, provided certain conditions exist, such as the effective implementation of international standards, timely coordination with other sectors of the economy, and seamless integration between aviation and other modes of transportation. The MoU provides for UN-Habitat and ICAO to strengthen their cooperation with a view to advising States on technical and policy matters relating to aviation issues raised within the context of the sustainable integration of airports in urban areas and within national development programmes. It directly supports SDGs 9, 11, and 13, which respectively pertain to economic development, urban well-being, and climate change.

The relationship is reciprocal as urban conditions impact on aviation safety, navigation, efficiency, and security, and consequently the economic development of air connectivity and its environmental consequences...

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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## [Panama accedes to global treaty to halt invasive aquatic species](#)

Panama is latest State to accede to BWM Convention, bringing shipping tonnage covered by the treaty to 53.28%, with 53 Contracting Parties

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 22 October 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)

Publish Date: 19 October 2016

## [January-September 2016 hottest on record](#)

Publish Date: 19 October 2016

## [WMO forecasts neutral to weak La Niña conditions](#)

Publish Date: 18 October 2016

## ["Modernization of Meteorological Services in Japan and Lessons for Developing Countries" published by World Bank](#)

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Sustainable urban-industrial development can advance Sustainable Development Goals, says UNIDO Director General](#)

VIENNA, 20 October 2016 – Sustainable urban-industrial development is key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and can only be done through enhanced connectivity and collaboration between cities, the private sector and development agencies.

This was UNIDO Director General LI Yong's message as he addressed the "One-Belt-One-Road Inclusive and Sustainable City Exhibition and Dialogue" taking place in Vienna this week. With cities represented from across Asia, Europe and Africa, the event, which is based on the One-Belt-One-Road initiative, aims to catalyze the creation of innovative partnerships dedicated to achieving the 2030 Agenda and to attract investment for urban infrastructure development...

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Reducing risk in intravenous delivery is the aim of new standard](#)

Intravenous delivery of medication or other vital products can save lives. But mix-ups with connectors that mean the wrong product is delivered can have catastrophic consequences. A new standard for connectors with intravenous or hypodermic applications has just been published, complementing the series of standards dedicated to reducing risks in such medical settings.

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[ISO management system standards continue growth trend, according to ISO Survey](#)

The 2015 results from the ISO Survey have just been released, showing the number of certifications to ISO management system standards continues to rise worldwide.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Mongolia hosts the UNWTO Silk Road Conference on Nomadic Tourism and Sustainable Cities](#)

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), together with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia and the World Cities Scientific Development Alliance (WCSDA), organized the International Silk Road Conference on Nomadic Tourism and Sustainable Cities in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 13-15 October 2016.

**ITU** International Telecommunications Union [to 22 October 2016]

<http://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/default.aspx>

*No new digest content identified.*

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[WIPO Launches Global Program to Help Boost Access to Patent System for Inventors with Limited Means](#)

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The World Intellectual Property Organization has launched a first-of-its kind global program in which patent attorneys provide pro bono help to inventors in developing countries who want to file a patent for their invention but lack the means to do so.

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**USAID** [to 22 October 2016]

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

*Website not responding at inquiry*

**DFID** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Patel: Aleppo pause 'woefully inadequate'](#)

20 October 2016 DFID Press release

[Patel: Protection and wellbeing of civilians in Mosul a top priority](#)

17 October 2016 DFID Press release

**ECHO** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**African Union** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Commemoration of Africa Human Rights Day](#)

October 16, 2016 | Press Releases

[AU welcomes the release of 21 Chibok girls](#)

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[ASEAN, UNESCO reinvigorate cooperation](#)

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JAKARTA, 21 October 2016 - ASEAN and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) agreed to deepen their cooperation at the ASEAN-UNESCO Joint Meeting held at the ASEAN Secretariat yesterday.

#### [ASEAN strengthens partnership for enhanced connectivity](#)

VIENTIANE, 20 October 2016 – ASEAN held the 7th ASEAN Connectivity Symposium today in Vientiane, Lao PDR to engage stakeholders in realising the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity 2025 (MPAC 2025), recognising that their ownership and cooperation are crucial to the long-term success and sustainability of the MPAC 2025 initiatives.

#### **European Commission** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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#### [Commission puts forward commitments to reach global targets in sustainable urban development](#)

Date: 20/10/2016

European - Press release Commission Quito, 20 October 2016 In the context of the U.N. Habitat III conference, the European Commission has presented three commitments to meet the New Urban Agenda's global objectives. The New Urban Agenda, adopted at the U.N.

#### [Managing migration effectively: Commission reports on progress in the implementation of the Partnership Framework with third countries](#)

Date: 18/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 18 October 2016 The Commission presents today its first progress Report on implementing the Partnership Frameworks with third countries: the EU's new approach to more effectively managing migration jointly with countries of origin and transit is starting to yield results.

#### [10th EU Anti-Trafficking Day: Commission calls for intensified efforts to address new challenges](#)

Date: 17/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 17 October 2016 The European Commission marks the 10th EU Anti-Trafficking Day today urging a reinvigoration of joint efforts across the Union to eradicate trafficking in human beings.

#### [EU announces €50 million in support for Cape Verde for growth and poverty reduction](#)

Date: 17/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 17 October 2016 Today the Commission signed an agreement which will provide €50 million to Cape Verde until 2020. Today Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, and Cape Verde's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Communities, Mr Luís Felipe Tavares, signed an agreement...

#### [Letter from President Juncker to the President and the Members of the European Council on progress in the implementation of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey](#)

Date: 17/10/2016

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 17 October 2016 In a letter to the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, which was also sent to the other Members of the European Council, President Juncker outlined the progress made by the European Commission in implementing the Facility for Refugees in Turkey,...

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**OECD** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Next step towards transparency in international tax matters: Five new jurisdictions sign tax co-operation agreement to enable automatic sharing of country-by-country information](#)

As part of continuing efforts to boost transparency by multinational enterprises (MNEs), Brazil, Guernsey, Jersey, the Isle of Man and Latvia signed today the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement (MCAA) for the automatic exchange of Country-by-Country reports, bringing the total number of signatories to 49.

13-October-2016

[Cities will become inequality traps without better housing, transport policies](#)

Governments should rethink city housing, transport and other urban systems to ensure that fast-growing cities do not become inequality traps, according to a new OECD report showing that a majority of cities have higher levels of inequality than the national average.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Electoral Observation Mission to the United States begins Visit to Georgia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia](#)

Next Monday, October 24th, the Chief of the Organization of American States Electoral Observation Mission (OAS/EOM) to the United States, former Costa Rican President Laura Chinchilla, will begin a preliminary visit to the United States during which she will hold meetings with key authorities and stakeholders of the electoral process in the states of Georgia and Pennsylvania, as well as the District of Columbia.

October 21, 2016

[El Salvador: OAS Secretary General Urges Respect for Independence of State Powers](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, today called for an end to pressures and verbal attacks against the Supreme Court of Justice and the Attorney General of El Salvador, which he called "a serious threat to the independence of powers in the Central American country."...

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[Speech of His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation At the Opening Session of the Forty-Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers](#)

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

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## Madani: Despite Some Progress the Campaign of Violence and Terror against the Rohingya People Continues

The OIC Ministerial Contact Group on the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar convened its meeting on the sideline of the 43rd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), hosted by the Uzbek Capital, Tashkent, on 18-19 October 2016.  
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## Launch of Website of OIC Center for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding

OIC Secretary General, Iyad Ameen Madani, announced, during the opening ceremony of the 43rd CFM Session held in the Uzbek capital Tashkent on 18 October 2016, the official launch of the OIC Center for Dialogue, Peace and Understanding (CDPU) website.  
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## **Group of 77** [to 22 October 2016]

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

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Thanavon Pamaranon, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, at the closing of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (HABITAT III) (New York, 21 October 2016)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by a representative of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations at the Informal Meeting of the General Assembly with the Secretary-General-designate (New York, 19 October 2016)

## **UNCTAD** [to 22 October 2016]

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

18 Oct 2016 –

Global consumer protection experts welcome landmark meeting, address challenges ahead

Geneva, Switzerland, Delegates from the consumer protection agencies of more than 70 countries heralded the first ever meeting on Monday of UNCTAD's Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGE) on Consumer Protection Law and Policy.

The establishment of this Group of Experts requested in December 2015 by United Nations' member States, who want their regulators to access the latest thinking and best practices on consumer protection, which in a globalized and digitalized world has become more complex than ever...

## **WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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"We have to work harder to explain why trade matters"

In a speech to the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise on 21 October, WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said more needs to be done to respond to the growing anti-trade

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movement. "The risk of the negative rhetoric is that it will evolve into damaging policies down the road," he declared.

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### **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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#### Statement by the IPU President, Visit to Ankara

I am pleased to be in Ankara today, at the invitation of Mr. Ismail Kahraman, Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey. We have had substantive and productive discussions, and I very much look forward to our cooperation ahead. I have also had the opportunity to exchange views with a number of other senior parliamentary officials, including the Chair of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women, the Chair of the Committee on Human Rights Inquiry and the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on the July 15 Coup Attempt.

I have used the opportunity to reiterate that the Inter-Parliamentary Union has condemned in the strongest possible terms the coup attempt in Turkey and the attack on Parliament on 15 July. Any attempt to interfere in the political process or accede to power through violence cannot be justified under any circumstances and should be clearly rejected...

### **International Court of Justice** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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### **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 22 October 2016]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

Press Release : 22 October 2016

President of the Assembly regrets withdrawal of any State Party from the Rome Statute and reaffirms the Court's fight against impunity [Burundi, South Africa]

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### **World Bank** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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Government of India and World Bank Sign \$650 Million Agreement for the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor Project

401 km Ludhiana-Khurja section of the 1,840 km long Corridor will be built in this phase NEW DELHI, October 21, 2016 - The Government of India and the World Bank today signed a \$650 million agreement towards...

Date: October 21, 2016 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Statement at Habitat III Plenary Meeting](#)

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Distinguished guests,Ladies and Gentlemen, Cities are growing at an unprecedented pace, and the speed and scale of urbanization brings with it significant challenges. Over the next 20 years, the population...

Date: October 18, 2016 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

### [Habitat III: Multilateral Development Banks from Around the World Collaborate to Support "New Urban Agenda"](#)

QUITO, ECUADOR, October 18, 2016 – In support of the "New Urban Agenda" adopted this week during the UN-sponsored global Habitat III conference, eight Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are putting...

Date: October 18, 2016 Type: Press Release

### [World Bank's Poverty Commission Releases Report on How to Better Measure and Monitor Global Poverty](#)

WASHINGTON, October 18, 2016 – The World Bank's Commission on Global Poverty has submitted recommendations on how to more comprehensively measure and monitor global poverty in support of the Bank Group's...

Date: October 18, 2016 Type: Press Release

### [European Investment Bank & World Bank Group Partner to Support Entrepreneurs in the Middle East & North Africa](#)

Washington, October 9, 2016 - An agreement to partner on a new joint initiative to support first time entrepreneurs, and in particular young people and women, was signed today in Washington DC by the European...

Date: October 17, 2016 Type: Press Release

### [Statement by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim on End Poverty Day](#)

DHAKA, Bangladesh, October 17, 2016 – World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim issued the following statement on End Poverty Day on progress made in the last year to collect more survey data on poverty...

Date: October 17, 2016 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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### [Middle East, North Africa Region Urged to Stay on Course with Reforms](#)

- :: Low oil prices, ongoing conflicts weigh on region's outlook
- :: Oil exporters should continue to adjust to lower oil prices, diversify their economies
- :: Oil importers need structural reforms to create jobs and inclusive growth

The slump in oil prices and ongoing conflicts continue to weigh on growth prospects of the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the IMF in its latest regional assessment...

**African Development Bank Group** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[AfDB invests US \\$20 million in Rx Healthcare Fund for quality healthcare delivery in Africa](#)

The Board of the African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved a US \$20-million equity investment in Rx Healthcare Fund (RxHF) to help improve healthcare delivery across the continent.

[Habitat III: Multilateral Development Banks collaborate to support 'New Urban Agenda'](#)

20/10/2016 - In support of the 'New Urban Agenda' adopted this week during the UN-sponsored global Habitat III conference, eight Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) are putting the Agenda's words into action by issuing a "Joint Statement" expressing their commitment to promote equitable, sustainable, and productive urbanization and urban communities.

[African Leaders for Nutrition: The AfDB plays a greater role in promoting nutrition accountability and grey matter infrastructure](#)

18/10/2016 - Akinwumi Adesina, President of the African Development Bank, and John Kufuor, former President of Ghana and Co-chair of the Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition, hosted the first official meeting of the African Leaders for Nutrition on Monday, October 17 in Abidjan. The Champions of the African Leaders for Nutrition also include Hery Rajaonarimampianina, President of Madagascar; Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations; Aliko Dangote, Founder and CEO of the Dangote Group; Jamie Cooper, Founding Chair and President of Big Win Philanthropy; Graça Machel, Founder of the Graça Machel Trust; and José Graziano da Silva, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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[New Approaches Needed to Address Rise of Poor Urban Villages in the Pacific](#)

New approaches are needed to address the challenge of rising urban dwellers in the Pacific who live in poor-quality housing with inadequate provision for basic services in so-called 'urban villages,' a new ADB report says.

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[Habitat III: Multilateral Development Banks From Around the World Collaborate to Support 'New Urban Agenda'](#)

In support of the 'New Urban Agenda' adopted by the Habitat III conference, MDBs are putting the agenda's words into action by committing to promote equitable, sustainable, and productive urbanization and urban communities.

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[Marvin Taylor-Dormond Appointed Director-General of Independent Evaluation at ADB](#)

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has appointed Marvin Taylor-Dormond, formerly with the World Bank Group (WBG), as its new director-general of Independent Evaluation. Mr. Taylor-Dormond has a long association with evaluation in a 26-year career in multilateral development banking, focusing over the past several years on private sector operations and sustainable development.

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of •*  
[International Advisory Panel Holds Inaugural Meeting](#)10/19/2016

[AIIB Launches First Stage of Energy Strategy Public Consultation](#)10/17/2016

[Delivering on the 2030 Agenda](#) 10/17/2016

Statement by the Heads of the African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the European Investment Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank Group, the International Finance Corporation, the Islamic Development Bank, the New Development Bank, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 22 October 2016]

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

21 October 2016

[IFAD and Peru sign \\$74.5 million agreement to create rural employment in conflict area](#)

20 October 2016

[IFAD renews commitment to rural prosperity in China with strategic \\$152 million programme](#)

18 October 2016

[IFAD to begin investment in Iraq to address challenges of agriculture and rural development](#)

17 October 2016

[IFAD calls on governments in Asia and Pacific to focus on targeted policies and investments to end rural poverty](#)

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

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

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

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**Amref Health Africa** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**CARE International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

21st Oct 2016

**CARE launches emergency response as Philippines experiences strongest storm in three years**

Aid agency CARE's emergency response teams have begun assessing the damage caused by super Typhoon Haima which tore through the Philippines earlier this week.

**Fears for Philippines northern provinces slammed by second typhoon in one week**

20th Oct 2016

Emergency teams have begun assessing the damage caused by Typhoon Haima in the Philippines, which has affected an estimated 2.7 million people and caused the evacuation of 90,000 people from their homes.

**INGO Statement on Yemen Ceasefire**

20th Oct 2016

Action Contre La Faim, ADRA, CARE, Danish Refugee Council, Intersos, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam, Save the Children and World Relief Germany, as INGOs operating in Yemen, welcome the recent announcement by the UN's Special Envoy to Yemen, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, regarding the commencement of a 72-hour ...

**Clubhouse International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 22 October 2016]

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

14.10.2016

**ECRE: Europe is outsourcing responsibilities**

ECRE members express concern at annual conference: Deal after deal, Europe is outsourcing its responsibilities for refugees

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**ECPAT** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Fountain House** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Handicap International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 19, 2016

**Super Typhoon Haima: Heifer ready to respond**

MUNTINLUPA, Philippines

As Super Typhoon Haima churns toward the northern Philippines, Heifer International is helping thousands of farmers in the region prepare for the storm.

**HelpAge International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles*

**South Africa: Dialogue towards more effective humanitarian action**

Pretoria (ICRC) – The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Peter Maurer, has completed a two day official visit to South Africa. During his visit Mr Maurer met with South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, Minister of Home Affairs. 21-10-2016 | News release

**ICRC's statement at Habitat III**

Plenary Statement by the ICRC at Habitat III, given by Hugo Slim, Head of Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross, 17-20 October 2016, Quito, Ecuador Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, The ICRC welcomes the New Urban Agenda. Q 19-10-2016 | Statement

**Nigeria: ICRC President Maurer and Nigerian President Buhari discuss humanitarian needs**

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Wrapping up a four-day visit to Nigeria, the President of the ICRC, Peter Maurer, met today with Nigerian President Muhammedu Buhari. The two discussed the humanitarian situation in Nigeria, particularly in the conflict-affected North East.  
17-10-2016 | News release

[The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction: ICRC statement to United Nations, 2016](#)

United Nations, General Assembly, 71st session, Sixth Committee statement by the ICRC, New York, October 2016. The principle of universal jurisdiction is one of the key tools for ensuring the prevention, criminalization and punishment of serious violations.  
14-10-2016 | Statement

[Migrant children: ICRC statement to the United Nations, 2016](#)

Migrant children, United Nations General Assembly, 71st session, Third Committee, Statement by the ICRC.  
14-10-2016 | Statement

**IFRC** [to 22 October 2016]

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

21 October 2016

[Haiti hurricane: Food, shelter and relief supplies reaching people in isolated villages](#)

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[Haiti Hurricane: Red Cross mobile medical clinic deployed; Preparing to deliver urgent care in hard-to-reach villages](#)

20 October 2016

[Philippines: IFRC releases emergency funds to support communities hit by Typhoon Haima](#)

20 October 2016

[IFRC Secretary General hails work and cooperation of Red Cross Societies of small European countries](#)

19 October 2016

[Typhoons Haima and Sarika](#)

18 October 2016

[Haiti: Delivering aid to hard-to-reach communities is the key priority](#)

17 October 2016

[Joint media advisory - Mosul: Put civilians first as fighting intensifies](#)

17 October 2016

[Media advisory - Habitat III: IFRC calls for scaled-up efforts to strengthen the resilience of urban communities](#)

16 October 2016

[Haiti: Red Cross and Red Crescent societies send 35 tonnes of essential goods to Jérémie](#)

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**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Press Release*

[The International Rescue Committee calls for European Council action on Syria: "If countries like Russia feel no pressure then civilians will pay the price".](#)

October 20, 2016

*Press Release*

[In Mosul, women and children face impossible choice: risk their lives fleeing city or stay for battle to come](#)

October 18, 2016

*Press Release*

[Thousands of lives in danger as civilians risk getting caught up in battle of Mosul](#)

October 17, 2016

*Statement*

[Reaction from the International Rescue Committee regarding thwarted attack on refugees and immigrants in Garden City, Kansas](#)

October 15, 2016

**IRCT** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*News*

**[IRCT Symposium: Programme released](#)**

21 October 2016

The programme for the 10th IRCT Scientific Symposium is now available and features 100 abstracts from authors around the world. Among the topics up for examination in the plenaries are, challenges facing the sector to evidence survivors' rehabilitation needs, resourcing to meet survivor needs, a comparison of rehabilitation responses in contexts of widespread torture, survivor participation in research and treatment planning and challenges of mass influx and aligning service delivery. All highly relevant and timely issues that many of those working in the field are confronted with on a daily basis...

The event, which is the largest gathering of torture rehabilitation experts in a decade, will bring together clinicians, researchers, lawyers, funders and policy-makers. Up to 100 posters will be presented, and a rich cultural programme will give participants an opportunity to network at events such as a film screening and art exhibition...

The Symposium runs from 5 to 9 December in Mexico City and is co-hosted by IRCT member [Colectivo Contra la Tortura y la Impunidad](#). Simultaneous Spanish translation will be available to all participants.

To explore the Symposium programme and secure your place at the event, visit [www.irctsymposium2016.irct.org](http://www.irctsymposium2016.irct.org).

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**[IRCT continues to support torture victims seeking asylum in the EU](#)**

19 October 2016

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Last week, as part of its strategy to support member centres and other institutions in documenting torture and providing rehabilitation services to victims seeking asylum in the European Union, the IRCT undertook a number of activities...

**Islamic Relief** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 21, 2016

### **Fears for Mosul as Iraq prepares for fleeing citizens**

*Humanitarians warn the impact of fighting in Mosul could be devastating.*

Islamic Relief's team on the ground, leading a £500,000 response plan, says civilians who manage to escape the city may be subjected to screening and possible detention or onward travel to camps for displaced people.

Those staying in the city under siege are likely to be at risk of hunger, lack of medical assistance and human rights violations...

October 19, 2016

### **UN Women and Islamic Relief team up for gender justice**

*Islamic Relief joins forces with UN Women, the global champion for gender equality, to strengthen joint work on empowering women in the Muslim world.*

UN Women executive director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and the chief executive officer of Islamic Relief Worldwide, Naser Haghamed, officially launched a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the United Arab Emirates on 19 October.

The bilateral meeting activated a partnership of strong collaboration and mutual-interest with a particular focus on the areas of humanitarian assistance to women in conflict-ridden and refugee communities, combating violence against women and girls...

**Landsea** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Press release*

### **Promising New One-Dose Oral Cholera Vaccination Strategy Could Help Save Lives During Outbreaks**

NEW YORK/GENEVA, OCTOBER 20, 2016—A new cholera control strategy using a single-dose oral vaccine instead of two doses could be sufficient in protecting against the deadly disease during an outbreak, according to a study published by international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in the Lancet Global Health this week.

**Mercy Corps** [to 22 October 2016]

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

Yemen, October 20, 2016

### **Mercy Corps: 72-hour Cease-Fire in Yemen Is not Enough**

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### *Humanitarian access urgently needed in harrowing crisis*

Sana'a, Yemen – The global organization Mercy Corps welcomes the current 72-hour cease-fire announced by the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen, but cautions that this brief period is not sufficient for humanitarian organizations to significantly expand operations in order to meet dire needs...

### **Operation Smile** [to 22 October 2016]

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

#### **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 22 October 2016]

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

22 October 2016

#### **Evidence of threats to civilians escaping from Mosul offensive**

People escaping the village of Hawd, 50km south of Mosul, have told Oxfam that a high number of civilians were injured during the offensive to retake the village earlier this week.

#### **Oxfam displays life jackets across Europe to call for radical change in EU migration response**

20 October 2016

Oxfam has displayed hundreds of migrants life jackets this week in four European cities to call on the EU to radically change their course on migration.

#### **Time for an EU U-turn: Fortress Europe is only harming vulnerable people**

19 October 2016

The European Union's response to migration is just creating more problems and causing unnecessary suffering to vulnerable people on the move.

#### **Oxfam ready to respond to Super Typhoon Haima in Philippines**

19 October 2016

Oxfam is preparing to respond to Super Typhoon Haima as it heads for the northern Philippines, should assistance be requested. Millions of Filipinos could be affected if the huge storm maintained its current course.

#### **Malnutrition rising: ending hunger by 2030 at risk, warns Oxfam**

18 October 2016

Malnutrition is up and the huge number of people suffering from chronic hunger has remained virtually the same as last year.

### **Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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#### **Working round the clock**

Roald Høvrving | Published 21. Oct 2016

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"Our staff are working round the clock to prepare for a mass exodus of families fleeing Mosul", says NRC's Country Director in Iraq, Wolfgang Gressmann.

With the assault just launched by Iraqi forces to retake the city of Mosul, the Norwegian Refugee Council warns that the fate of some 1.2 million Iraqis is now in grave danger. "We fear that the humanitarian consequences of this operation will be massive, and our staff have been working round the clock to prepare for a mass exodus of families expected to seek safety and our humanitarian assistance," says NRC's Country Director in Iraq, Wolfgang Gressmann.

Published 19. Oct 2016

### **Statement on Yemen Ceasefire**

International humanitarian organisations operating in Yemen welcome the recent announcement by the UN's Special Envoy to Yemen, Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, regarding the commencement of a 72-hour ceasefire on Wednesday 19 October at 23:59. We further welcome recent diplomatic efforts by the international community to support this and hope that it will pave the way for a permanent cessation of hostilities and an inclusive resolution to the conflict.

However, the recent spike in violence and heightened tensions do not bode well for the success of this ceasefire. Previous attempted ceasefires have – at best – resulted in a partial reduction in violence in only some areas. We therefore implore all parties to the conflict to abide by the terms of the ceasefire and to resume peace negotiations.

The war in Yemen started over a year and a half ago and has resulted in severe and widespread human suffering. Over 4000 civilians have been killed and more than 7000 injured as a direct result of the conflict. With over three million people forced from their homes and close to half the population facing hunger, an end to the conflict is long overdue.

*The International Non-Governmental Organisations behind this statement are Action Contre La Faim, ADRA, CARE, Danish Refugee Council, Intersos, Mercy Corps, Norwegian Refugee Council, Oxfam, Save the Children, and World Relief Germany.*

**Pact** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Partners In Health** [to 22 October 2016]

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

Oct 19, 2016

### **Hurricane Matthew Devastates Southern Haiti**

Hurricane Matthew, one of the most severe to hit the Caribbean in a decade, wreaks destruction on Haiti's southwest region.

Oct 19, 2016

### **'Loss Beyond Measure' in Southern Haiti**

This week, PIH's Dr. Joia Mukherjee visited the region hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew. The devastation, she says, "is one of the worse things I have ever seen."

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**PATH** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Plan International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 22 October 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)

October 21, 2016

[Banned Cluster Bombs Killing and Maiming Children in Aleppo](#)

[Thousands of Vulnerable Children at Risk as Closure of World's Largest Refugee Camp Looms](#)

October 21, 2016

[More than 200 People Rescued off Libyan Coast](#)

October 20, 2016

[Typhoon Haima Tears Through Philippines Leaving Homes Damaged, Roofs Ripped off School Buildings and Trees Uprooted](#)

October 20, 2016

[Desperate Families Flee into War-torn Syria to Escape Mosul Fighting](#)

October 19, 2016

[Hurricane Matthew Flooding Leaves Future of Safe, Affordable Child Care in Limbo for Many in Carolinas, Save the Children Says](#)

October 19, 2016

[Aleppo Vigil Mourns the Hundreds of Children Killed and Injured Since Ceasefire Breakdown](#)

October 18, 2016

[Save the Children's Response to Launch of Offensive in Mosul](#)

October 17, 2016

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

21.10.2016

[SOS Children's Villages accepts 2016 Princess of Asturias Award for Concord from Royal Family in Spain](#)

- King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia of Spain honour SOS Children's Villages with prestigious award in recognition of its work in favour of vulnerable children

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## **Leaving Care and Employment in Five European Countries: An undocumented problem?**

19.10.2016 - Young people leaving care face particular challenges when transitioning into independence. SOS Children's Villages is putting young care leavers at the centre of discussions about youth employability and employment.

## **SOS Children's Villages International appoints new CEO**

18.10.2016 - Norbert Meder has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of SOS Children's Villages International.

Mr Meder has served as the organisation's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and member of the Management Team since 2013.

As CEO he succeeds Richard Pichler, who served as the organisation's Secretary General/CEO from 1995 until the end of 2015. In May 2016 Mr Pichler took on a new role as Special Representative for External Affairs and Resources.

## **Pope Francis visits SOS Children's Village Rome**

17.10.2016 - During a surprise visit, Pope Francis recognised value of SOS Children's Villages' work for children.

**Tostan** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Women for Women International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 20, 2016

## **Funded by WfWI, New Women's Center Opens in Northern Iraq**

*WfWI's partner, Free Yezidi Foundation (FYF), based at the Khanke IDP camp in the Duhok Province in Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI), caters to the needs of 640 Yezidi women, most of whom are former ISIS hostages.*

Funded by WfWI, FYF's women's center provides vocational training (tailoring, beauty and hairdressing, and English and Kurdish language and computer skills), business skills training and mentoring, women's rights advocacy, and trauma counselling. During the month of September, FYF's staff and volunteers were busy building the women's center in Khanke camp. Women and men joined forces in building the center, which comprised of several pre-fab units that will accommodate scores of Yezidi women who have enrolled in the training courses.

The center officially opened on Sunday, October 9, 2016. The opening was celebrated by the camp inhabitants -- especially women who have been counting the days to participate in the vital services the center provides. FYF's staff, elated by having made such important resources available for survivors of Yezidi genocide and brutality, are now busy enrolling Yezidi women in groups of 25 for vocational training...

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**Freedom House** [to 22 October 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

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### *Joint Letters*

### **Civil Society Respression in Azerbaijan: Letter to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Board**

October 21, 2016

In light of the upcoming review of Azerbaijan's status in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in October, the undersigned organisations call on the EITI Board to suspend Azerbaijan from participation in EITI, due to continuous breach of the initiative's requirements for fostering an enabling environment for civil society...

### **Joint Signers**

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CEE Bankwatch Network

Civil Rights Defenders

Crude Accountability

Freedom House

Freedom Now

Human Rights House Foundation

Index on Censorship

Institute for Reporters' Freedom and Safety

International Media Support

International Partnership for Human Rights

Netherlands Helsinki Committee

Norwegian Helsinki Committee

PEN America

PEN International

People in Need

Urgewald

World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)

### *Press Releases*

### **South Africa: Withdrawal from ICC Undermines International Justice**

October 21, 2016

In response to South Africa's decision to withdraw from the treaty that established the International Criminal Court, Freedom House released the following statement:

"South Africa's withdrawal from the ICC is a grave error that undermines the international justice system which human rights defenders and governments sought for decades," said Paul Graham, project director for South Africa. "We urge other African states not to make this same serious error, which will weaken the international commitment to end impunity and to establish the international rule of law."

**Transparency International** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

18 Oct 2016

### **Panama must set date for public release of official Panama Papers report**

Transparency International, the global anti-corruption movement, calls on the government of Panama to set a date for the release of its official inquiry into financial reforms related to the publication of the Panama Papers.

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**CONCORD** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*[European NGO confederation for relief and development]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 22 October 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 22 October 2016]

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

*Press release 16 October 2016*

**The Elders welcome David Nussbaum as new Chief Executive**

The Elders Foundation is delighted to welcome David Nussbaum as its new Chief Executive Officer.

*Videos 10 October 2016*

**Why should women, children & adolescents be a UHC priority?**

Video of Why should women, children & adolescents be a UHC priority?

**END Fund** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 22 October 2016]

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

19 October 2016

**Millions more children to be protected from five diseases thanks to new vaccine supply agreement**

*5-in-1 pentavalent vaccine will come from a broad base of manufacturers at half the 2016 average price for the next three years.*

Geneva, 19 October 2016 – Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, welcomes the results of the UNICEF pentavalent vaccine tender that will secure sufficient supplies for the next three years to protect millions of children in Gavi-supported and transitioning countries. Moreover, pentavalent vaccine

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- a cornerstone of routine immunisation programmes – will be accessible from a broad base of manufacturers at less than US\$1: half this year's average price...

Since Gavi's inception close to 300 million children have been reached with the vaccine and all 73 countries supported by the Alliance had introduced pentavalent vaccine by the end of 2014.

"Preventing illness through immunisation can have a huge impact on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families, communities and countries," added Dr Berkley. "The vaccine industry is a vital partner in ensuring that sufficient quantities of quality vaccines are available at affordable prices so that countries and donors implement sustainable immunisation programmes, increase coverage and promote equitable access to vaccines."...

#### **Global Fund** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

*Selected News Releases, Announcements*

**[Event: "On Shifting Ground" Screening & Panel Discussion at ODI, 10/24](#)**

Written on October 19, 2016.

The Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and the Hilton Prize Coalition are pleased to host a special screening of the short documentary film, "On Shifting Ground." Registration is free and open to the public, and the event will be streamed live online.

:: Monday, October 24th, 2016

:: 11:00am-1:00pm (EDT) / 16:00-18:00pm (BST)

:: Overseas Development Institute HQ, 203 Blackfriars Rd, London; and streamed live online

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### **ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies**

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **InterAction** [to 22 October 2016]

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

Oct 20, 2016

**[InterAction, the White House, and USAID Stress Importance of Preserving Civil Society Space](#)**

On September 26, InterAction partnered with the White House and USAID to co-host an event entitled, "Holding the Doors - A Discussion on Closing Civic Space." The event, featuring Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes, discussed the impact of President Obama's Stand with...

#### **Locus**

<http://locusworld.org/>

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*"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 22 October 2016]

[http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U\\_07FR98E](http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_07FR98E)

*[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Muslim Charities Forum** [to 22 October 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 22 October 2016]

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

*Report*

**Stepping back: Understanding cities and their systems**

14 October 2016 : 76 pages

PDF: <http://www.alnap.org/pool/files/alnap-urban-system-stakeholders-2016-web.pdf>

*Abstract*

As part of our ongoing research into humanitarian response in urban environments, ALNAP's latest working paper: 'Stepping Back: Understanding Cities and their Systems' explores the nature of urban contexts, and the potential of systems thinking as a way to improve our understanding of urban spaces. It argues the importance of stepping back as a first step towards changing policy and practice.

The world we live in is increasingly urbanized; 54% of the world's population now lives in an urban environment. Having developed to respond to crises in rural settings and refugee camps, the humanitarian sector today is unequipped to deal with the realities of urban contexts. Despite organisations adapting their approaches, and developing tools and pilots, fundamental gaps remain.

This paper looks at the different systems and stakeholders in which exist in urban areas, and outlines what is important for humanitarians to know when responding in complex urban environment.

**CHS Alliance** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**EHLRA/R2HC** [to 22 October 2016]  
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>  
18.10.2016

**journey to scale: the winners**

We are delighted to announce the winners of our innovation initiative, 'Accelerating the Journey to Scale', who have been selected to receive funding, mentoring and tailored support over a two-year...

**Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA)** [to 22 October 2016]  
<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>

*Crisis Briefings*

**Displacement due to violence, Somalia**

2016/10/19

On 20 October 2016 we responded to a funding alert in response to displacement in Somalia. Approximately 50,000 people have been displaced due to a conflict that started on 7 October 2016 and intensified on 13 October. The affect...

**Typhoon, the Philippines**

2016/10/19

On 19 October 2016 we responded to a funding alert in response to Typhoon Haima (Lawin) in the Philippines. Typhoon Haima (Lawin) has affected the Ilocos Region, Cordillera Administrative Region, Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon....

**Democratic Republic of the Congo, storms**

2016/10/18

On 17 October 2016 we responded to a funding alert for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), raised in response to torrential rains and storm winds. The storm hit on the afternoon of 9 October, affecting the Kasongo, Kunda a...

**The Sphere Project** [to 22 October 2016]  
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 22 October 2016]  
<https://phap.org/>

20 October 2016

**NGO access to UN funding - watch the recordings of second session with ICVA and PHAP**

On 12 October, PHAP and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) hosted the second session of the learning stream on humanitarian funding for NGOs. Close to 200 individuals participated actively in the live event, featuring both presentations from UN agencies and NGOs and an...

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**Center for Global Development** [to 22 October 2016]

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

10/18/16

### **India's States Increase Health Spending, But Will They Spend Effectively?**

Anit Mukherjee , Amanda Glassman and Rifaiyat Mahbub

Since 2015, India has devolved an increasing share of its national tax yield to state governments and undertaken reforms to other kinds of centre-to-state grants. For many, the increased revenue via the tax devolution was considered good news but some health experts worried that states would give little priority to health under these conditions of greater autonomy. We find that at least two states, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, have much more to spend in general and are budgeting more for health in 2015-2016 as compared to previous fiscal years.

### **Using Financial Incentives to Increase the Number of Women in UN Peacekeeping**

10/17/16

Charles Kenny

At present rates of progress, it will take more than three centuries for the UN to see the same number of women as men in peacekeeping operations, even though evidence suggests that increasing the proportion of women in operations will improve the success rate of peacekeeping missions and reduce levels of sexual misconduct. One method to speed up the march to equality could be financial incentives directed at troop contributing countries. These could significantly increase the proportion of women peacekeepers, potentially for as little as \$77 million per year.

### **Responding to AIIB: U.S. Leadership at the Multilateral Development Banks in a New Era**

10/17/16

Scott Morris

In the face of growing U.S. indifference to multilateral development institutions, China is stepping up. The circumstances around the creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) have usefully brought to light a longer trend that will ultimately lead to a diminution of U.S. leadership in the multilateral development system.

### **CSIS**

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

*Accessed 22 October 2016*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ODI** [to 22 October 2016]

<https://www.odi.org/media-hub/press-room>

*Research reports and studies*

### **Broadening financial inclusion in sub-Saharan Africa: policies should prioritise financial stability**

Briefing papers | October 2016 | Phyllis Papadavid

Following on from the recent IMF and World Bank meetings, this briefing argues for greater financial inclusion to achieve inclusive growth in sub-Saharan African countries.

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## **Learning from the past to shape the future: lessons from the history of humanitarian action in Africa**

Working and discussion papers | October 2016 | Christina Bennett, Matthew Foley and Hannah B Krebs

A collection of articles examining the history of humanitarian action in Africa.

## **The fear factor is a main thing: how radio influences anxiety and political attitudes**

Journal articles or issues | October 2016 | Anouk S. Rigterink and Mareike Schomerus

In this journal article, the authors investigate how being exposed to media influences levels of anxiety and political attitudes in conflict-affected areas.

## **Stepping back: understanding cities and their systems**

Working and discussion papers | October 2016 | Leah Campbell

This working paper explores the nature of urban contexts, and the potential of systems thinking as a way to improve our understanding of urban spaces.

## **LEGEND land policy bulletin, October 2016: focus on Habitat III and the New Urban Agenda**

Journal articles or issues | October 2016 | Anna Locke

In the fifth issue of the LEGEND bulletin, specialists discuss the New Urban Agenda set to be adopted this month at the Habitat III Conference in Quito, Ecuador.

**Urban Institute** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Selected Media Releases, Research*

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## **Six-hundred top entrepreneurs, academics and policymakers – under 40 years old – are meeting in Tokyo for the Young Global Leader Annual Summit**

:: The World Economic Forum's Young Global Leaders (YGLs) gather in Tokyo, Japan, from 18-21 October 2016

:: Group to tackle food shortages, spinal cord injury, health of girls and women in the developing world in a community-wide effort to increase impact of YGL initiatives

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## **Public Private Cooperation, the Ideal Way to Achieve Sustainable Urban Development**

:: The World Economic Forum releases findings of its emerging report, Harnessing Public-Private Cooperation to Deliver the New Urban Agenda

:: The purpose of the report is to drive the implementation of sustainable urban development and housing following the agreement of the New Urban Agenda at the Habitat III conference

:: The Executive Summary of the emerging report is available [here](#) and more information is provided on our blog

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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 22 October 2016]

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

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#### **Opening of the University of Central Asia's first campus in Naryn**

18 October 2016

#### **His Highness the Aga Khan receives the Order of Danaker**

### **BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Clinton Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Press Release*

October 18, 2016

#### **Behind the Numbers: Clinton Foundation Launches Multimedia Feature to Explore Stories of Impact around the World**

New interactive site will provide a behind-the-scenes look into the people, places, and communities that have been positively impacted by Clinton Foundation programs

### **Ford Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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#### **A briefing on the Habitat III Conference on Urban Development**

Ahead of the United Nations Habitat III conference on urban development in Quito next week, the Ford Foundation hosted a press briefing on what's at stake.

### **GHIT Fund** [to 22 October 2016]

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<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.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>

October 17, 2016

**Philanthropic Community Applauds Montreal Protocol Amendment to Phase Out Potent Greenhouse Gas, Prepares to Distribute \$53 Million for Energy Efficiency in Cooling**

Kigali, Rwanda—Philanthropic fund of \$53 million will help fast-start developing countries expand energy efficiency while phasing out hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) used as coolants, doubling the climate benefit. A group of philanthropic donors applauds an historic amendment to the Montreal Protocol, under which the nations of the world agreed to phase out hydrofluorocarbons, a climate-harming greenhouse gas. Donor nations established a \$27 million fund to provide financial assistance for developing nations on an ambitious phase out timeline, and the philanthropies dedicated an additional \$53 million for related efforts to improve energy efficiency in those countries. The philanthropic fund will make combined energy efficient and climate-friendly cooling and air conditioning more affordable for developing nations while doubling the climate benefits.

"This is a historic moment in the fight to mitigate global warming, as well as a unique opportunity to improve quality of life in developing nations," said Larry Kramer, president of the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, which supported the philanthropic fund. "It's also a unique moment for philanthropy. The \$53 million fund for energy efficiency in cooling is the largest fund of its kind ever created. All 19 contributors to the fund saw how pairing efficiency with HFC reductions is a winning investment—producing enormous economic benefits for developing nations while improving human safety and comfort and generating huge climate benefits. It's a rare win-win-win situation."

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*Press Release*

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Awards Nearly \$20 Million in Grants in the Third Quarter of 2016, Announces New Safe Water Strategy**

By Julia Friedman, October 19, 2016

The board of directors of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation announced today that it approved \$19.53 million in grants during the third quarter of 2016, including \$9.5 million across Safe Water Network, World Vision and PATH in support of a new strategic approach for the Hilton Foundation's Safe Water program area...

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**IKEA Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 17, 2016

**IKEA Foundation to help Save the Children and MSF save thousands of children's lives during catastrophic disasters**

The IKEA Foundation has signed agreements with two of the world's foremost humanitarian aid organisations to potentially save the lives of thousands of children during catastrophic disasters.

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

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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**Five HHMI Scientists Elected to the National Academy of Medicine**

Three HHMI investigators and two HHMI professors have been elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine.

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners**

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

*Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 19, 2016

**Genetic differences in microbial species**

Moore Foundation grantee Katherine Pollard of the J. David Gladstone Institutes and University of California, San Francisco, has developed a new tool to examine genetic differences within bacterial species to study genetic differences in bacteria between mothers and infants. Direct microbial sequencing of environmental samples, such as from ocean water, hospital surfaces and the human gut have illuminated the vast number of microbes present in our world. What's more, microbial species can be genetically diverse: within a given bacterial species, gene content can vary by 50 percent or more.

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To understand the genetic differences in the microbes present on mothers and infants, Pollard and her colleagues developed a tool, called MIDAS, for rapidly profiling differences in gene content and single nucleotide variants across bacterial strains...

**Open Society Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 22 October 2016]

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

October 17, 2016

### **Child Care Poll: Gap Between Parent And Expert Views Of Quality**

Boston—A new NPR/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health poll suggests a major gap between parents' views and research experts' assessments of the quality of child care in the United States. Most parents (59%) believe their child receives "excellent" quality child care. By contrast, the most recent major study on the state of U.S. child care suggests a majority of child care is not high quality.

NPR, RWJF, and the Harvard Chan School polled 1,120 parents or guardians of children 5-years old or younger who were not yet in kindergarten and received regularly scheduled care at least once a week from someone other than a parent, and found that about three in five parents (59%) rate the quality of care their child receives as "excellent". However, findings from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study of Early Child Care and Youth Development indicate that a majority of child care in the United States is of "fair" quality.

"This poll gives voice to the challenges that many parents face in finding high quality and affordable care for their children," says Gillian SteelFisher, deputy director of the Harvard Opinion Research Program at Harvard Chan School, who directed the poll...

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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*"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."*  
*No new digest content identified.*

### **SDG Philanthropy Platform**

<http://sdgfunders.org/conversation/>

*SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).*

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### **Press Release - Multistakeholder partnerships for the SDGs in Zambia**

*SDG Philanthropy Platform Press Release*

Lusaka, Zambia, 20 October 2016 – Today marks the launch of the SDG Philanthropy Platform in Zambia - the fifth focus country and the third in Africa, after Kenya and Ghana. The Platform, with generous support from the Conrad N. Hilton, Ford, The MasterCard Foundation and many others, is engaging philanthropic organizations in countries around the world to contribute actively to achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, or Agenda 2030. In Zambia the main focus will be on the well-being of children, which supports the UN and governments' commitments to 'leave no one behind'. The Platform will use a multi-sectoral approach to address and work with disadvantaged communities in a holistic way, focusing on issues such as early childhood development, education and health, and sustainable livelihoods for families.

Participants from the government, UN agencies, faith-based organizations, and local, global, and corporate foundations are joining a workshop to forge new partnerships and leverage resources for common objectives, specifically the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)...

### **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Wellcome Trust** [to 22 October 2016]

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

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*News*

### **Fund supports innovative work at 30 universities**

Trinity College Dublin is one of the universities benefiting from our Institutional Strategic Support Fund. This sculpture, Sphere Within Sphere, in the college is by Arnaldo Pomodoro. We are making 30 new Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF) awards to universities across the UK and Ireland.

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The ISSF scheme provides universities with funds to develop and embed areas of mutual strategic importance to Wellcome and the institution within and across:

:: biomedical and clinical sciences  
: public health  
:: social sciences  
: medical humanities

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### **Kevin Marsh wins Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Prize**

Professor Kevin Marsh is a principal investigator at the KEMRI-Wellcome Research Programme in Kenya.

Professor Kevin Marsh has been awarded the prestigious Abdulrahman Al-Sumait Prize for African Development in the health category.

The award recognises Professor Marsh's three decades of work to improve the health of children in Africa. His research focuses on the immune epidemiology of malaria, a disease that affects the health of millions of African children every year.

Professor Marsh is a principal investigator at the KEMRI-Wellcome Research Programme in Kenya, having previously been the director of the programme between 1989 and 2014. He is also a senior adviser to the African Academy of Sciences...

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*News*

### **Wellcome Open Research is open for submissions**

You can now submit to Wellcome Open Research, our new publishing platform. The platform, which we announced in July, aims to make research outputs available faster, and to support reproducibility and transparency.

Wellcome researchers can use the platform to publish a wide range of submissions, from more traditional narrative-based articles to incremental findings, methods, protocols, datasets and negative/null results...

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### ***:: Journal Watch***

*The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.*

### **American Journal of Infection Control**

October 2016 Volume 44, Issue 10, p1083-1196, e167-e182

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

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### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

October 2016 Volume 51, Issue 4, p411-636, e91-e118

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Public Health**

Volume 106, Issue 10 (October 2016)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

October 2016; 95 (4)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

18 October 2016 Vol: 165, Issue 8

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

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

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

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

[No new content]

### **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

*Research article*

#### **[Bypassing birthing centres for child birth: a community-based study in rural Chitwan Nepal](#)**

*Child delivery in a health facility is important to reduce maternal mortality. Bypassing nearby birthing facility to deliver at a hospital is common in developing countries including Nepal. Very little is know...*

Rajani Shah

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:597

Published on: 21 October 2016

*Research article*

#### **[Maternal and child health voucher scheme in Myanmar: a review of early stage implementation](#)**

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*The Maternal and Child Health Voucher Scheme (MCHVS) was introduced in Myanmar to address the high rate of maternal and infant mortalities. It aimed to increase access to maternal and child health (MCH) servic...*

Songyot Pilasant, Wantanee Kulpeng, Pitsaphun Werayingyong, Nattha Tritasavit, Inthira Yamabhai, Yot Teerawattananon, Sangay Wangmo and Sripen Tantivess

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:600

Published on: 21 October 2016

*Research article*

**Building the capacity of policy-makers and planners to strengthen mental health systems in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review**

*Little is known about the interventions required to build the capacity of mental health policy-makers and planners in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). We conducted a systematic review with the primary...*

Roxanne Keynejad, Maya Semrau, Mark Toynbee, Sara Evans-Lacko, Crick Lund, Oye Gureje, Sheila Ndyabangi, Emilie Courtin, Jibril O. Abdulmalik, Atalay Alem, Abebaw Fekadu, Graham Thornicroft and Charlotte Hanlon

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:601

Published on: 21 October 2016

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

[No new relevant content]

**BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

*Research article*

**Seeking consent for research with indigenous communities: a systematic review**

Emily F. M. Fitzpatrick, Alexandra L. C. Martiniuk, Heather D'Antoine, June Oscar, Maureen Carter and Elizabeth J. Elliott

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:65

Published on: 22 October 2016

*Abstract*

Background

When conducting research with Indigenous populations consent should be sought from both individual participants and the local community. We aimed to search and summarise the literature about methods for seeking consent for research with Indigenous populations.

Methods

A systematic literature search was conducted for articles that describe or evaluate the process of seeking informed consent for research with Indigenous participants. Guidelines for ethical research and for seeking consent with Indigenous people are also included in our review.

Results

Of 1447 articles found 1391 were excluded (duplicates, irrelevant, not in English); 56 were relevant and included. Articles were categorised into original research that evaluated the consent process (n = 5) or publications detailing the process of seeking consent (n = 13) and

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guidelines for ethical research (n = 38). Guidelines were categorised into international (n = 8); national (n = 20) and state/regional/local guidelines (n = 10). In five studies based in Australia, Canada and The United States of America the consent process with Indigenous people was objectively evaluated. In 13 other studies interpreters, voice recording, videos, pictures, flipcharts and "plain language" forms were used to assist in seeking consent but these processes were not evaluated. Some Indigenous organisations provide examples of community-designed resources for seeking consent and describe methods of community engagement, but none are evaluated. International, national and local ethical guidelines stress the importance of upholding Indigenous values but fail to specify methods for engaging communities or obtaining individual consent. In the 'Grey literature' concerns about the consent process are identified but no solutions are offered.

#### Conclusion

Consultation with Indigenous communities is needed to determine how consent should be sought from the community and the individual, and how to evaluate this process.

#### *Research article*

### **National ethics guidance in Sub-Saharan Africa on the collection and use of human biological specimens: a systematic review**

Francis Barchi and Madison T. Little

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:64

Published on: 22 October 2016\

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

Ethical and regulatory guidance on the collection and use of human biospecimens (HBS) for research forms an essential component of national health systems in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), where rapid advances in genetic- and genomic-based technologies are fueling clinical trials involving HBS and the establishment of large-scale biobanks.

##### Methods

An extensive multi-level search for publicly available ethics regulatory guidance was conducted for each SSA country. A second review documented active trials listed in the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform as of January 2015 in which HBS collection was specified in the protocol. Findings were combined to determine the extent to which countries that are study sites for HBS-related research are supported by regulatory guidance language on the collection, use, ownership and storage of biospecimens.

##### Results

Of the 49 SSA countries, 29 had some form of national ethics guidance, yet only 17 provided language relating to HBS-related research, with specific guidance on consent (14), ownership (6), reuse (10), storage (9), and export/import/transfer (13). Ten countries accounted for 84 % of the active clinical trials involving the collection of HBS in SSA. All except one of these countries were found to have some national guidance in the form of regulations, codes of ethics, and/or standard operating procedures; however, only seven of the ten offered any language specific to HBS.

##### Conclusions

Despite the fact that the bulk of registered clinical trials in SSA involving HBS, as well as existing and proposed sites for biorepositories under the H3Africa Initiative, are currently situated in countries with the most complete ethics and regulatory guidance, variability in the regulations themselves may create challenges for planned and future pan-African collaborations and may require legislative action at the national level to revise. Countries in SSA that still lack regulatory

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guidance on HBS will require extensive health system strengthening in ethics governance before they can be full participants in the modern research enterprise.

#### *Research article*

#### **Research in disaster settings: a systematic qualitative review of ethical guidelines**

Signe Mezinska, Péter Kakuk, Goran Mijaljica, Marcin Waligóra and Dónal P. O'Mathúna

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:62

Published on: 21 October 2016

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

Conducting research during or in the aftermath of disasters poses many specific practical and ethical challenges. This is particularly the case with research involving human subjects. The extraordinary circumstances of research conducted in disaster settings require appropriate regulations to ensure the protection of human participants. The goal of this study is to systematically and qualitatively review the existing ethical guidelines for disaster research by using the constant comparative method (CCM).

##### Methods

We performed a systematic qualitative review of disaster research ethics guidelines to collect and compare existing regulations. Guidelines were identified by a three-tiered search strategy: 1) searching databases (PubMed and Google Scholar), 2) an Internet search (Google), and 3) a search of the references in the included documents from the first two searches. We used the constant comparative method (CCM) for analysis of included guidelines.

##### Results

Fourteen full text guidelines were included for analysis. The included guidelines covered the period 2000-2014. Qualitative analysis of the included guidelines revealed two core themes: vulnerability and research ethics committee review. Within each of the two core themes, various categories and subcategories were identified.

##### Conclusions

Some concepts and terms identified in analyzed guidelines are used in an inconsistent manner and applied in different contexts. Conceptual clarity is needed in this area as well as empirical evidence to support the statements and requirements included in analyzed guidelines.

#### *Debate*

#### **An analysis of common ethical justifications for compassionate use programs for experimental drugs**

Kasper Raus

BMC Medical Ethics 2016 17:60

Published on: 18 October 2016

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

When a new intervention or drug is developed, this has to pass through various phases of clinical testing before it achieves market approval, which can take many years. This raises an issue for drugs which could benefit terminally ill patients. These patients might set their hopes on the experimental drug but are unable to wait since they are likely to pass away before the drug is available. As a means of nevertheless getting access to experimental drug, many seriously ill and terminally ill patients are therefore very willing to participate in randomised controlled trials. However, only very few terminally ill patients are able to actually participate, and those that do participate are at risk of participating solely as a way of getting experimental drugs. Currently, there are, however, ways of getting access to drugs that have not (yet)

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gained market approval. One such mean is via expanded access or compassionate use programs where terminally ill patients receive experimental new drugs that are not yet market approved. In this paper, I examine some of the common justifications for such programs.

Main body

The most frequently voiced justifications for compassionate use or expanded access programs could be put in one of three categories. First, there are justifications of justice, where compassionate use programs could be seen as a just or fair way to distribute experimental new drugs to patients who are denied access to RCT's through no fault of their own. Second, such programs could be justified by reference to the ethical principle of beneficence where it could be claimed that terminally ill patients stand to benefit greatly at very little risk (as they are already dying). Third, there are considerations of autonomy where, it is claimed, patients should be able to exercise their autonomy and have access to such drugs if that is their free choice and they are fully aware of the risks associated with that choice.

Short conclusion

In this paper, I argue currently all justifications are potentially problematic. If they truly form the basis for justification, compassionate use programs should be designed to maximize justice, beneficence and autonomy.

## **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

Research article

### **Obesity and type 2 diabetes in sub-Saharan Africans – Is the burden in today's Africa similar to African migrants in Europe? The RODAM study**

*Rising rates of obesity and type 2 diabetes (T2D) are impending major threats to the health of African populations, but the extent to which they differ between rural and urban settings in Africa and upon migra...*

Charles Agyemang, Karlijn Meeks, Erik Beune, Ellis Owusu-Dabo, Frank P. Mockenhaupt, Juliet Addo, Ama de Graft Aikins, Silver Bahendeka, Ina Danquah, Matthias B. Schulze, Joachim Spranger, Tom Burr, Peter Agyei-Baffour, Stephen K. Amoah, Cecilia Galbete, Peter Henneman...

BMC Medicine 2016 14:166

Published on: 21 October 2016

Research article

### **Assessing the burden of medical impoverishment by cause: a systematic breakdown by disease in Ethiopia**

*Out-of-pocket (OOP) medical expenses often lead to catastrophic expenditure and impoverishment in low- and middle-income countries. Yet, there has been no systematic examination of which specific diseases and ...*

Stéphane Verguet, Solomon Tessema Memirie and Ole Frithjof Norheim

BMC Medicine 2016 14:164

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## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

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*Research article*

**Banning traditional birth attendants from conducting deliveries: experiences and effects of the ban in a rural district of Kazungula in Zambia**

*In 2010 the government of the republic of Zambia stopped training traditional birth attendants and forbade them from conducting home deliveries as they were viewed as contributing to maternal mortality. This s...*

Chilala Cheelo, Selestine Nzala and Joseph M. Zulu

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:323

Published on: 21 October 2016

**BMC Public Health**

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

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*Research article*

**The role of socio-economic status in depression: results from the COURAGE (aging survey in Europe)**

*Low socio-economic status (SES) has been found to be associated with a higher prevalence of depression. However, studies that have investigated this association have been limited in their national scope, have ...*

Aislinne Freeman, Stefanos Tyrovolas, Ai Koyanagi, Somnath Chatterji, Matilde Leonardi, Jose Luis Ayuso-Mateos, Beata Tobiasz-Adamczyk, Seppo Koskinen, Christine Rummel-Kluge and Josep Maria Haro

BMC Public Health 2016 16:1098

Published on: 19 October 2016

*Research article*

**Type and extent of trans-disciplinary co-operation to improve food security, health and household environment in low and middle income countries: systematic review**

*Although linkages have been found between agricultural interventions and nutritional health, and the development of clean fuels and improved solid fuel stoves in reducing household air pollution and adverse he...*

Santosh Gaihre, Janet Kyle, Sean Semple, Jo Smith, Madhu Subedi and Debbi Marais

BMC Public Health 2016 16:1093

Published on: 18 October 2016

**BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 22 October 2016)

*Research article*

**Clinical trials registries are underused in the pregnancy and childbirth literature: a systematic review of the top 20 journals**

*Systematic reviews and meta-analyses that do not include unpublished data in their analyses may be prone to publication bias, which in some cases has been shown to have deleterious consequences on determining ...*

Vadim V. Yerokhin, Branden K. Carr, Guy Sneed and Matt Vassar

BMC Research Notes 2016 9:475

Published on: 21 October 2016

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2016, Volume 6, Issue 10

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

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## **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 94, Number 10, October 2016, 709-784

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/10/en/>

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## **Child Care, Health and Development**

November 2016 Volume 42, Issue 6 Pages 775–955

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.6/issuetoc>

*Original Articles*

### **[Questioning assent: how are children's views included as families make decisions about clinical trials? \(pages 900–908\)](#)**

L. Madden, V. Shilling, K. Woolfall, E. Sowden, R. L. Smyth, P. R. Williamson and B. Young

Version of Record online: 2 MAY 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12347

#### *Abstract*

##### **Background**

Assent is used to take children's wishes into account when they are invited into clinical trials, but the concept has attracted considerable criticism. We investigated children's accounts of decision-making with the aim of informing practice in supporting children when invited to join a clinical trial.

##### **Methods**

We audio-recorded qualitative, semi-structured interviews with 22 children aged 8–16 years about being invited to take part in a clinical trial. Most children were interviewed with their parents. Analysis of the transcribed interviews examined the content of participants' accounts thematically, whilst also drawing on principles of discourse analysis, which examines how individuals use talk to achieve certain effects or social practices.

##### **Results**

It was not possible to separate children's knowledge of the clinical trial, or their decision-making processes from that of their parents, with parents taking a substantial mediating role in producing their children's decisions. Decision-making gradually unfolded across time and events and was interwoven within the family context, rather than happening in one moment or in the clinical setting. Whilst children valued their parents' role, a case study of child–parent disagreement indicated how children can struggle to be heard.

##### **Conclusions**

Decisions happen within a process of family dynamics, in contrast to ideas of assent that isolate it from this context. Parents have a substantial role in children's decisions, and thus how families come to provide consent. Reflecting this we argue that assent practices need to focus on supporting parents to support their children in learning and deliberating about trials. However, this needs to be accompanied by practitioners being alert to the possibility of divergence in child and parent views and enabling children's perspectives to be heard.

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### *Original Articles*

#### **[The awareness of primary caregivers in South Africa of the human rights of their children with intellectual disabilities \(pages 863–870\)](#)**

K. Huus, S. Dada, J. Bornman and F. Lyngnegård

Version of Record online: 30 JUN 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12358

### **Complexity**

September/October 2016 Volume 21, Issue S1 Pages 1–632

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.S1/issuetoc>

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### **Conflict and Health**

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

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### *Research*

#### **[Prevalence, care-seeking, and health service utilization for non-communicable diseases among Syrian refugees and host communities in Lebanon](#)**

Shannon Doocy, Emily Lyles, Baptiste Hanquart and Michael Woodman

Published on: 19 October 2016

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

October 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 5 pp: v-vi,433-537

<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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### **Developing World Bioethics**

August 2016 Volume 16, Issue 2 Pages 61–120

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-2/issuetoc>

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### **Development in Practice**

Volume 24, Number 8

<http://www.developmentinpractice.org/journals/volume-24-number-8>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

November 2016 Volume 34, Issue 6 Pages 761–915

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2016.34.issue-6/issuetoc>

### *Articles*

#### **[The impacts of the food, fuel and financial crises on poor and vulnerable households in Nigeria: A retrospective approach to research inquiry \(pages 763–788\)](#)**

Blessing M. Chiripanhura and Miguel Niño-Zarazúa

Version of Record online: 12 OCT 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12183

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This article examines the impacts of the financial, food and fuel crises on poor and vulnerable households in two states of Nigeria: Lagos and Kano. It uses retrospective household-level data to analyze the impacts of induced price variability on household welfare. The results indicate that aggregate shocks have significant adverse effects on household consumption, schooling and child labour decisions, with a degree of impact heterogeneity across regions and rural and urban areas of the country. We find that the coping strategies adopted by the poor to deal with the short-term effects of the crises can lock households in a low-income equilibrium or poverty trap. Provided that covariate shocks exacerbate these effects, they become central for policy design.

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

Volume 11, Issue 8, 2016

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

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

Volume 10 - Issue 04 - August 2016

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

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### **Disasters**

October 2016 Volume 40, Issue 4 Pages 589–815

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2016.40.issue-4/issuetoc>

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### **Emergency Medicine Journal**

October 2016, Volume 33, Issue 10

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

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### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 22, Number 10—October 2016

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

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### **Epidemics**

Volume 17, In Progress (December 2016)

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

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<http://eolj.bmj.com/content/current>  
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## **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 144 - Issue 15 - November 2016  
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayIssue?jid=HYG&tab=currentissue>  
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## **Ethics & International Affairs**

Summer 2016 (Issue 30.2)  
<http://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2016/spring-2016-issue-30-1/>  
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### **The Possibilities and Pitfalls of Humanitarian Drones**

John R. Emery

*ROUNDTABLE: HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA*

### **Lost in Transformation? The Politics of the Sustainable Development Goals**

Malcolm Langford

### **Transformative Equality: Making the Sustainable Development Goals Work for Women**

Sandra Fredman, Jaakko Kuosmanen, and Meghan Campbell

### **Equality as a Global Goal**

Edward Anderson

### **Accountability for the Sustainable Development Goals: A Lost Opportunity?**

Kate Donald and Sally-Anne Way

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

Volume 26, Issue 5, 1 October 2016  
<http://eurpub.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/5>  
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## **Food Policy**

Volume 64, In Progress (October 2016)  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192>  
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## **Food Security**

Volume 8, Issue 5, October 2016  
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## **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 43, Issue 3, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

*research article*

### **The Social Construction of Development Cooperation Success and Failure**

Adam Moe Fejerskov

Pages 365-383

*Abstract*

Determining the success of development projects and programmes is often portrayed and understood as a question of measurable impact and effectiveness. More often than not however, success is a negotiated truth, socially constructed between the involved stakeholders that does not require measurable results of impact, and may very well hold the opposite circumstances. By examining the Intergovernmental Authority on Development in the Horn of Africa, the article investigates one such case of development project success despite substantial impact on the ground. Success in development cooperation, the article argues, is not a matter of attaining impact, but is rather constructed in the overlapping space between representation and interpretation of events, actions and discourses, made and sustained socially between recipient and donor.

## **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)**

September 2016 | Volume 4 | Issue 3

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

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## **Global Public Health**

Volume 11, Issue 10, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

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### **Why gender matters in the solution towards safe sanitation? Reflections from rural India**

Pages: 1185-1201

Tina Khanna & Madhumita Das

## **Globalization and Health**

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

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## **Health Affairs**

October 2016; Volume 35, Issue 10

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

***Issue Focus: Insurance, The ACA, Care In India & More***

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## **Health and Human Rights**

Volume 18, Issue 1, June 2016

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

***Special Section: Tuberculosis and the Right to Health***

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## **Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 11 - Issue 4 - October 2016

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

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## **Health Policy and Planning**

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## **Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

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## **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 38, Number 3, August 2016

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/33958>

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## **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 67 September 2016

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

***Refugees and vulnerable migrants in Europe***

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## **IDRiM Journal**

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<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/15>

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**Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

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**International Health**

Volume 8 Issue 5 September 2016

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

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**International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 5, Issue 1, 2016

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**International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 18, Pages 1-266 (September 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/22124209/18>

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**International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 45 Issue 4 August 2016

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

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**International Journal of Infectious Diseases**

October 2016 Volume 51, p1-140

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*Editorial*

**A Global Antimicrobial Conservation Fund for Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

Marc Mendelson, Osman A. Dar, Steven J. Hoffman, Ramanan Laxminarayan, Mirfin M. Mpundu, John-Arne Røttingen

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Volume 23, Issue 6, 2016

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### **International Migration Review**

Fall 2016 Volume 50, Issue 3 Pages 535–824, e33–e49

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imre.2016.50.issue-3/issuetoc>

Special Focus Areas in this Issue:

:: *IMMIGRANTS IN WESTERN EUROPE: EDUCATION, MARRIAGE, ATTITUDES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT*

:: *IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCES IN NORTH AMERICA AND AUSTRALIA: UNIONIZATION, DACA, WEIGHT, EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS, AND MATERNAL DEPRESSION*

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**Intervention** – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas  
July 2016 - Volume 14 - Issue 2 pp: 96-186

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

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### **JAMA**

October 18, 2016, Vol 316, No. 15, Pages 1515-1610

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

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### **JAMA Pediatrics**

October 1, 2016, Vol 170, No. 10, Pages 919-1032

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### **JBIR Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports**

August 2016 - Volume 14 - Issue 8

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<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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### **Journal of Community Health**

Volume 41, Issue 5, October 2016

<http://link.springer.com/journal/10900/41/5/page/1>

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### **Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health**

October 2016, Volume 70, Issue 10

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Volume 6 Issue 2 2016 ISSN: 2044-1266

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/6/2>

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**Journal of Development Economics**

Volume 123, In Progress (November 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03043878/123>

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**Journal of Environmental Management**

Volume 183, Part 1, Pages 1-342 (1 December 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03014797>

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October 2016, Volume 70, Issue 10

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Volume 2, Issue 3, 2016

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**Journal of Global Ethics**

Volume 12, Issue 2, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

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**Journal of Global Infectious Diseases (JGID)**

July-September 2016 Volume 8 | Issue 3 Page Nos. 95-126

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

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Volume 27, Number 3, August 2016

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## **Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management**

Volume 6 Issue 2 2016

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## **Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health**

Volume 18, Issue 5, October 2016

<http://link.springer.com/journal/10903/18/5/page/1>

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## **Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies**

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<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

***Special Issue: Social Mobilization and Political Participation in the Diaspora During the "Arab Spring"***

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## **Journal of Infectious Diseases**

Volume 214 Issue 8 October 15, 2016

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## **Journal of International Development**

October 2016 Volume 28, Issue 7 Pages 1011–1195

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## **The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics**

Winter 2015 Volume 43, Issue 4 Pages 673–913

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jlme.2015.43.issue-4/issuetoc>

***Special Issue: SYMPOSIUM: Harmonizing Privacy Laws to Enable International Biobank Research: Part I***

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## **Journal of Medical Ethics**

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**[Research in disaster settings: a systematic qualitative review of ethical guidelines](#)**

Authors: Mezinska Signe, Kakuk Péter, Mijaljica Goran, Waligóra Marcin, O'Mathúna Dónal,  
Journal: BMC Medical Ethics.2016, 17:62

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## **Journal of Operations Management**

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<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02726963>

### ***Special Issue on Supply Chain Management in Emerging Markets***

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## **Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews**

Volume 3, Issue 3 (2016)

<http://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

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## **Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS)**

Volume 5 Issue 22 October 2016

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**Lancet Global Health**

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**The Lancet Infectious Diseases**

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**Maternal and Child Health Journal**

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**The Milbank Quarterly**

*A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy*

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[http://www.nature.com/nature/current\\_issue.html](http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html)

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## **Nature Medicine**

October 2016, Volume 22 No 10 pp1063-1192

<http://www.nature.com/nm/journal/v22/n10/index.html>

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## **New England Journal of Medicine**

October 20, 2016 Vol. 375 No. 16

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

*Original Articles*

### **Guillain–Barré Syndrome Associated with Zika Virus Infection in Colombia**

Beatriz Parra, Ph.D., Jairo Lizarazo, M.D., Jorge A. Jiménez-Arango, M.D., Andrés F. Zea-Vera, M.D., Ph.D., Guillermo González-Manrique, M.D., José Vargas, M.D., Jorge A. Angarita, M.D., Gonzalo Zuñiga, M.D., Reydmir Lopez-Gonzalez, M.D., Cindy L. Beltran, M.D., Karen H. Rizcala, M.D., Maria T. Morales, M.D., Oscar Pacheco, M.D., Martha L. Ospina, M.D., Anupama Kumar, M.B., B.S., David R. Cornblath, M.D., Laura S. Muñoz, M.D., Lyda Osorio, M.D., Ph.D., Paula Barreras, M.D., and Carlos A. Pardo, M.D.

N Engl J Med 2016; 375:1513-1523 October 20, 2016 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1605564

*Editorials*

### **Zika Getting on Your Nerves? The Association with the Guillain–Barré Syndrome**

J.A. Frontera and I.R.F. da Silva

## **Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly**

October 2016; 45 (5)

<http://nvs.sagepub.com/content/current>

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## **Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration**

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## **Pediatrics**

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## PharmacoEconomics

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<http://link.springer.com/journal/40273/34/10/page/1>

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## PLOS Currents: Disasters

<http://currents.plos.org/disasters/>

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### [Education and Training of Emergency Medical Teams: Recommendations for a Global Operational Learning Framework](#)

October 21, 2016 · *Discussion*

An increasing number of international emergency medical teams are deployed to assist disaster-affected populations worldwide. Since Haiti earthquake those teams have been criticised for ill adapted care, lack of preparedness in addition to not coordinating with the affected country healthcare system. The Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) initiative, as part of the World Health Organization's Global Health Emergency Workforce program, aims to address these shortcomings by improved EMT coordination, and mechanisms to ensure quality and accountability of national and international EMTs. An essential component to reach this goal is appropriate education and training. Multiple disaster education and training programs are available. However, most are centred on individuals' professional development rather than on the EMTs operational performance. Moreover, no common overarching or standardised training frameworks exist. In this report, an expert panel review and discuss the current approaches to disaster education and training and propose a three-step operational learning framework that could be used for EMTs globally. The proposed framework includes the following steps: 1) ensure professional competence and license to practice, 2) support adaptation of technical and non-technical professional capacities into the low-resource and emergency context and 3) prepare for an effective team performance in the field. A combination of training methodologies is also recommended, including individual theory based education, immersive simulations and team training. Agreed curriculum and open access training materials for EMTs need to be further developed, ideally through collaborative efforts between WHO, operational EMT organizations, universities, professional bodies and training agencies.

### [Laboratory Diagnosis for Outbreak-Prone Infectious Diseases after Typhoon Yolanda \(Haiyan\), Philippines](#)

October 21, 2016 · *Research Article*

Introduction: Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) hit the central part of the Philippines on November 8, 2013. To identify possible outbreaks of communicable diseases after the typhoon, nasopharyngeal swabs, stool and blood samples were collected from patients who visited the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center due to acute respiratory infection (ARI), acute gastroenteritis (AGE) or other febrile illness (OFI) including suspected dengue fever, between November 28, 2013 and February 5, 2014.

Methods: Samples were tested on-site for selected pathogens using rapid diagnostic tests. Confirmation and further analysis were conducted at the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Manila using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and sequencing. Residues of the rapid diagnostic tests and samples collected in the filter papers (FTATM card) were transported to Manila under suboptimal conditions. PCR results were compared between the kit residues and the filter papers.

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Results: A total of 185 samples were collected. Of these, 128 cases were ARI, 17 cases were AGE and 40 cases were OFI. For nasopharyngeal swab samples, detection rates for enterovirus and rhinovirus residues were higher than the filter papers. For stool samples, rotavirus positive rate for the filter paper was higher than the kit residues. We also managed to obtain the sequence data from some of the kit residues and filter papers.

Discussion: Our results confirmed the importance of PCR for the laboratory diagnosis of infectious diseases in post-disaster situations when diagnostic options are limited.

### **PLoS Currents: Outbreaks**

<http://currents.plos.org/outbreaks/>

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### **PLoS Medicine**

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

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### **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

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### **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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

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### **PLoS One**

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

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### **PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America**

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

*Social Sciences - Political Sciences - Social Sciences - Sustainability Science:*

#### **Civil conflict sensitivity to growing-season drought**

Nina von Uexkull, Mihai Croicu, Hanne Fjelde, and Halvard Buhaug

PNAS 2016 ; published ahead of print October 17, 2016, doi:10.1073/pnas.1607542113

#### *Significance*

Understanding the conflict potential of drought is critical for dealing effectively with the societal implications of climate change. Using new georeferenced ethnicity and conflict data for Asia and

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Africa since 1989, we present an actor-oriented analysis of growing-season drought and conflict involvement among ethnic groups. Results from naive models common in previous research suggest that drought generally has little impact. However, context-sensitive models accounting for the groups' level of vulnerability reveal that drought can contribute to sustaining conflict, especially for agriculturally dependent groups and politically excluded groups in very poor countries. These results suggest a reciprocal nature–society interaction in which violent conflict and environmental shock constitute a vicious circle, each phenomenon increasing the group's vulnerability to the other.

#### *Abstract*

To date, the research community has failed to reach a consensus on the nature and significance of the relationship between climate variability and armed conflict. We argue that progress has been hampered by insufficient attention paid to the context in which droughts and other climatic extremes may increase the risk of violent mobilization. Addressing this shortcoming, this study presents an actor-oriented analysis of the drought–conflict relationship, focusing specifically on politically relevant ethnic groups and their sensitivity to growing-season drought under various political and socioeconomic contexts. To this end, we draw on new conflict event data that cover Asia and Africa, 1989–2014, updated spatial ethnic settlement data, and remote sensing data on agricultural land use. Our procedure allows quantifying, for each ethnic group, drought conditions during the growing season of the locally dominant crop. A comprehensive set of multilevel mixed effects models that account for the groups' livelihood, economic, and political vulnerabilities reveals that a drought under most conditions has little effect on the short-term risk that a group challenges the state by military means. However, for agriculturally dependent groups as well as politically excluded groups in very poor countries, a local drought is found to increase the likelihood of sustained violence. We interpret this as evidence of the reciprocal relationship between drought and conflict, whereby each phenomenon makes a group more vulnerable to the other.

### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/prehospital-and-disaster-medicine/latest-issue>

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### **Preventive Medicine**

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<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00917435/90>

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### **Public Health Ethics**

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### **Public Health Reports**

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### **Qualitative Health Research**

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#### ***Special Issue: Responses to Care***

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### **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

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### **Reproductive Health**

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#### **Childbirth in Brazil Volume 13 Supplement 3**

##### *Research*

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### **Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)**

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#### ***Thematic Issue on Climate-smart and Sustainable societies in the Americas***

Addressing public health vulnerabilities and promoting sustainable adaptation

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### **Risk Analysis**

September 2016 Volume 36, Issue 9 Pages 1683–1812

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#### ***Special Issue: Air Pollution Health Risks***

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### **Risk Management and Healthcare Policy**

Volume 9, 2016

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<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

*In Depth*

### **Colombia peace deal blow dismays ecologists**

By Lizzie Wade

Science 21 Oct 2016 : 271 Restricted Access

Once encouraged by a cease-fire, scientists now reconsider venturing into rainforest

*Policy Forum*

### **Identifying the policy space for climate loss and damage**

By Reinhard Mechler, Thomas Schinko

Science 21 Oct 2016 : 290-292 Full Access

Climate risk analysis must play a fundamental role

*Summary*

Currently planned greenhouse gas mitigation efforts would not prevent climate warming from going beyond 2°C as aspired to in the 2015 Paris Agreement (1), adding to climate-related impacts already under way (2). Although climate adaptation has been strengthened in the Paris Agreement, climate-related risks may exceed adaptation possibilities of communities and countries. To this effect, an important decision in the Paris Agreement was the endorsement of the Warsaw International Mechanism (WIM) for Loss and Damage (L&D) (3). This established L&D as a distinct pillar of climate negotiations, yet with an unclearly defined remit. With a policy framework yet to emerge, the 22nd Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in November in Marrakesh will review the structure, mandate, and effectiveness of the WIM, first institutionalized in 2013. Risk science can provide a rationale and delineate a policy space for L&D, composed of curative measures for unavowed and unavoidable impacts, and transformative measures for avoiding and managing increasingly intolerable risks.

## **Social Science & Medicine**

Volume 160, Pages 1-130 (July 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02779536/160>

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## **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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## **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

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[http://ssir.org/issue/summer\\_2016](http://ssir.org/issue/summer_2016)

The digital revolution is sweeping through society. Nonprofit organizations and social businesses have been slower to adapt to these technological changes than for-profit businesses, but many are beginning to do so. In the summer 2016 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review* there are two articles that address this topic: "[Upgrading a Network](#)" and "[Using Data for Action and for Impact](#)."

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### **Sustainability**

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### **TORTURE Journal**

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<http://www.irct.org/Default.aspx?ID=5768>

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### **Tropical Medicine & International Health**

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### **UN Chronicle**

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#### **Sport Aims for the Goals**

It is well known that physical activity improves personal health and well-being, but the benefits of sport to society are less apparent. This issue of the Chronicle explores the ways in which sport can enable individuals and communities to build a stronger, more harmonious world.

### **Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies**

*An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care*

Volume 11, Issue 4, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

*research article*

#### **'Haven of safety' and 'secure base': a qualitative inquiry into factors affecting child attachment security in Nairobi, Kenya**

Anastasia Polkovnikova-Wamoto, Muthoni Mathai, Ann Vander Stoep & Manasi Kumar

Pages: 286-296

*research article*

#### **The impact of HIV-related stigma on the psychological well-being of children who have been orphaned by AIDS**

Zeenat Yassin & Charlene Jennifer Erasmus

Pages: 297-323

*article commentary*

#### **Researching resilience of youth in the context of HIV: harbinger of change**

Ann S. Masten

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## World Heritage Review

n°80 - July 2016

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/80/>

## World Heritage in Turkey

The 40th session of the World Heritage Committee is taking place in Istanbul from 10 to 20 July 2016, and we are extremely grateful to Turkey for generously hosting this session.

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