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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.



Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought [European Parliament]

The 36 Sakharov Prize Laureates hail from every corner of the globe, and come from a hugely diverse range of cultural backgrounds. From international organisations to lone activists, they employ different methods and face different challenges. Despite these differences, they are united in their commitment to peaceful struggle for freedom and dignity. All share an unbreakable devotion to human rights, and all have risked their safety, their liberty or even their lives for their common cause. These are the values that Andrei Sakharov so powerfully embodied, and the criteria on which the European Parliament selects the Laureates of the prize that bears his name.

Nadia Murad and Lamiya Aji Bashar, 2016 laureates of the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought

Nadia Murad Basee Taha and Lamiya Aji Bashar are survivors of sexual enslavement by Islamic State (IS) and have become spokespersons for women afflicted by IS's campaign of sexual violence. They are public advocates for the Yazidi community in Iraq, a religious minority that has been the subject of a genocidal campaign by IS militants.

On 3 August 2014, IS slaughtered all the males in the village of Kocho, Aji Bashar and Murad's hometown in Sinjar/Iraq. Following the massacre, women and children were enslaved: all young women, including Aji Bashar, Murad and their sisters were kidnapped, bought and sold several times and exploited as sex slaves. During the Kocho massacre, Murad lost six of her brothers and her mother, who was killed along with 80 older women deemed to have no sexual value. Aji Bashar was also exploited as a sex slave along with her six sisters. She was sold five times among the militants and was forced to make bombs and suicide vests in Mosul after IS militants executed her brothers and father.

In November 2014, Murad managed to escape with the help of a neighbouring family who smuggled her out of the IS-controlled area, allowing her to make her way to a refugee camp in northern Iraq and then to Germany. A year later, in December 2015, Murad addressed the UN Security Council's first-ever session on human trafficking with a powerful speech about her experience. In September 2016, she became the first United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Goodwill Ambassador for the Dignity of Survivors of Human Trafficking, participating in global and local advocacy initiatives to raise awareness around the plight of the countless victims of trafficking. In October 2016, the Council of Europe honoured her with the Václav Havel Human Rights Prize.

Aji Bashar tried to flee several times before finally escaping in April with the help of her family, who paid local smugglers. On her way over the Kurdish border, and while racing towards Iraq's government-controlled territory with IS militants in pursuit, a landmine exploded, killing two of her acquaintances and leaving her injured and almost blind. Luckily she managed to escape and was eventually sent for medical treatment in Germany, where she was reunited with her surviving siblings. Since her recovery Aji Bashar has been active in raising awareness about the

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plight of the Yazidi community and continues to help women and children who were victims of IS enslavement and atrocities.

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Governance

28 October 2016

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General Assembly, by Secret Ballot, Elects 14 Member States to Serve Three-year Terms on Human Rights Council

The General Assembly today elected, by secret ballot, 14 States to serve on the Human Rights Council, the United Nations body responsible for the promotion and protection of all human rights around the globe.

Those elected were Brazil, China, Croatia, Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, Iraq, Japan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Tunisia, United Kingdom and the United States. All would serve three-year terms beginning on 1 January 2017.

The 14 outgoing members were Algeria, China, Cuba, France, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom and Viet Nam. In accordance with Assembly resolution 60/251, those Member States were eligible for immediate re-election except the delegation which had served two consecutive terms, namely Maldives.

The 14 new members were elected according to the following pattern: four seats for African States; four seats for Asia-Pacific States; two seats for Eastern European States; two seats for Latin American and Caribbean States; and two seats for Western European and other States. Newly elected to the Geneva-based body were Brazil, Croatia, Egypt, Hungary, Iraq, Japan, Rwanda, Tunisia and United States. Re-elected for an additional term were China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Assembly President Peter Thomson (Fiji) announced that the following States would also continue as members of the Council: Albania, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Switzerland, Togo, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Created by the Assembly in May 2006 (resolution 60/251) as the principal United Nations body dealing with human rights, the Human Rights Council comprises 47 elected Member States. On the basis of equitable geographical distribution, Council seats are allocated to the five regional groups as follows: African States, 13 seats; Asia-Pacific States, 13 seats; Eastern European States, 6 seats; Latin American and Caribbean States, 8 seats; and Western European and other States, 7 seats.

Russia Loses Seat on U.N. Human Rights Council

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By SOMINI SENGUPTA

New York Times

OCT. 28, 2016

UNITED NATIONS — Russia narrowly lost its seat on the main United Nations body devoted to human rights on Friday, signaling international dismay over the military power's conduct in Syria.

The vote was to select countries to represent Eastern Europe on the United Nations Human Rights Council. Russia lost by two votes to Croatia and by 32 votes to Hungary. All 193 members of the United Nations General Assembly voted, and when the results were announced, there was a "small intake of air" in the large hall, said the New Zealand envoy, Gerard van Bohemen.

He said he believed that Russia's conduct in the war in Syria, including the aerial bombardment of Aleppo, "must have played a part."

The Russian ambassador, Vitaly I. Churkin, declined to answer a reporter's question about whether Syria had anything to do with the vote. "We need a break," he said.

Mr. Churkin said his country was more "exposed to the winds of international diplomacy" than the two countries from his region selected for the council...

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The Elders urge all states to commit to universal, impartial International Criminal Court

Our statement on the International Criminal Court, following recent moves by three African countries to withdraw.

Press release 26 October 2016

At the end of their bi-annual meeting today, The Elders called for redoubled efforts to turn the International Criminal Court into a truly universal, and impartial, tribunal.

During discussions in London, the potentially serious consequences of recent decisions by three African countries – Burundi, Gambia and South Africa – to withdraw from the ICC, along with Botswana's criticism of South Africa's decision, were considered by the Elders.

The Elders recalled that, in 1998, on signing the Rome Statutes that led to establishment of the International Criminal Court, South Africa's President Nelson Mandela said:

"Our own continent has suffered enough horrors emanating from the inhumanity of human beings towards human beings. Who knows, many of these might not have occurred, or at least been minimised, had there been an effectively functioning International Criminal Court."

When he founded The Elders in 2007, Nelson Mandela called on the organisation to work tirelessly for peace, justice and human rights, on the basis of full equality of all peoples. Nine years later, the Elders therefore urge all states to continue, and indeed deepen, their engagement with the ICC – in the interests of their own people.

Kofi Annan, current Chair of The Elders, added:

"The ICC should be a source of hope to those victims of serious abuses whose domestic judicial systems have let them down. Unfortunately however the perception in parts of Africa and elsewhere that the Court is not impartial, and that big powers who are not members apply double standards, is undermining its credibility and effectiveness."

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The Elders called on those three African states who have just announced their intention to quit the Court, and others who may be contemplating following suit, to change course and instead fight for much-needed reform from within, as members.

Urgent reform of the ICC is required to improve its overall performance and effectiveness in delivering justice for all in a timely and scrupulously neutral fashion; The Elders believe that such reforms would lead to the enhanced credibility of the Court.

Three Permanent Members of the UN Security Council – China, Russia and the United States – are not members, while other important and populous states, such as India and Indonesia, have either not signed the Rome Statutes or else have not ratified them. This poses a fundamental impediment to the Court’s ability to deliver equality of justice worldwide.

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The Global Gender Gap Report 2016

World Economic Forum

Insight Report

October 2016 :: 391 pages

PDF: http://www3.weforum.org/docs/GGGR16/WEF_Global_Gender_Gap_Report_2016.pdf

Preface [Editor’s text bolding]

Talent and technology together will determine how the Fourth Industrial Revolution can be harnessed to deliver sustainable economic growth and innumerable benefits to society. Yet if half of the world’s talent is not integrated—as both beneficiary and shaper—into the transformations underway, we will compromise innovation and risk a rise in inequality. This urgency is at the core of a fresh call to action to accelerate progress towards gender equality, adding to the well-established economic case for gender equality. Moreover, there is a fundamental moral case for empowering women: women represent one half of the global population and it is self-evident that they must have equal access to health, education, earning power and political representation.

Through the Global Gender Gap Report, the World Economic Forum quantifies the magnitude of gender-based disparities and tracks their progress over time. While no single measure can capture the complete situation, **the Global Gender Gap Index presented in this Report seeks to measure one important aspect of gender equality—the relative gaps between women and men across four key areas: health, education, economy and politics.** The Index was developed in part to address the need for a consistent and comprehensive measure for gender equality that can track a country’s progress over time. More than a decade of data has revealed that progress is still too slow for realizing the full potential of one half of humanity within our lifetimes.

The Index does not seek to provide a comprehensive set of data and a clear method for tracking gaps on critical indicators so that countries may set priorities within their own economic, political and cultural contexts. It points to potential role models by revealing those countries that—within their region or income group—are leaders in distributing resources more equitably between women and men, regardless of the overall level of available resources.

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On average, the 144 countries covered in the Report have closed 96% of the gap in health outcomes between women and men, unchanged since last year, and more than 95% of the gap in educational attainment, an improvement of almost one full percentage point since last year and the highest value ever measured by the Index. However, the gaps between women and men on economic participation and political empowerment remain wide: only 59% of the economic participation gap has been closed—a continued reversal on several years of progress and the lowest value measured by the Index since 2008—and about 23% of the political gap, continuing a trend of slow but steady improvement. Weighted by population, in 2016, the average progress on closing the global gender gap stands at a score of 0.683—meaning an average gap of 31.7% remains to be closed worldwide across the four Index dimensions in order to achieve universal gender parity.

Out of the 142 countries covered by the Index both this year and last year, 68 countries have increased their overall gender gap score compared to last year, while 74 have seen it decrease. It therefore has been an ambiguous year for global gender parity, with uneven progress at best.

All things held equal, with current trends, the overall global gender gap can be closed in 83 years across the 107 countries covered since the inception of the Report—just within the statistical lifetime of baby girls born today. However, the most challenging gender gaps remain in the economic sphere and in health. At the current rate of change, and given the widening economic gender gap since last year, it will not be closed for another 170 years. The economic gender gap this year has reverted back to where it stood in 2008, after a peak in 2013. On the other hand, on current trends, the education-specific gender gap could be reduced to parity within the next 10 years. The currently widest gender gap, in the political dimension, is also the one exhibiting the most progress, narrowing by 9% since 2006. On current trends, it could be closed within 82 years. The time to close the health gender gap remains undefined. Formally the smallest gap, it has oscillated in size with a general downward trend. Today, the gap is larger than it stood in 2006, in part due to specific issues in select countries, in particular China and India.

Some regions should expect to see their gender gaps narrow faster than the global rate of change. Among these are South Asia, with a projected closing of the gender gap in 46 years, Western Europe in 61 years, Latin America in 72 years and Sub-Saharan Africa, due to achieve parity in 79 years. Projections for other world regions suggest closing their gaps will take longer than 100 years, namely 129 years in the Middle East and North Africa, 146 years in East Asia and the Pacific, and 149 years in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Given the slow progress over the last decade, the gender gap in North America is expected to close in 158 years. None of these forecasts are foregone conclusions. Instead they reflect the current state of progress and serve as a call to action to policymakers and other stakeholders to accelerate gender equality.

Press Releases

[Beyond our Lifetimes: Prospects for Workplace Gender Equality Slip to 2186](#)

Tuesday 25 October 2016

The World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2016 finds economic parity between the sexes could take 170 years after a dramatic slowdown in progress

Slowdown partly down to chronic imbalances in salaries and labour force participation, despite the fact that, in 95 countries, women attend university in equal or higher numbers than men

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Nordic nations continue to rank among highest performing countries, but several developing and emerging markets have also made it into the top 20; the US falls to 45th...

The pillar where the gender gap looms largest, Political Empowerment, is also the one that has seen the greatest amount of progress since the World Economic Forum began measuring the gender gap in 2006. This now stands at over 23%; 1% greater than 2015 and nearly 10% higher than in 2006. However, improvements are starting from a low base: only two countries have reached parity in parliament and only four have reached parity on ministerial roles, according to the latest globally comparable data.

The slow rate of progress towards gender parity, especially in the economic realm, poses a particular risk given the fact that many jobs that employ a majority of women are likely to be hit proportionately hardest by the coming age of technological disruption known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution. This "hollowing out" of female livelihoods could deprive economies further of women's talents and increases the urgency for more women to enter high-growth fields such as those demanding STEM skills. "Women and men must be equal partners in managing the challenges our world faces – and in reaping the opportunities. Both voices are critical in ensuring the Fourth Industrial Revolution delivers its promise for society," said Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum...

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Environment – Heritage Stewardship

The Ross Sea is a deep bay of the Southern Ocean in Antarctica, between Victoria Land and Marie Byrd Land. It derives its name from the British explorer James Ross who visited this area in 1841. It covers 1.55 million square kilometers (600,000 square miles).

CCAMLR to create world's largest Marine Protected Area

The world's experts on Antarctic marine conservation have agreed to establish a marine protected area (MPA) in Antarctica's Ross Sea.

MEDIA RELEASE

28 October 2016

This week at the Meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) in Hobart, Australia, all Member countries have agreed to a joint USA/New Zealand proposal to establish a 1.55 million km² area of the Ross Sea with special protection from human activities.

This new MPA, to come into force in December 2017, will limit, or entirely prohibit, certain activities in order to meet specific conservation, habitat protection, ecosystem monitoring and fisheries management objectives. Seventy-two percent of the MPA will be a 'no-take' zone, which forbids all fishing, while other sections will permit some harvesting of fish and krill for scientific research...

CCAMLR's Scientific Committee first endorsed the scientific basis for proposals for the Ross Sea region put forward by the USA and New Zealand in 2011. It invited the Commission to consider the proposals and provide guidance on how they could be progressed. Each year from 2012 to 2015 the proposal was refined in terms of the scientific data to support the proposal as well as

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the specific details such as exact location of the boundaries of the MPA. Details of implementation of the MPA will be negotiated through the development of a specific monitoring and assessment plan. The delegations of New Zealand and the USA will facilitate this process. This year's decision to establish a Ross Sea MPA follows CCAMLR's establishment, in 2009, of the world's first high-seas MPA, the South Orkney Islands southern shelf MPA, a region covering 94 000 km² in the south Atlantic...

MPAs aim to provide protection to marine species, biodiversity, habitat, foraging and nursery areas, as well as to preserve historical and cultural sites. MPAs can assist in rebuilding fish stocks, supporting ecosystem processes, monitoring ecosystem change and sustaining biological diversity.

Areas closed to fishing, or in which fishing activities are restricted, can be used by scientists to compare with areas that are open to fishing. This enables scientists to research the relative impacts of fishing and other changes, such as those arising from climate change. This can help our understanding of the range of variables affecting the overall status and health of marine ecosystems.

What is CCAMLR?

The Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

:: Established by an international treaty in 1982

:: Its objective is the conservation of Antarctic marine life while providing for rational use

25 Members and a further 11 countries have signed the Convention

:: The Secretariat (international Headquarters) is at 181 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Australia

:: Further information, including a five-minute video outlining the work of CCAMLR, is available via the [About CCAMLR](#) page.

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Haiti

[Haiti's Ministry of Health organizing a vaccination campaign against cholera in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew, supported by PAHO-WHO, UNICEF and other partners](#)

Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 27 Oct. 2016-- The Haitian Ministry of Health (MSPP) is setting up a vaccination campaign against cholera in areas ravaged by Hurricane Matthew, with support from the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization (PAHO / WHO).

The decision of WHO and other member of the Global Task Force for Cholera Control to approve the request of the MSPP to bring 1 million doses of oral vaccine against cholera is based on the goal of reducing the burden of cholera cases on health care facilities, and of reducing deaths in the departments of the Sud and Grand'Anse, the areas most affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The target population is estimated at over 820,000 people over one year of age. The vaccination campaign will begin November 8, 2016. Activities will focus on the municipalities most vulnerable to cholera outbreaks in the two southern departments of Grand'Anse and Sud, where there has been significant destruction of water and sanitation supply systems.

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Haiti's Minister of Public Health, Dr. Daphne Benoit, said that the emergency vaccination campaign was taking place in tragic circumstances that have affected the populations of the south. "The vaccine is an additional intervention which will help us to save lives, but does not replace the efforts that the government supports in the field of water and sanitation," she emphasized.

PAHO-WHO Representative Dr. Jean-Luc Poncelet stressed the importance of the leadership of MSPP in this vaccination campaign, which "will contribute to limit the suffering of individuals and families affected by Hurricane Matthew." Some municipalities in the south west peninsula have reported outbreaks of cholera since the hurricane hit on October 4, "so it is important to work together and with partners to build local capacity for clinical management of cases in the cholera treatment centers," he said.

Poncelet noted that PAHO-WHO will support the Ministry of Health in activities including development of tools and technical support as well as reception, storage and transport of the vaccines and supplies in departments, municipalities and institutions. PAHO-WHO will also support training of vaccination staff supervisors and operators, and the coordination, collection and analysis of information, monitoring and evaluation.

Since Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti on October 4, significant increases in suspected cases of cholera and deaths have been reported from several places in the departments of Sud and Grand'Anse.

Numerous partners that work in Haiti are supporting the cholera vaccination campaign, including UNICEF, GHESKIO, Partners in Health, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), International Medical Corps and others.

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Emergencies

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 29 October 2016]

Iraq

:: WHO and partners gear up to safeguard lives of displaced persons fleeing Mosul

26 October 2016 -- The World Health Organization, together with national health authorities and health cluster partners, have accelerated preparedness and response measures for internally displaced persons from Mosul by prepositioning 46 mobile medical clinics, 45 mobile health teams and 26 ambulances in a number of prioritized areas around the country. Life-saving medicines and supplies for more than 350 000 beneficiaries have also been prepositioned, including chronic disease medicines, diarrhoeal disease medicines, and trauma and surgical supplies. Additional essential medicines are being delivered from WHO's logistics hub in Dubai, and are also being procured locally.

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified.*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified.*

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 29 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.*

Editor's Note:

While the WHO Emergency webpages above do not capture the announcements below, we add them here for continuity in understanding emergency contexts.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO releases emergency funds to support cholera response in Yemen

27 October 2016 – WHO has released approximately US\$ 1 million from its internal emergency funds to support the ongoing response to the cholera outbreak in Yemen. Since the outbreak was announced by the Ministry of Public Health and Population on 6 October, a total of 1184 suspected cases of cholera, including 6 deaths, have been reported. More than 7.6 million people are currently living in areas affected by the outbreak, and more than 3 million internally displaced persons are especially vulnerable.

: WHO expands the system for detection, alert, and containment of potential epidemics in light of Mosul humanitarian response - 26 October 2016

Baghdad, 26 October 2016 – In coordination with the Iraqi Federal Ministry of Health and Ministry of Health of Kurdistan Regional Government, WHO conducted 3 consecutive training sessions from 28 September to 6 October 2016 in Erbil and Suleimaniyah in the Kurdistan region.

The training focused on the early warning alert and response network system (EWARNs) and was targeted at staff from the new health facilities established to respond to the health needs of newly displaced populations in formal and emergency settlements, and hosting communities.

"We have to monitor communicable diseases trends, patterns and vigilance," said Altaf Musani, WHO Representative to Iraq. "EWARNs will be the tool to measure these trends and help to detect early epidemics in displaced population areas to support the federal and regional ministries of health and health cluster partners with effective epidemic-prone disease prevention and control measures," he added.

This series of trainings marked the entry of new 43 health facilities to the network in Iraq to scale up the number of reporting sites to over 180. 24 health staff from Ninewa Directorate of Health received comprehensive training on EWARNs reporting and are ready for deployment to the new health facilities to resume related EWARNs functions...

:: Major campaign launched to immunize 5.8 million Iraqi children against polio

25 October 2016

[See full coverage under "Polio" below]

UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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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 –

:: Iraq: Mosul Humanitarian Response Situation Report #3 (23-25 October 2016)

Highlights

...Over 10,500 people are currently displaced and in need of humanitarian assistance. Partners are providing emergency assistance in camps and host communities. The majority of displaced people are sheltering in host communities.

...Population movements are fluctuating as the front lines move, including people returning to their homes following improved security conditions in the immediate area.

...Assessments have recorded a significant number of female-headed households, raising concerns around the detention or capture of men and boys.

...Almost 14,500 people have received emergency assistance within 24 hours of areas newly-retaken from ISIL becoming accessible to humanitarian partners since the start of military operations.

Syria

:: 28 Oct 2016 Turkey | Syria: Flash Update - Developments in Eastern Aleppo (as of 27 October 2016) [EN/AR]

:: 26 October 2016 Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Syria, 26 October 2016

Yemen

- *No new announcements identified.*

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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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GA/11848

[General Assembly, by Secret Ballot, Elects 14 Member States to Serve Three-year Terms on Human Rights Council](#)

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26 October 2016

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[Emergency Relief Coordinator Pleads with Security Council for Minimum Action Needed to 'End the Slaughter' in Syria, Allow Wide-spread Humanitarian Access](#)

Evoking the "apocalyptic horror" of bombed and besieged Aleppo, the senior United Nations humanitarian official pleaded with the Security Council today to take the minimum action necessary to finally allow wide-spread humanitarian access and end the slaughter in Syria.

28 October 2016

SG/SM/18240

[Secretary-General Condemns Attack on West Aleppo, Reiterating Call for Referral of Situation in Syria to International Criminal Court](#)

25 October 2016

SG/SM/18231-AFR/3476

[Condemning Deadly Violence in Central African Republic, Secretary-General Says Such Actions Must Not Undermine Work of Rebuilding Nation](#)

24 October 2016

SG/SM/18223-AFR/3475-L/3262

[Secretary-General, Recalling South Africa's Role in Creating International Criminal Court, Hopes Government Will Reconsider Decision to Withdraw](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 29 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Battle for Mosul: ISIL forces thousands of civilians from their homes and executes hundreds](#)

GENEVA (28 October 2016) – Credible reports suggest that ISIL has been forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes in sub-districts around Mosul and has been forcibly relocating civilians inside the city itself since operations began on 17 October to restore Iraqi Government control over Mosul.

ISIL fighters are allegedly killing civilians who refuse to comply with ISIL's instructions or who previously belonged to the Iraqi Security Forces, including 232 civilians who were reportedly shot to death last Wednesday.

At least 5,370 families were abducted by ISIL from Shura sub-district, another 160 families from al-Qayyarah sub-district, 150 families from Hamam al-Alil sub-district and 2,210 families from Nimrud sub-district of al-Hamdaniya district, reports indicate.

Forced out at gunpoint, or killed if they resist or try to flee, these people are reportedly being moved to strategic ISIL locations.

Information received indicates that 60,000 persons are currently residing in Hamam al-Alil, an ISIL stronghold with a previous population of 23,000.

"ISIL's depraved, cowardly strategy is to attempt to use the presence of civilians to render certain points, areas or military forces immune from military operations, effectively using tens of thousands of women, men and children as human shields," Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights said. The use of human shields is prohibited under international humanitarian law, and constitutes a violation of the right not to be arbitrarily deprived of life...

[Press briefing note on Iraq, Turkey and Kenya](#)

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[Eritrea: UN Commission has urged referral to the International Criminal Court](#)

[International community must not lose sight of Myanmar challenges, UN expert warns](#)

[UN expert urges joint action to protect North Korea human rights](#)

[UN Special Rapporteur lists catalogue of rights breaches in Belarus](#)

[UN rights expert highlights hidden breaches of freedom of religion in new report](#)

[UN rights expert urges States not to sign the 'flawed' CETA treaty and put it to referendum](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Intersex Awareness Day – Wednesday 26 October](#)

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

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

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SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Colombia: New Report Calls for Continued Efforts to Protect all Children Affected by Conflict](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 29 October 2016]

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

25 October 2016

[Development goals: "States must not be tempted by the low-hanging fruit" – UN expert on right to health](#)

NEW YORK (25 October 2016) – The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Dainius Pūras, today called on states not to undermine the most marginalised and excluded groups in society by adopting easy-to-achieve goals or narrowly defining their health-related commitments in the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

"States should refrain from a selective approach to the right to health and related human rights when developing strategies towards the implementation of the SDGs, and should ensure full compliance with human rights law and principles," Mr. Pūras said during the presentation of his latest report* to the UN General Assembly.

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"Inequities, inequalities and discrimination are major threats and obstacles to global development, peace, and security worldwide," the expert said "The SDGs reflect an unprecedented political commitment and offer unique opportunities to effectively address those threats and obstacles."...

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Statement to the Security Council on Syria, 26 October 2016](#)

25 Oct 2016

[Nigeria: Press Statement by Peter Lundberg, Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator A.I., 25th October 2016](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Nigeria (Maiduguri, Borno State: 25 October 2016) Nigeria is facing the worst humanitarian crisis on the African continent. Currently up to 400,000 children face starvation and citizens suffer with little or no access to clean water, health, protection, education and food security...

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[World: Remarks for Assistant-Secretary-General Reflecting on Effective Strategies to Address Internal Displacement](#)

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[Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien Statement on Syria, 24 October 2016](#)

UNICEF [to 17 September 2016]

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

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[UNICEF calls on Italian parliament to pass bill providing support for record number of unaccompanied refugee and migrant children](#)

ROME/LAMPEDUSA, UNICEF is calling on the Italian parliament to urgently pass an historic bill that would strengthen support and protection for the record number of unaccompanied and separated children – at least 20,000 – who have arrived in Italy this year. Near daily reports of migrant drownings on the Mediterranean show clearly that passage of the bill cannot come a moment too soon for children risking their lives to reach Italian shores.

[UNICEF calls for urgent protection of all children that remain in the Calais camp](#)

PARIS/LONDON, 27 October, 2016 - "UNICEF is deeply troubled that last night, with the camp

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on fire, many children were forced to sleep out in exposed and cold conditions. And reports today from volunteers in Calais that some children have been escorted away by police for not having a wristband are shocking.

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on multiple attacks on schools in Syria](#)

NEW YORK, 27 October 2016 – “Yesterday, when a school compound in Syria was repeatedly attacked, killing dozens of children and teachers, we thought we had seen the depths of depravity.

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake on deadly attacks on schools in Idlib, northwest Syria](#)

NEW YORK/AMMAN, 26 October 2016 – “Twenty-two children and six teachers were reportedly murdered today when their school compound was repeatedly attacked in Idlib, Syria.

[Haiti funding needs nearly triple following Hurricane Matthew - UNICEF](#)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, 26 October 2016 – Three weeks since Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti, UNICEF said it would need an additional \$22.5 million to meet the increasing needs of children in the country, including in the hurricane-hit areas.

[145 children released armed groups in South Sudan – UNICEF](#)

PIBOR, South Sudan, 26 October 2016 – A total of 145 children were today released by armed groups in South Sudan, UNICEF has announced. This is the largest number of children freed since 2015, when 1,775 children were released in the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

[Major campaign launched to immunize 5.8 million Iraqi children against polio](#)

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 24 October 2016 – A five-day polio vaccination campaign is under way in Iraq to reach an estimated 5.8 million children below the age of five in Iraq, regardless of previous vaccination status.

[UNICEF and H&M Foundation launch an interactive digital brain development tool for young children](#)

NEW YORK, 24 October 2016 – A digital tool that interactively shows how games and play stimulate brain development during early childhood launches today. The interactive UNI_FORM ‘jacket’ was created by the H&M Foundation and UNICEF as part of a new UNI_FORM campaign to help promote early childhood development.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[UNHCR commemorates 2 years of the #IBelong campaign to eradicate global statelessness](#)

Campaign to end Statelessness marks its second year noting progress – and challenges ahead.

Significant progress has been made to eradicate statelessness around the world, but ongoing conflicts are putting those advances at risk. Marking the second anniversary of the global #IBelong Campaign to End Statelessness, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, renewed the call for a concerted effort by the international community to put an end to statelessness- a human rights injustice that affects at least 10 million people globally.

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Since the #IBelong Campaign was launched in 2014 with the ambition of wiping out statelessness by 2024, ten additional States have become Parties to the UN Statelessness Conventions- treaties that contain measures to help prevent and reduce statelessness. In addition, countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia and Thailand have made significant strides to reduce the number of stateless persons in their respective territories. Thailand, for example, has confirmed Thai nationality for some 23,000 formerly stateless persons over the last three and a half years...

Briefing Notes

[First Myanmar refugee returns from Thailand under way](#) 25 Oct 2016

[Mediterranean death toll soars to all-time high](#) 25 Oct 2016

[Transfer of residents out of "the Jungle" site in Calais, France](#) 25 Oct 2016

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[OM Plays Key Role in First-Line Response to Mosul's Humanitarian Emergency](#)

Iraq - A three-car IOM convoy travelled south from Erbil, Iraq, yesterday (27/10) into territory retaken recently from ISIL in Iraq's Ninewah governorate.

[A Million Iraqis Return Home: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix](#)

10/28/16

Iraq - IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has identified over one million returnees since the beginning of the conflict in 2014.

[Global Migrant Deaths Pass 5,200](#)

10/28/16

Switzerland - The number of migrant deaths and disappearances recorded by IOM in 2016 has reached 5,238.

[IOM, OFDA Aid Reaches 40,000 Families Affected by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti](#)

10/28/16

Haiti - On October 25th IOM dispatched a new convoy of 14 trucks carrying hygiene and kitchen kits, blankets, jerry cans, water purification tabs, and plastic sheets from Port-au-Prince to the areas devastated by Hurricane Matthew.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 328,225; Deaths at Sea: 3,671](#)

10/25/16

Switzerland - IOM reports that 328,225 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 23 October, arriving mostly in Greece and Italy.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 29 October 2016]

[WHO financing dialogue](#)

28 October 2016 – The financing dialogue is a key element of WHO's reform process to better address the increasingly complex challenges of health in the 21st century. From persisting problems to new and emerging health threats, WHO needs the capability and flexibility to respond to this evolving environment. WHO is making some fundamental changes to enable it

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to respond faster and more effectively to emergencies, as well as to anticipate future health challenges and to minimize their impact

Over 1 million treated with highly effective hepatitis C medicines

27 October 2016 – Over one million people in low- and middle-income countries have been treated with a revolutionary new cure for hepatitis C since its introduction two years ago. The new medicines have a cure rate of over 95%, fewer side effects than previously available therapies, and can completely cure the disease within three months.

:: WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

No new content identified.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Haiti's Ministry of Health organizing a vaccination campaign against cholera in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew, supported by PAHO-WHO, UNICEF and other partners (10/27/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Prevent brain stroke - 29 October 2016

WHO European Region EURO

:: Europe strengthens its role in international outbreak response and calls for GOARN 2.0 27-10-2016

:: Italian Government provides funding to improve health services in eastern Ukraine 26-10-2016

:: Lead Poisoning Prevention Week: ban lead paint 26-10-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO releases emergency funds to support cholera response in Yemen

27 October 2016 – WHO has released approximately US\$ 1 million from its internal emergency funds to support the ongoing response to the cholera outbreak in Yemen. Since the outbreak was announced by the Ministry of Public Health and Population on 6 October, a total of 1184 suspected cases of cholera, including 6 deaths, have been reported. More than 7.6 million people are currently living in areas affected by the outbreak, and more than 3 million internally displaced persons are especially vulnerable.

:: New neonatal intensive care unit at Heevi Paediatric Hospital in Iraq gives newborns a fighting chance - 26 October 2016

: WHO expands the system for detection, alert, and containment of potential epidemics in light of Mosul humanitarian response - 26 October 2016

:: Major campaign launched to immunize 5.8 million Iraqi children against polio
25 October 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: WHO stresses the importance of neonatal best practices for a healthy start to life

MANILA, 25 October 2016 – The neonatal period is one of the most crucial phases in the survival and development of a child. At the recently concluded session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, Member States widely acknowledged the importance of

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Early Essential Newborn Care (EENC) in reducing neonatal mortality in the Region, and highlighted significant progress made in countries towards scaling-up EENC.

UNAIDS [to 29 October 2016]

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

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UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[UNDP Opens SDG Knowledge Exchange in Bangkok](#) Oct 24, 2016

More than 150 delegates and development experts from 36 countries in Asia and the Pacific convened today in Bangkok to share expertise and ideas on how to integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into national plans and budgets.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 29 October 2016]

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

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UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 29 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.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[A victory for Lewis Pugh's 'Speedo diplomacy' as Russia and the world agree monumental marine protection deal](#)

28 October 2016 - After five years of protracted negotiations, and tireless 'Speedo diplomacy' from endurance swimmer and UN Environment's Patron of the Oceans Lewis Pugh, Antarctica's Ross Sea has finally been declared a Marine Protected Area.

The Ross Sea is widely considered to be the last great wilderness area on Earth and known as the polar 'Garden of Eden'.

At the annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), delegates from 24 nations and the European Union voted unanimously to create the world's largest protected area on land or sea.

"We are thrilled that this very special part of our planet's oceans has been safeguarded for future generations," said UN Environment head Erik Solheim. "We are especially proud of our Patron of the Oceans Lewis Pugh, who shuttled between the nations to help find consensus. Today's result is a testament to his determined efforts."

This historic occasion marks the first time a large-scale marine protected area has been established in the High Seas. The 1.57 million square kilometre area - which is larger than the UK, France, Germany and Italy together - will be protected from the kind of industrial fishing that has had devastating effects on other seas around the world.

"The Ross Sea is one of the most pristine marine ecosystems left on Earth, and home to many species found nowhere else," said US scientist David Ainley, who was the first to call for a marine protected area fourteen years ago. "The data collected from this 'living laboratory' helps us understand the significant changes taking place on Earth right now. The Ross Sea has much more value as an intact marine ecosystem than as a fishing ground."

The Ross Sea is home to 50 per cent of ecotype-C killer whales (also known as the Ross Sea orca), 40 per cent of Adélie penguins, and 25 per cent of emperor penguins...

[Norway and UN Environment sign \\$33 Million Cooperation Agreement](#)

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[Mosul battle brings environmental damage, with serious impacts on health, prospects of recovery](#)

- 19 oil wells have been set ablaze following the launch of military operations to retake the city of Mosul from Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)
- Burning stockpiles of sulphur dioxide at an industrial facility created a large toxic cloud and temporarily hampered the delivery of humanitarian assistance
- Water plant also reportedly affected by fighting, leading to a chlorine gas leak
- Environmental pollution is adding complexity and danger to the humanitarian crisis

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[Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility unlocks private sector finance for climate, biodiversity and jobs](#)

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UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Council of Europe etches Sendai Framework into regional plan](#)

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European countries have added momentum to their drive to curb the impacts of natural and man-made hazards by inscribing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction into a four-year regional plan of action.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 29 October 2016]
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>

24 October 2016, New York

[UN statistics forum addresses efforts to support Global Goal on gender equality](#)

Today marks the start of the 6th Global Forum on Gender Statistics, a two day event in Helsinki, Finland, that will highlight ways to improve data on gender in order to support better policies for women and girls and Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Meeting Goal 5 of the SDGs, which calls for gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, requires disaggregated data to ensure that all women and girls, especially those most vulnerable, are counted...

UNESCO [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[New UNESCO Chair will strengthen observation and education in UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage sites](#)

A newly established UNESCO Chair on World Heritage and Biosphere Reserve Observation and Education was launched at the Heidelberg University of Education (Pädagogische Hochschule Heidelberg), in Heidelberg, Germany on 25 November 2016. It is the 11th UNESCO Chair in Germany and the 5th Chair contributing to the achievements of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

The purpose of the Chair is to promote an integrated system of research and its application, training and education, based on modern geo-information technologies and geo-ecological methods, in order to analyse, model and visualize environmental changes at UNESCO designated sites. It will facilitate collaboration between high-level, internationally recognized researchers and teaching staff of the university and other institutions in Germany, as well as elsewhere in Europe and in other regions of the world.

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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 (ARCWH), 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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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Statement of the UNODC Executive Director, Yury Fedotov, on the launch of the Afghan Opium Survey 2016](#)

24/10/2016 –

[Statement from UNODC on the release of the crew of the FV Naham 3, held hostage by Somali pirates](#)

23/10/2016 –

[Afghan Opium Production Up 43 Per cent: Survey](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Cities in Crisis or Crisis in Cities?](#)

Quito, 26 October 2016 – UN-Habitat organised a side event at Habitat III together with the Global Alliance for Urban Crises to discuss how the New Urban Agenda can advance the nexus of humanitarian, development and recovery work...

[Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Needed in the New Urban Agenda](#)

Quito, 26 October 2016 – Women Roundtable was organised at Habitat III to discuss the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and its relations to gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Women Roundtable brought together...

[UN-Habitat partners with UNICEF to highlight benefits of handwashing](#)

Lebanon 26 October 2016– UN-Habitat working in partnership with UNICEF raised awareness about the benefits of handwashing with soap through entertaining advocacy events which targeted 850 children of different ages from the hosting communities and the Syrian...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[FAO and OIE present initial battle plan in global campaign to eradicate Peste des petits ruminants](#)

The ground has been broken on a major international initiative to rid the world of Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) – also known as sheep and goat plague – a highly viral animal disease that causes major losses in regions home to millions of the world's poorest people.

[A data revolution to build a Zero Hunger world](#)

Countries and international organizations need to make “tremendous” efforts and increase their investments to improve national statistical capacities to monitor progress towards achieving the 2030 Agenda, said FAO Director-General during his opening address today at the 7th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics.

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[Food security of 800,000 Haitians seriously threatened after passage of Hurricane Matthew](#)

Some 1,4 million Haitians require food assistance in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, which wrought widespread devastation on supplies and crops across large swaths of the island nation. More than half – 800,000 people – are in dire need of immediate food aid, according to an emergency field assessment.

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[New Urban Agenda links urban and rural areas, acknowledges the centrality of food security and nutrition](#)

"The New Urban Agenda places food security and nutrition at the center of urban sustainable development," said FAO's Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, Raúl Benítez, in a statement made during Habitat III.

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ILO International Labour Organization [to 29 October 2016]

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

Social Protection

[Global Business Network meets to promote social protection floors](#)

25 October 2016

ILO Director-General highlights the role of business in further developing social protection floors and achieving sustainable development goals on social protection.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 29 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...

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>
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[IMO sets 2020 date for ships to comply with low sulphur fuel oil requirement](#)

1 January 2020 set as implementation date for significant reduction in the sulphur content of fuel oil used by ships.

28/10/2016

[New requirements for international shipping as UN body continues to address greenhouse gas emissions](#)

Ships to record fuel oil data as part of 'roadmap' for GHG reduction strategy.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 29 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: 24 October 2016

[Globally Averaged CO2 Levels Reach 400 parts per million in 2015](#)

Press Release

High greenhouse gas levels mark start of new era of climate reality Globally averaged concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere reached the symbolic and significant milestone of 400 parts per million for the first time in 2015 and surged again to new records in 2016 on the back of the very powerful El Niño event, according to the World Meteorological Organization's annual Greenhouse Gas Bulletin. CO 2 levels had previously reached the 400 ppm barrier for certain months of the year and in certain locations but never before on a global average basis for the entire year.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
Thursday, 27 October 2016

[Landlocked developing countries count on UNIDO to accelerate sustainable energy innovation, entrepreneurship and cleaner production](#)

VIENNA, 27 October – International cooperation and partnerships are essential to accelerate universal access, renewable energy and energy efficiency development in Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), said participants.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 29 October 2016]
http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm
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UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 29 October 2016]
<http://media.unwto.org/news>
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ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[5G, Internet of Things and Trust are Key Focus for major International Technical Standards Conference](#)

26 October 2016 - Experts gather in Hammamet, Tunisia to define the ITU standardization agenda

[Government and Industry Leaders Express Shared Commitment to Security, Privacy and Trust](#)

25 October 2016 - Global Standards Symposium stresses privacy by design, transparency and technological integrity

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 29 October 2016]

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

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[1st Asian Conference on Biocultural Diversity promotes strengthening links between biological and cultural diversity](#)

The 1st Asian Conference on Biocultural Diversity, held from 27-29 October in Nanao City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan, produced a regional Declaration on Biocultural Diversity and an annex of practical actions that can be taken at different levels to strengthen the links between biological and cultural diversity for a sustainable future living in harmony with nature.

[Mexico launches biodiversity and business alliance](#)

26 OCTOBER 2016 – The Mexican Alliance for Biodiversity and Business, with the aim of promoting the protection, conservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, was launched 17 October 2016 in Mexico City.

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USAID [to 29 October 2016]

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

October 26, 2016

[Statement from USAID Administrator Gayle Smith on USAID's New Nondiscrimination Policy](#)

USAID is turning practice into policy by instituting a new rule that explicitly prohibits contractors from discriminating against any foreign aid beneficiaries on the basis of any factor - including race, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

DFID [to 29 October 2016]

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

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ECHO [to 29 October 2016]
<http://ec.europa.eu/echo/en/news>
28/10/2016

[Commissioner Christos Stylianides condemns deadly attacks on schools across Syria](#)

On Wednesday evening, the school district in the town of Haas in Idlib province was hit by airstrikes. The airstrikes have been described as potentially the worst bombing on a school since the start of the civil war in Syria five and half years...

26/10/2016

[EU renews calls for a humanitarian pause to allow aid into Aleppo](#)

As conflict continues in the divided Syrian city of Aleppo and wounded civilians remained trapped without access to aid, High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner Christos Stylianides issued a joint statement on the...

24/10/2016

[Delivering emergency winter items to refugees in Greece](#)

As winter beckons, temperatures in Greece are beginning to drop. Last week, the Hellenic Red Cross distributed urgently needed winter items to migrants and refugees who will remain in camps throughout the winter months.

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African Union [to 29 October 2016]

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

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October 26, 2016 | *Press Releases*

[28th Ordinary Session and 12th Pre-Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child](#)

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[African Human Rights Day Commemoration "A Multi-stakeholder Consultation on the Implementation of Women's rights and the African Decade of Human Rights"](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[ASEAN to localise its vision in rural areas](#)

VIENTIANE, 26 October 2016 - "The fruits of ASEAN regional integration have to be shared and enjoyed by all, including the rural poor, the vulnerable and underprivileged," stated Dr AKP Mochtan, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Community and Corporate Affairs. He emphasised this in his keynote address at the 10th General Assembly of the Asian Partnership [...]

European Commission [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[EU announces new support to tackle root causes of migration in Senegal](#)

Date: 25/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 25 October 2016 Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, and the President of Senegal, Macky Sall, have today signed two projects worth € 60 million.

[Commission recommends extending temporary internal border controls for a limited period of three months](#)

Date: 25/10/2016

European - Press release Commission Strasbourg, 25 October 2016 Commission recommends extending temporary internal border controls for a limited period of three months The European Commission has today proposed a Recommendation, to be adopted by the Council, to prolong proportionate controls at certain internal Schengen borders in Austria, Germany, Denmark,...

OECD [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Empowering the 40% of young Latin Americans not in formal jobs, education or training could spark new growth engines, says latest Latin American Economic Outlook](#)

Latin America and the Caribbean's (LAC) GDP will shrink by between 0.9% and 1% in 2016, according to the latest estimates, the second consecutive year of negative growth and a rate of contraction the region has not seen since the early 1980s. According to the Latin American Economic Outlook 2017, the region should recover in 2017, but with modest GDP growth of between 1.5% and 2%, below expected growth in advanced economies.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 29 October 2016]

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

October 27, 2016

[OAS and UNESCO Seek to Reduce Educational Inequality](#)

The Organization of American States and the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to create a joint working agenda to strengthen and boost the support of the countries of the region on issues of inequality and its impact on education.

The agenda agreed to seeks to analyze inequality inside the countries of the hemisphere and its impact on the quality of education, as well as increasing the number of students who finish school and improve academic performance. The agreement includes research activities for the creation of an Inter-American Education System (SIE), actions to promote South-South cooperation, exchanges of best practices for educational and institutional strengthening, the generation of content for a virtual platform for the SIE, and monitoring of the education progress of the countries of the region, with a view to achieving the 2030 Education Agenda...

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[OIC Strongly Condemns Launch of Ballistic Missiles by Houthis Targeting Makkah](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) strongly condemned the launch of ballistic missiles by the militias of Houthi and Salih targeting the holy city of Makkah Al-Mukarramah. 28/10/2016

[OIC Secretary General Appeals for Calm and Restraint in the Central African Republic](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has urged for calm, restraint and patience in the Central African Republic (CAR) following the resurgence of violence in parts of the country, including Bangui, where deadly protests calling for the withdrawal of the UN Mission (MINUSCA) occurred on 24 October 2016, in which four lives were lost and dozens were injured, among them peace keepers. 28/10/2016

[OIC Supports EU-UN Joint Initiative on Deteriorating Humanitarian Situation in Aleppo](#)

As part of its follow up of the outcomes and recommendations of the open-ended emergency meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the level of Permanent Representatives, held on 9 October 2016, at the request of the State of Kuwait, chair of the 42nd session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Aleppo, the OIC General Secretariat held consultations with the United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU). The OIC General Secretariat wishes to express its support for and solidarity with the humanitarian initiatives of the EU in partnership with the UN on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Aleppo. The initiative is aimed at allowing humanitarian organizations to deliver humanitarian assistance, rescue and protect civilians, and evacuate the injured. 23/10/2016

Group of 77 [to 29 October 2016]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Mr. Virachai Plasai, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United Nations, Chair of the Group of 77, on agenda item 39: "Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba," at the Plenary of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly \(New York, 26 October 2016\)](#)

[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, on agenda item 59: Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources at the Second Committee of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly \(New York, 25 October 2016\)](#)

UNCTAD [to 29 October 2016]

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

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2016/045

[Sovereign debt crises more likely, new mechanisms needed](#)

Geneva, Switzerland, (26 October 2016)

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The world needs a new mechanism to deal with sovereign debt crises, which represent a growing danger to the economic stability of many developing countries and would thwart the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development before it had taken off, UNCTAD said on Wednesday ahead of a UN meeting on sovereign debt restructuring.

Countries in Africa and elsewhere have been stacking up debt, even as their ability to repay these debts is shrinking. Falling commodity prices, a rising dollar and the prospect of higher interest payments mean these debts may be harder than ever to repay.

Previous debt crises have seen the emergence of highly speculative funds, run by non-cooperative or holdout bondholders, including so-called vulture funds, which aggressively pursue debt repayments, making them more expensive and possibly disruptive. Since 2000, hedge funds have been the main plaintiff in 75% of all litigation cases against sovereign debtors.

"Sovereign nations do not have the protection of bankruptcy laws to restructure or delay their debt repayments in the same way that private debtors can," UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 29 October 2016]

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

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WTO NEWS

27 October 2016

[The Philippines ratifies Trade Facilitation Agreement](#)

The Philippines has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA), becoming the 95th member of the WTO to do so. The Philippines' instrument of acceptance was submitted to the WTO on 27 October.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 29 October 2016]

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

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The President of the International Court of Justice assures the General Assembly that the Court "will continue to use all the resources at its disposal to fulfil its role as principal judicial organ of the United Nations"

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 29 October 2016]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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World Bank [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Kristalina Georgieva Appointed Chief Executive Officer of IBRD/IDA](#)

Will Head World Bank's Lending Arms, Report Directly to President Jim Kim

WASHINGTON, October 28, 2016— World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today announced the appointment of Kristalina Georgieva as Chief Executive Officer of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), lending arms for middle-income and poor countries known collectively as the World Bank...

[World Bank Announces New Advisor on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues](#)

WASHINGTON, October 27, 2016 – World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim today announced Clifton Cortez as the Bank's Advisor on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) issues – a newly created senior...

Date: October 27, 2016 Type: Press Release

[New Report shows How Africa's Electricity Providers Can Be Profitable and Still Make Electricity Affordable](#)

WASHINGTON, October 27, 2016 – A new World Bank study outlines how Sub-Saharan Africa's struggling power utilities can be financially viable and at the same time make electricity access affordable for...

Date: October 27, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Economies in Central Asian Countries Credited with Positive Reforms Says Latest Doing Business Report](#)

ALMATY, October 26, 2016 – Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan implemented a total of 12 reforms across nine business regulatory areas during the past year...

Date: October 26, 2016 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde Discusses Economic Outlook and Policy Priorities with Saudi Arabia and other GCC Countries](#)

- :: Meeting with King Salman Al Saud focused on global and regional economic cooperation
- :: All GCC countries have begun welcome reforms to respond to low oil prices.
- :: Fiscal adjustment will need to be sustained over the medium term.

African Development Bank Group [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[AfDB and OECD launch powerful tool to help African companies prevent bribery](#)

New guidance from the African Development Bank and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development will help African companies of all sizes set up measures to prevent bribery and improve the quality of corporate compliance and anti-bribery policies.

26/10/2016

[Business plan competition seeks clean energy entrepreneurs in West Africa](#)

During ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Week held in Accra, Ghana (October 17-19), the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) launched its third annual West Africa Forum for Clean Energy Financing (WAFCEF-3) business competition. The competition is open to all businesses and entrepreneurs operating and registered in any of the ECOWAS countries as well as foreign individuals and entities with projects in those countries.

Asian Development Bank [to 29 October 2016]

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

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News Releases

26 October 2016

[World Bank, ADB, and Australia Commit to Unified Approach for Pacific Islands](#)

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA (26 October 2016) – Following talks in Canberra today, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the Australian government have renewed their commitment to supporting Pacific island countries address many of the key challenges facing the region—including gender inequality, situations of fragility, economic and environmental vulnerability—and promote greater resilience throughout the region. They pledged strong collaboration across development projects and analytical work, as well as an increased presence throughout the Pacific islands region.

24 October 2016

[Central Asian Countries Identify \\$94 Billion Energy Investment Needs to 2023](#)

Central Asian countries have identified power investment needs of about \$94 billion to 2023, according to an ADB-commissioned study presented at an energy forum today in Islamabad.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 29 October 2016]

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

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IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Agricultural growth is not reaching its poverty-reducing potential in East and Southern Africa, says new IFAD report](#)

Nairobi/Rome, 26 October 2016 – The agricultural sector in East and Southern Africa is transforming due to increased productivity as more land is being cultivated but agricultural

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growth has not always led to poverty reduction; many small farmers in the region continue to live in poverty while struggling to own land and access credit, warns a new report presented in Nairobi yesterday by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

According to the Rural Development Report 2016, the picture that emerges is of an expanding agricultural sector, but one with a weak foundation that is preventing a broad-based reduction in poverty and inequality. The report shows that clear government policies and investments in smallholder agriculture can make a difference...

The report notes that a large number of young people live in rural areas of Africa. Despite rapid urbanization, projections indicate that the waves of young people reaching adulthood and seeking to establish families and livelihoods will be predominantly rural in sub-Saharan Africa for at least two more decades. Creating jobs for youth on and off the farm is crucial.

To further combat poverty, a special focus should be given to draw young people to the agriculture sector and create a conducive environment for the private sector to invest in smallholder agriculture, the report says. Rural transformation -- the report's central theme -- goes beyond getting food on the table, it also helps rural youth enter and actively participate in the economy.

The *Rural Development Report 2016: Fostering Inclusive Rural Transformation* is a rallying call for policymakers and development practitioners to win the global war against poverty. This systematic and rigorous analysis of the rural sector gives a greater understanding of what key investments and policy reforms should be prioritized so that people and nations can benefit and transform rural areas in developing countries.

[Download the full report](#)

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

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

Amref Health Africa [to 29 October 2016]

<http://amref.org/news/news/27/10/2016>

Renovated Borehole Commissioned in Kerwa, Kiambu County

In their bid to provide clean and safe water for communities of Kerwa Village in Kiambu County, Amref Health Africa in Kenya, EABL Foundation and Kiambu County Government commissioned a renovated borehole to the community at a ceremony held on October 24. The renovation of the borehole which will benefit approximately...

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Amref Ethiopia Celebrates Global Handwashing Day

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Amref Health Africa in Ethiopia's Urban WASH Water, Sanitation and Hygiene programme celebrated Global Handwashing Day event organized together with the Addis Ababa Regional Health Bureau on the 25 October at the Addis Ababa City Administration Hall

25/10/2016

Amref mourns loss of devoted German founder

Amref Health Africa is mourning the loss of the founder of the organisation's office in Germany, Leonore Semler, who passed away peacefully last Friday at her home in Munich. She was 95.

In 1963, when Amref Health Africa founder Sir Michael Wood travelled to Europe to raise funds for the organisation's work and mission, he met Leonore Semler, the wife of a prominent European Community politician Dr Johannes Semler, and convinced her to start an Amref office in Germany to raise funds for work in Africa. A few days later, with the help of Prince Constantine of Bavaria, Amref in Germany had its first donation of DM10,000. Not long afterwards, Leonore managed to convince Mr Walter Scheel, the then Minister for Foreign Affairs, to pay the salary of a surgeon and paediatrician for Amref, and to donate an aeroplane.

Over the next 50 years, Leonora worked tirelessly to spread the word on the work of Amref and the Amref Flying Doctors throughout Germany and Europe, raising millions of euro that went into improving health for thousands of people in Africa...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 29 October 2016]

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

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Emergency Director from Iraq: The displaced have experienced horrible things

Danish Refugee Council's Emergency Director has just been to Iraq and talked to some of the first people that have managed to flee the areas around Mosul.

ECPAT [to 29 October 2016]

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<http://www.ecpat.net/news>
No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>
No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 29 October 2016]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 29 October 2016]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles
[Somalia: ICRC delivers emergency food and household materials to 60,000 displaced by fighting](#)

The ICRC and the Somali Red Crescent Society has distributed rice, beans and vegetable oil for up to 60,000 displaced people.
28-10-2016 | News release

[Migration: Speech by ICRC president, address to the Council of Europe](#)

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer President of the ICRC, Address to the Council of Europe, 26 October 2016, Strasbourg, France
26-10-2016 | Article

IFRC [to 29 October 2016]
<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/press-releases/>
29 October 2016
[Two months on from DPRK floods Red Cross supports massive reconstruction effort to re-house thousands](#)

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[Philippines: Thousands of typhoon-affected communities need urgent help](#)

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Haiti Red Cross relief efforts continue in areas hardest hit by Hurricane Matthew

25 October 2016

Red Cross to hold second Africa Region Sexual and Gender-based violence (SGBV) forum

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 29 October 2016]

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

Press release

Haiti: Deteriorating Health in Hurricane-Affected Areas

October 28, 2016

More than three weeks after Hurricane Matthew swept over southwestern Haiti, thousands of people are still severely affected, with inadequate shelter, food and drinking water, while some remote communities remain cut off and inaccessible.

Press release

Central Mediterranean: 25 People Found Dead Yesterday as Humanitarian Crisis Continues

ROME/NEW YORK, OCTOBER 26, 2016—Twenty-five people onboard an overcrowded inflatable boat were found dead yesterday during a search and rescue operation by a Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) ship in the central Mediterranean, which saved 246 people from the boat and another nearby raft.

Press release

Doctors Without Borders Reports at Union World Conference on Lung Health on Use of New TB Drugs

NEW YORK/LIVERPOOL, OCTOBER 26, 2016 – At the annual Union World Conference on Lung Health, which started in Liverpool today, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans

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Frontières (MSF) is sharing its experience of using the new tuberculosis drugs bedaquiline and delamanid to treat people with drug-resistant TB. MSF is also involved in two clinical trials to test new TB treatments, both of which will start enrolling patients soon.

Mercy Corps [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 29 October 2016]

<http://www.operationssmile.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 29 October 2016]

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

26 October 2016

Oxfam report exposes EU lobby firepower of biofuel industry behind destructive bioenergy policy

The European Union must overhaul its current bioenergy policy, which is based on getting fuel from plants, because the industry is linked to the eviction of thousands of people from their lands, out-competing food crops, and creating more not less pollution, says Oxfam in a new report.

Heavy rains in Haiti halt emergency response – Oxfam pushes for more support

25 October 2016

The emergency response in Haiti is at a standstill following nearly 48 hours of heavy rains. Helicopters are grounded, ships moored and nearly all road access blocked. Oxfam, already responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, is now pushing for more and immediate international support.

Violence against human rights activists in Latin America is out of control

25 October 2016

The number of murders, attacks, and acts of repression against human rights activists in Latin America has reached historic levels, according to a report published today by Oxfam.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 29 October 2016]

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

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Pact and Qualcomm expand collaboration to address child labor in mining in Africa

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This week, Pact and Qualcomm Incorporated expand our collaboration to tackle critical issues facing mining communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The additional support from Qualcomm will bolster efforts to address child labor in mining, building on the existing Watoto Inje ya Mungoti (Children Out of Mining) project, which works in and around Manono town in the southeastern region of Katanga...

October 24, 2016

[Pact, USAID partner to improve the lives of Tanzania's vulnerable children](#)

Pact recently received a new award from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to transform the lives of vulnerable Tanzanian children and young people, particularly those affected by HIV. The US\$64.9 million, five-year project, Caring for Children and Empowering Young People, builds on years of collaboration between Pact and USAID in Tanzania that already has made a significant, measurable difference for the country's youth...

Partners In Health [to 29 October 2016]

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

Oct 27, 2016

[PIH Experts on Game-Changing TB Drugs](#)

For the first time, PIH staff present their findings on using new and revolutionary drugs in the fight against tuberculosis at the Union World Conference on Lung Health.

Oct 26, 2016

[A Typical, and Inspiring, Day with Eudeli Velasquez](#)

Community health worker Eudeli Velasquez's weekly visits to her patients living with chronic diseases keep them healthy—and comforted.

PATH [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 29 October 2016]

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

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[Children in Calais Still Sleeping Outside as Fires Burn in the Jungle Camp](#)

October 27, 2016

[Save the Children Appalled by Deadly Syria School Attack](#)

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October 25, 2016

Hundreds of Children in Calais Jungle Still at Risk as Bulldozers Move in

October 24, 2016

Save the Children Calls for Urgent Halt to Demolition of Calais Camp

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 29 October 2016]

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

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Trauma expert: 'There is no one more affected by war than a child'

International trauma expert Paul Boyle talks about the impact of war on Syrian children and what can be done to help care for them.

25.10.2016

International partnership to expand employment opportunities for under-served youth

A global partnership announced today between the Youth Career Initiative and SOS Children's Villages International aims to help thousands of disadvantaged young people develop the skills and connections they need to secure decent work. More

Tostan [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Freedom House [to 29 October 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases*

The Gambia Announces Withdrawal from ICC

October 26, 2016

In response to Gambia's decision to withdraw from the treaty that established the International Criminal Court, Freedom House released a statement.

Transparency International [to 29 October 2016]

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

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ChildFund Alliance [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 29 October 2016]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Oct 28, 2016

Upcoming report on Sustainable Development – Launch event

by Helene Debaisieux | |

On November 16th, CONCORD will publish its report "Sustainable Development - The stakes could not be higher". Do not miss this key publication analysing the EU's implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Policy Coherence for Development and join the launch event.

Better cooperation between development cooperation and humanitarian assistance needed

by Seamus Jeffreson | Oct 27, 2016 |

Seamus Jeffreson, CONCORD Director was invited to speak on October 27th at the International Conference "Development and Democracy" in Bratislava, organised by the Pontis Foundation in the framework of the Slovak Presidency. Find here the speech and background info.

EU aid gap puts sustainable development at risk – CONCORD AidWatch Report 2016

by Helene Debaisieux | Oct 26, 2016 |

The European Union has again failed to meet its commitment to spend 0.7% of Gross National Income on Development Aid by 2015. The CONCORD Aidwatch report 2016 published today, entitled 'This is not enough', reveals that only five countries met their 2015 targets.

EU aid: how much does each country give?

by Helene Debaisieux | Oct 26, 2016 | The accompanying infographics of the 2016 AidWatch Report.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 29 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 29 October 2016]

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

Press release 27 October 2016

Ela Bhatt steps down from The Elders

Ela Bhatt, member of The Elders since its founding in 2007 will step down on 1 November 2016.

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The Elders urge all states to commit to universal, impartial International Criminal Court

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

END Fund [to 29 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 29 October 2016]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

Selected News Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies

October, 2016

What is aid for? Saving lives now, or securing the future?

Summary of NGO Briefing to Member States on 18 October 2016, at the Palais des Nations.

PDF:

https://icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/NGO%20briefing_SavingLivesNowOrSecuringTheFuture.pdf

InterAction [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Locus

<http://locusworld.org/>

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

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Integrated Development Evidence Map

FHI 360

Based on a 2015 systematic review of evidence on integrated global development programs, this user-friendly, interactive map includes information on more than 500 impact evaluations of programs that applied integrated, multisector approaches. The map succinctly depicts where most of the evidence lies as well as where it is limited. Users can see the main trends in the evidence, plus easily search and identify evidence relevant to various areas of specific interest, including geographic region, study design, interventions by sector and outcomes. This effort is supported by a grant to FHI 360 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Find the evidence map [here](#)

Start Network [to 29 October 2016]

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

[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 29 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 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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The Sphere Project [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 29 October 2016]

<https://phap.org/>

24 October 2016

Recordings now available of learning session on refugee law

The protracted nature of the Syrian armed conflict and the situation in the Middle East, combined with other conflicts and natural disasters around the world, has contributed to what is often referred to as a global "migration crisis" or "refugee crisis," which has led in September 2016 to the UN...

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Center for Global Development [to 29 October 2016]

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

10/28/16

First Hundred Days for Global Health

Amanda Glassman and Rachel Silverman

Attention presidential transition teams: The first hundred days of the new administration should kick start an ambitious agenda in global health alongside long-needed reforms to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of US action. Building on our earlier work, we suggest seven priority actions within three broad categories.

Grading Power Africa

10/26/16

Todd Moss

Power Africa has the potential to be transformative for millions of poor people and be the single biggest legacy in Africa for President Barack Obama. Observers now have roughly three years to reflect on the initiative: on what's progressing well, what's not, and where future risks may lie. While it is still too early to provide a complete analysis of outcomes, this report card provides a timely assessment at the close of this administration and an input to the next one. While the judgments of Power Africa are largely positive, the coming months will be crucial to keeping the effort on a positive trajectory.

CSIS

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

Accessed 29 October 2016

October 26, 2016

Issues & Insights Vol. 16 - No. 17 - Responding to China's Strategic Use of Combined Effects

October 26, 2016

The Myth of U.S. Energy Independence and the Realities of Burden Sharing

By Anthony H. Cordesman

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ODI [to 29 October 2016]

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

Press release

Coal power will not solve global poverty, experts warn

25 October 2016

Ramping up the number of coal power plants will fail to deliver universal energy access or eradicate extreme poverty, international development organisations have warned

Research reports and studies

Beyond coal: scaling up clean energy to fight global poverty

Working and discussion papers | October 2016 | Ilmi Granoff, James Ryan Hogarth, Sarah Wykes and Alison Doig

This paper argues that expanding or relying on coal power will not help in the fight to end extreme poverty.

Women's economic empowerment: parliamentary briefing

Briefing papers | October 2016 | Abigail Hunt and Hanna Nomm

This briefing sets out the challenges and opportunities women's economic empowerment poses for parliamentarians.

Urban Institute [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 29 October 2016]

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

Selected Media Releases, Research

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Beyond our Lifetimes: Prospects for Workplace Gender Equality Slip to 2186

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

News 25 Oct 2016

World Economic Forum Launches ASEAN Regional Business Council Supported by 55 Major Companies

:: The World Economic Forum together with its business members will launch a new ASEAN Regional Business Council (RBC)

:: The RBC will promote public-private cooperation on the most pressing issues in South-East Asia

:: The council will be launched at the World Economic Forum on the Mekong Region in Ha Noi, Viet Nam

:: The meeting will contribute to improving the region's competitiveness, connectivity and economic inclusivity

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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 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

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Global Britain, Global Health

Bill Gates backs British innovation, challenges UK government to step up investment in science and R&D

LONDON/SEATTLE (October 27, 2016) - Today Bill Gates, Sir Richard Branson, and Secretary of State for International Development, Priti Patel, will join over 1,000 of the world's leading scientists in London to celebrate the Grand Challenges programme that finds solutions to the toughest problems in health and development. Grand Challenges partners have invested more than \$1 billion into more than 2,000 innovations from 87 countries. Also today, a ground-breaking new programme to fight Zika, Dengue and Yellow Fever will be announced...

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 29 October 2016]

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

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

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Grameen Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

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Grameen Foundation and Freedom from Hunger Join Forces to Form a Unified Global Organization

New organization to combine power of digital technology to end poverty with robust networks of women's self-help groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America

WASHINGTON October 25, 2016 -- Grameen Foundation and Freedom from Hunger, two global leaders in the fight to end poverty, announced today that they are joining forces to form a single unified global organization.

Under the banner of Grameen Foundation the combined organization will be able to reach more people across the spectrum of poverty, while deepening the focus on the very poor, especially women, its leaders say.

"Our integration comes at an incredibly exciting time," said Grameen Foundation President and CEO Steve Hollingworth. "Over the past twenty odd years, one billion people have been able to exit extreme poverty. As a combined organization, we have unprecedented opportunity to accelerate such changes, especially for the 800 million people still living in dire poverty and highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change."

The mission of the combined organization is to "Enable the poor, especially women, to create a world without poverty and hunger." Its programs expand financial inclusion, enhance health, strengthen resilience and improve livelihoods for people in poor, rural communities around the world...

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 29 October 2016]

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

Research [October 27, 2016]

How the Brain Tracks Actions to Match Physical Effort to Changes in Environment

Janelia scientists are learning how animals adjust their physical exertion as changes in the environment or their own bodies alter how efficiently they move.

Kellogg Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 29 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 29 October 2016]

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

October 26, 2016

[New online tool to increase sustainability in seafood industry](#)

With support from the foundation's [Oceans and Seafood Markets Initiative](#), [FishChoice](#) has been working to develop an interactive fishery improvement project (FIP) website. Today, FishChoice and the [Conservation Alliance for Seafood Solutions](#) released the new web-based resource, which will help seafood buyers make better and easier sustainable sourcing choices. [FisheryProgress.org](#) is described as a one-stop shop for information on the progress of global fishery improvement projects worldwide. The website will make it easier for FIPs to showcase their progress to potential buyers and for businesses to find FIPs that meet their sustainable seafood commitments.

Open Society Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

October 25, 2016

[New Report on the State of Silicon Valley Nonprofits and Philanthropy](#)

Today [Open Impact](#), with support from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, released [The Giving Code](#), which presents data about growing wealth and philanthropy in Silicon Valley alongside increasing disparities and the challenges facing community-based organizations. The report release was accompanied by a community conversation with local philanthropic, nonprofit, and business leaders to explore ways to further connect local philanthropists and nonprofits serving Silicon Valley's diverse citizens.

With learning from The Giving Code in hand, we will identify ways to continue work and further collaborate to make our local community the place where all people and families can thrive.

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Click [here](#) to review The Giving Code and [here](#) to learn more about local grantmaking, which we hope to continue with even more partners across the Valley.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 29 October 2016]

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

October 27, 2016

[Pew Applauds Designation of the World's Largest Marine Protected Area](#)

Press Release

HOBART, Australia—The 35th annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), which ended today, resulted in an agreement to designate the Ross Sea as a marine protected area—at 1.55 million square kilometers (600,000 square miles), the world's largest. Similar proposals had failed to pass for the past five years...

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Rockefeller Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 29 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 29 October 2016]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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).

26-10-2016

[Launch event of the SDG Philanthropy Platform in Zambia](#)

By Ceri Davies

The launch of SDG Philanthropy Platform in Zambia took place on October 20th 2016 in Lusaka, under the frame of leaving no-one behind, with an emphasis on the well-being of children.

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Participants from a variety of sectors attended the event, including representatives from government, the UN, the private sector, faith-based organizations and groups, non-governmental organizations, academia, foundations, and bilateral partners. The event was opened by remarks delivered by Ms. Janet Rogan, UN Resident Coordinator in Zambia; Mr. Ed Cain, Vice President for Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation; and Dr. Auxilia Ponga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Development Planning...

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 29 October 2016]

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

27 October 2016

Shifting the centre of gravity for African research funding

Wellcome is handing over two major research programmes to the African Academy of Sciences' Alliance for Accelerating Excellence in Science in Africa (AESA). The move will shift the centre of gravity of our African science funding from the UK to Africa.

The two programmes – DELTAS Africa and H3Africa – support cutting-edge research aimed at tackling some of Africa's most urgent health challenges, including:

- :: infectious diseases
- :: mental health
- :: obesity and diabetes.

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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>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

November 2016 Volume 51, Issue 5, p637-864, e119-e154

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

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Theme: Digital Health: Leveraging New Technologies to Develop, Deploy, and Evaluate Behavior Change Interventions

Guest Editors: Lucy Yardley, Tanzeem Choudhury, Kevin Patrick

Research Articles

Concomitant Adolescent Vaccination in the U.S., 2007–2012

Jennifer L. Moss, Paul L. Reiter, Noel T. Brewer

p693–705

Published online: June 30, 2016

Abstract

Introduction

Concomitant (same-day) delivery of two or more vaccines to adolescents is effective, safe, and efficient. Increasing concomitant vaccination could improve coverage for recommended adolescent vaccines, but little is known about who receives vaccines concomitantly.

Methods

Data came from healthcare provider–verified records on 70,144 adolescents (aged 13–17 years) in the 2008–2012 versions of the National Immunization Survey–Teen who had received at least one dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) booster; meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY); or human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. Separately for each vaccine, multivariable logistic regression identified adolescent and household correlates of concomitant versus single vaccination, stratified by adolescent sex. Vaccination took place in 2007–2012, data collection in 2008–2012, and data analysis in 2015.

Results

Among vaccinated adolescents, 51%–65% of girls and 25%–53% of boys received two vaccines concomitantly. Concomitant uptake of each vaccine increased over survey years (e.g., 2012 vs 2008: girls' Tdap booster, OR=1.88, 95% CI=1.56, 2.26; boys' Tdap booster, OR=2.62, 95% CI=2.16, 3.16), with the exception of HPV vaccination among boys. Additionally, concomitant vaccination was less common as adolescents got older and in the Northeast (all $p<0.05$). For MenACWY and HPV vaccine, concomitant uptake was less common for girls whose mothers had higher versus lower education and for boys who lived in metropolitan versus non-metropolitan areas (all $p<0.05$).

Conclusions

Missed opportunities for concomitant adolescent vaccination persist, particularly for HPV vaccine. Future interventions targeting groups with low rates of concomitant vaccination could improve population-level coverage with recommended vaccines.

American Journal of Public Health

Volume 106, Issue 11 (November 2016)

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

AJPH SPECIAL SECTION: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Whither WHO? Our Global Health Leadership

Elizabeth Fee

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1903–1904.

World Health Organization Reform—A Normative or an Operational Organization?

Derek Yach

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1904–1906.

Finance and Governance: Critical Challenges for the Next WHO Director-General

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Julio Frenk

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1906–1907.

A New Leader for a New World Health

Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Susanna Baker

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1907–1908.

The Election of the Next World Health Organization Director-General Explained to a Visitor From Mars

Gilles Dussault

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1908–1909.

World Health Organization: Overhaul or Dismantle?

Suwit Wibulpolprasert, Mushtaque Chowdhury

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1910–1911.

At the Roots of The World Health Organization's Challenges: Politics and Regionalization

Elizabeth Fee, Marcu Cueto, Theodore M. Brown

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1912–1917.

AJPH PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SOCIAL SCIENCES - ISLAM

Islamophobia and Public Health in the United States

Goleen Samari

American Journal of Public Health: November 2016, Vol. 106, No. 11: 1920–1925.

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Health Services Research

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

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[No new relevant content]

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

Research article

[The impact of active surveillance and health education on an Ebola virus disease cluster — Kono District, Sierra Leone, 2014–2015](#)

During December 2014–February 2015, an Ebola outbreak in a village in Kono district, Sierra Leone, began following unsafe funeral practices after the death of a person later confirmed to be infected with Ebola...

Tasha Stehling-Ariza, Alexander Rosewell, Sahr A. Moiba, Brima Berthalomew Yorpie, Kai David Ndomaina, Kai Samuel Jimissa, Eva Leidman, Dingeman J. Rijken, Colin Basler, James Wood and Dumbuya Manso

BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:611

Published on: 27 October 2016

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

Editorial

[Medicine and the future of health: reflecting on the past to forge ahead](#)

Dale Fisher, Paul Wicks and Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar

BMC Medicine 2016 14:169

Published on: 25 October 2016

Abstract

The development of new therapies has a rich history, evolves quickly with societal trends, and will have an exciting future. The last century has seen an exponential increase in complex interactions between medical practitioners, pharmaceutical companies, governments and patients. We believe technology and societal expectations will open up the opportunity for more individuals to participate as information becomes more freely available and inequality less acceptable. Corporations must recognize that usual market forces do not function ideally in a setting where health is regarded as a human right, and as modern consumers, patients will increasingly take control of their own data, wellbeing, and even the means of production for developing their own treatments. Ethics and legislation will increasingly impact the processes that facilitate drug development, distribution and administration. This article collection is a cross-journal collaboration, between the Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice (JoPPP) and BMC Medicine that seeks to cover recent advances in drug development, medicines use, policy and access with high clinical and public health relevance in the future.

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

Research article

[Obstetric outcomes for women with female genital mutilation at an Australian hospital, 2006–2012: a descriptive study](#)

Women, who have been subjected to female genital mutilation (FGM), can suffer serious and irreversible physical, psychological and psychosexual complications. They have more adverse obstetric outcomes as compa...

Nesrin Varol, Angela Dawson, Sabera Turkmani, John J. Hall, Susie Nanayakkara, Greg Jenkins, Caroline S. E. Homer and Kevin McGeechan

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:328

Published on: 28 October 2016

Research article

[Women's status and experiences of mistreatment during childbirth in Uttar Pradesh: a mixed methods study using cultural health capital theory](#)

Mistreatment of women in healthcare settings during childbirth has been gaining attention globally. Mistreatment during childbirth directly and indirectly affects health outcomes, patient satisfaction, and the...

May Sudhinaraset, Emily Treleaven, Jason Melo, Kanksha Singh and Nadia Diamond-Smith

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2016 16:332

Published on: 28 October 2016

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

[No new relevant content]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 29 October 2016)

Research article

[Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy of Japan: the fastest graying society in the world](#)

We appraised time trends of Japanese life expectancy (LE) and healthy life expectancy (HALE) by gender, LE-HALE and (LE-HALE)/LE figures, along with the women–men's differences. LE and HALE consistently linearly elongated for both sexes over the study period. Not only LE-HALE but also (LE-HALE)/LE values were still growing for both sexes. Public health measures, nursing-care/services as well as social security schemes are called for to further elevate longevities, HALE in particular, and enhance quality of life and well-being.

Shinkan Tokudome, Shuji Hashimoto and Akihiro Igata

Published on: 28 October 2016

BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 10

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

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[Yemen's Unprecedented Humanitarian Crisis: Implications for International Humanitarian Law, the Geneva Convention, and the Future of Global Health Security](#)

Published online: 11 August 2016, pp. 701-703

[Alba Ripoll Gallardo](#), [Frederick M. Burkle](#), [Luca Ragazzoni](#), [Francesco Della Corte](#)

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.50>

Abstract

The current humanitarian crisis in Yemen is unprecedented in many ways. The Yemeni War tragedy is symptomatic of gross failures to recognize, by combatants, existing humanitarian law and the Geneva Convention that have become the new norm in unconventional armed conflicts and are increasingly replicated in Africa, Afghanistan, and other areas of the Middle East with dire consequences on aid workers and the noncombatant population. The health and humanitarian professions must take collective responsibility in calling for all belligerent parties to cease the massacre and commit to guaranteed medical assistance, humanitarian aid, and the free flow of information and respect for the humanitarian principles that protect the neutrality and impartiality of the humanitarian workforce. (Disaster Med Public Health Preparedness. 2016; page 1 of 3)

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[Mahmood Nekoie-Moghadam](#), [Lisa Kurland](#), [Mahmood Moosazadeh](#), [Pier Luigi Ingrassia](#), [Francesco Della Corte](#), [Ahmadreza Djalali](#)

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Research

Civil society participation in the health system: the case of Brazil's Health Councils

Martha Gabriela Martinez and Jillian Clare Kohler

Globalization and Health 2016 12:64

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Abstract

Background

Brazil created Health Councils to bring together civil society groups, health professionals, and government officials in the discussion of health policies and health system resource allocation. However, several studies have concluded that Health Councils are not very influential on healthcare policy. This study probes this issue further by providing a descriptive account of some of the challenges civil society face within Brazil's Health Councils.

Methods

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Forty semi-structured interviews with Health Council Members at the municipal, state and national levels were conducted in June and July of 2013 and May of 2014. The geographical location of the interviewees covered all five regions of Brazil (North, Northeast, Midwest, Southeast, South) for a total of 5 different municipal Health Councils, 8 different state Health Councils, and the national Health Council in Brasilia. Interview data was analyzed using a thematic approach.

Results

Health Councils are limited by a lack of legal authority, which limits their ability to hold the government accountable for its health service performance, and thus hinders their ability to fulfill their mandate. Equally important, their membership guidelines create a limited level of inclusivity that seems to benefit only well-organized civil society groups. There is a reported lack of support and recognition from the relevant government that negatively affects the degree to which Health Council deliberations are implemented. Other deficiencies include an insufficient amount of resources for Health Council operations, and a lack of training for Health Council members. Lastly, strong individual interests among Health Council members tend to influence how members participate in Health Council discussions.

Conclusions

Brazil's Health Councils fall short in providing an effective forum through which civil society can actively participate in health policy and resource allocation decision-making processes. Restrictive membership guidelines, a lack of autonomy from the government, vulnerability to government manipulation, a lack of support and recognition from the government and insufficient training and operational budgets have made Health Council largely a forum for consultation. Our conclusions highlight, that among other issues, Health Councils need to have the legal authority to act independently to promote government accountability, membership guidelines need to be revised in order include members of marginalized groups, and better training of civil society representatives is required to help them make more informed decisions.

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[Systems Strategies for Health Throughout the Life Course](#)

J. Michael McGinnis, MD, MA, MPP; Angela Diaz, MD, MPH; Neal Halfon, MD, MPH

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This Viewpoint from the National Academy of Medicine's 2016 Vital Directions initiative discusses strategies to improve the health of populations at each stage of life through incentivizing and measuring health system performance to improve health, creating an interoperable digital health platform, and fostering a culture and practice of continuous health improvement.

Viewpoint

[Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities](#)

Nancy E. Adler, PhD; M. Maria Glymour, ScD, MS; Jonathan Fielding, MD, MPH
JAMA. 2016;316(16):1641-1642. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.14058

This Viewpoint from the National Academy of Medicine's 2016 Vital Directions initiative emphasizes the importance of refocusing some health policies toward addressing social and behavioral determinants of health and the potential effects of reducing health inequalities and improving the health and longevity of all people in the United States.

Viewpoint

[Preparing for Better Health and Health Care for an Aging Population](#)

John W. Rowe, MD; Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN; Linda Fried, MD
JAMA. 2016;316(16):1643-1644. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.12335

This Viewpoint from the National Academy of Medicine's 2016 Vital Directions initiative recommends ways to improve the health and health care of older persons, including development of new care delivery models for people with chronic conditions and strengthening of the elder care workforce.

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Editorial

[Riding a wave in developing countries: challenges and priorities for evidence based practice](#)

Enuameh, Yeetey Akpe Kwesi

[Initial text]

Over the past decade, developing countries have become increasingly engaged with the processes and activities of evidence-based practice (EBP).^{1,2} Some facilitators of this process include the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) and Cochrane, among others. Organizations from a number of developing countries are currently members of these two bodies^{1,2} — a testament to their increasing participation in evidence synthesis. Systematic reviews and other EBP processes and resources are also being accessed and utilized by the developing world. The Joanna Briggs Institute, Cochrane and the Collaboration for Evidence-Based Healthcare in Africa (CEBHA) have in recent times established evidence synthesis and translation groups in sub-Saharan and Asian countries.^{3,4} Researchers, educationists, healthcare providers, health program implementers and policy makers are keen to understand the concept of EBP across the

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developing world. Institutions of higher learning and research in developing countries are encouraging graduate students to conduct and publish systematic reviews as a component of their programs of study. Some organizations have further provided end-users with platforms to access systematic reviews and relevant derivatives to guide practice and policy.[5...](#)

Systematic Review Protocols

Community health workers' experiences of mobile device-enabled clinical decision support systems for maternal, newborn and child health in developing countries: a qualitative...

Dzabeng, Francis; Enuameh, Yeetey; Adjei, George; More

Abstract

Review question/objective: The objective of this review is to synthesize evidence on the experiences of community health workers (CHWs) of mobile device-enabled clinical decision support systems (CDSSs) interventions designed to support maternal newborn and child health (MNCH) in low-and middle-income countries.

Specific objectives:

- * To identify the perceived benefits and barriers of using mobile device-enabled CDSSs.
- * To identify the deficiencies in mobile device-enabled CDSSs as perceived by CHWs.
- * To understand how these systems affect CHWs work patterns based on behavioral change theories.

Journal of Community Health

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Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

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<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/6/2>

Research paper

Challenges to urban cultural heritage conservation and management in the historic centre of Sulaimaniyah, Kurdistan - Iraq

Hanaw M. Taqi M. Amin, Emmanuel Akwasi Adu-Ampong

Abstract

Purpose

The purpose of this research paper is to examine the challenges to urban cultural heritage management conservation in the historical city of Sulaimaniyah, Kurdistan-Iraq. The paper focuses on the roles and interactions of stakeholders and the issues that confront the decision making processes that underpin the management of historic city towns.

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Findings

The research shows that although there is a shared vision of the need to preserve and conserve urban cultural heritage, the management process is a contentious one. Stakeholders have different ideas as to how to achieve conservation goals which leads to increasing conflicts among stakeholders. This situation is compounded by the limited financial resources available to local government agencies, political interference in the work of implementation agencies and the lack of capacity in local government to enforce rules and carry out conservation projects. There are also significant power differentials among stakeholders in the decision making process which often means that local residents are excluded from the process of conserving their built urban heritage.

Practical implications

This research can help practitioners who are in charge of urban cultural heritage management in dealing with stakeholder conflicts. The paper offers insight into a number of sources of stakeholder conflicts and on ways to overcome these in the planning process.

Originality/value

The originality of research lies in the novelty of the case study area. This research highlights the issues of built heritage conservation management and planning practices in an area - Sulaimaniyah, Kurdistan-Iraq – that is geographically less represented in the extant literature. The research also identifies some of the key sources of conflict in urban heritage conservation projects and provides an insight into the roles of stakeholders in the management of smaller locally-dependent historic city centres.

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Prevalence of Chronic Disease and Their Risk Factors Among Iranian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese Refugees in California, 2002–2011

Michelle-Linh Thuy Nguyen, David H. Rehkopf

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Stephen R. Benoit, Edward W. Gregg...

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WHO's Director-General candidates: visions and priorities

Richard Horton, Udani Samarasekera

A new Director-General of WHO will be selected in May, 2017. Richard Horton and Udani Samarasekera asked the six candidates competing for the position about their candidacy. The forthcoming election of the next Director-General of WHO comes at a critical moment not only for the world's only multilateral health agency but also for the precarious trajectory of global health itself. WHO is often criticised for failing to live up to the expectations of the health community. Sometimes, as in the case of how the agency managed the early stages of the Ebola virus outbreak, that criticism is justified. But WHO plays a vital and successful, and frequently neglected, part in setting norms and standards for health in countries. It has a powerful convening role. And, should a Director-General choose to do so, the agency has unprecedented authority to offer leadership in health.

As the world enters a new era—that of the Sustainable Development Goals—the Director-General has an essential voice in shaping the meaning of health in an era of human dislocation, pervasive inequality, mass migration, ecological degradation, climate change, war, and humanitarian crisis. Six excellent candidates for Director-General are standing. All have wide experience in health, as one would expect, but each offers a very different platform. Some candidates have formidable international experience in global health. Others have forged their reputations nationally. Some have strong technical credentials. Others offer political skills. Some come from countries that should be WHO's greatest concern. Others are from nations that are traditionally seen as donors. Some have expertise in what might be considered the traditional agenda of global health (infectious diseases and women's and children's health). Others bring experience of newer concerns. This great diversity of candidates is a strength. It allows the Executive Board of WHO in January, 2017, and then the World Health Assembly in May, to select a candidate based on a clear diagnosis of the global predicament for health and the solutions needed. To help clarify their experience, visions, and ideas, we invited each candidate to offer a brief manifesto and to answer a series of ten questions to illuminate their positions on what we see as some priorities for the organisation...

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Diversity and divergence: the dynamic burden of poor maternal health

Wendy Graham, Susannah Woodd, Peter Byass, Veronique Filippi, Giorgia Gon, Sandra Virgo, Doris Chou, Sennen Hounton, Rafael Lozano, Robert Pattinson, Susheela Singh

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Maternal Health

Beyond too little, too late and too much, too soon: a pathway towards evidence-based, respectful maternity care worldwide

Suellen Miller, Edgardo Abalos, Monica Chamillard, Agustin Ciapponi, Daniela Colaci, Daniel Comandé, Virginia Diaz, Stacie Geller, Claudia Hanson, Ana Langer, Victoria Manuelli, Kathryn Millar, Imran Morhason-Bello, Cynthia Pileggi Castro, Vicky Nogueira Pileggi, Nuriya Robinson, Michelle Skaer, João Paulo Souza, Joshua P Vogel, Fernando Althabe

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The scale, scope, coverage, and capability of childbirth care

Oona M R Campbell, Clara Calvert, Adrienne Testa, Matthew Strehlow, Lenka Benova, Emily Keyes, France Donnay, David Macleod, Sabine Gabrysch, Luo Rong, Carine Ronsmans, Salim Sadruddin, Marge Koblinsky, Patricia Bailey

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Letter

Changing cultural attitudes towards female genital cutting

Sonja Vogt, Nadia Ahmed Mohammed Zaid, Hilal El Fadil Ahmed, Ernst Fehr & Charles Efferson
Entertaining movies addressing both individual values and marriageability can provide a way to change cultural attitudes towards female genital cutting within certain cultures.

[Initial text]

As globalization brings people with incompatible attitudes into contact, cultural conflicts inevitably arise. Little is known about how to mitigate conflict and about how the conflicts that occur can shape the cultural evolution of the groups involved. Female genital cutting is a

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prominent example^{1, 2, 3}. Governments and international agencies have promoted the abandonment of cutting for decades, but the practice remains widespread with associated health risks for millions of girls and women^{4, 5}. In their efforts to end cutting, international agents have often adopted the view that cutting is locally pervasive and entrenched¹. This implies the need to introduce values and expectations from outside the local culture. Members of the target society may view such interventions as unwelcome intrusions^{1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9}, and campaigns promoting abandonment have sometimes led to backlash^{1, 7, 8, 10, 11} as they struggle to reconcile cultural tolerance with the conviction that cutting violates universal human rights^{1, 9}. Cutting, however, is not necessarily locally pervasive and entrenched^{1, 3, 12}. We designed experiments on cultural change that exploited the existence of conflicting attitudes within cutting societies. We produced four entertaining movies that served as experimental treatments in two experiments in Sudan, and we developed an implicit association test to unobtrusively measure attitudes about cutting. The movies depart from the view that cutting is locally pervasive by dramatizing members of an extended family as they confront each other with divergent views about whether the family should continue cutting. The movies significantly improved attitudes towards girls who remain uncut, with one in particular having a relatively persistent effect. These results show that using entertainment to dramatize locally discordant views can provide a basis for applied cultural evolution without accentuating intercultural divisions...

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[Quality of Life of Persons Injured on 9/11: Qualitative Analysis from the World Trade Center Health Registry](#)

October 27, 2016 · Research Article

Introduction: A number of studies published by the World Trade Center Health Registry (Registry) document the prevalence of injuries sustained by victims of the World Trade Center Disaster (WTCDD) on 9/11. Injury occurrence during or in the immediate aftermath of this event has been shown to be a risk factor for long-term adverse physical and mental health status. More recent reports of ongoing health and mental health problems and overall poor quality of life among survivors led us to undertake this qualitative study to explore the long-term impact of having both disaster-related injuries and peri-event traumatic exposure on quality of life in disaster survivors.

Methods: Semi-structured, in-depth individual telephone interviews were conducted with 33 Registry enrollees who reported being injured on 9/11/01. Topics included: extent and circumstance of the injury(ies), description of medical treatment for injury, current health and functional status, and lifestyle changes resulting from the WTCDD. The interviews were recorded, transcribed, and inductively open-coded for thematic analysis.

Results: Six themes emerged with respect to long term recovery and quality of life: concurrent experience of injury with exposure to peri-event traumatic exposure (e.g., witnessing death or destruction, perceived life threat, etc.); sub-optimal quality and timeliness of short- and long-term medical care for the injury reported and mental health care; poor ongoing health status, functional limitations, and disabilities; adverse impact on lifestyle; lack of social support; and adverse economic impact. Many study participants, especially those reporting more serious injuries, also reported self-imposed social isolation, an inability to participate in or take enjoyment from previously enjoyable leisure and social activities and greatly diminished overall quality of life.

Discussion: This study provided unique insight into the long-term impact of disasters on survivors. Long after physical injuries have healed, some injured disaster survivors report having serious health and mental health problems, economic problems due to loss of livelihood, limited sources of social support, and profound social isolation. Strategies for addressing the long-term health problems of disaster survivors are needed in order to support recovery.

[Developing the Philippines as a Global Hub for Disaster Risk Reduction – A Health Research Initiative as Presented at the 10th Philippine National Health Research System Week Celebration](#)

October 25, 2016 · Discussion

The recent Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) Week Celebration highlighted the growing commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Philippines. The event was lead by the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of the Department of

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Science and Technology and the Department of Health, and saw the participation of national and international experts in DRR, and numerous research consortia from all over the Philippines. With a central focus on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the DRR related events recognised the significant disaster risks faced in the Philippines. They also illustrated the Philippine strengths and experience in DRR. Key innovations in science and technology showcased at the conference include the web-base hazard mapping applications 'Project NOAH' and 'FaultFinder'. Other notable innovations include 'Surveillance in Post Extreme Emergencies and Disasters' (SPEED) which monitors potential outbreaks through a syndromic reporting system. Three areas noted for further development in DRR science and technology included: integrated national hazard assessment, strengthened collaboration, and improved documentation. Finally, the event saw the proposal to develop the Philippines into a global hub for DRR. The combination of the risk profile of the Philippines, established national structures and experience in DRR, as well as scientific and technological innovation in this field are potential factors that could position the Philippines as a future global leader in DRR. The purpose of this article is to formally document the key messages of the DRR-related events of the PNHR Week Celebration.

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Research Article

Impacts on Breastfeeding Practices of At-Scale Strategies That Combine Intensive Interpersonal Counseling, Mass Media, and Community Mobilization: Results of Cluster-Randomized Program Evaluations in Bangladesh and Viet Nam

Purnima Menon, Phuong Hong Nguyen, Kuntal Kumar Saha, Adiba Khaled, Andrew Kennedy, Lan Mai Tran, Tina Sanghvi, Nemat Hajeerhoy, Jean Baker, Silvia Alayon, Kaosar Afsana, Raisul Haque, Edward A. Frongillo, Marie T. Ruel, Rahul Rawat

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Towards Equity in Service Provision for Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men in Repressive Contexts

Chris Beyrer, Keletso Makofane, Ifeanyi Orazulike, Daouda Diouf, Stefan D. Baral

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The Global Burden of Latent Tuberculosis Infection: A Re-estimation Using Mathematical Modelling

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Abstract

Background

The existing estimate of the global burden of latent TB infection (LTBI) as “one-third” of the world population is nearly 20 y old. Given the importance of controlling LTBI as part of the End TB Strategy for eliminating TB by 2050, changes in demography and scientific understanding, and progress in TB control, it is important to re-assess the global burden of LTBI.

Methods and Findings

We constructed trends in annual risk in infection (ARI) for countries between 1934 and 2014 using a combination of direct estimates of ARI from LTBI surveys (131 surveys from 1950 to 2011) and indirect estimates of ARI calculated from World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates of smear positive TB prevalence from 1990 to 2014. Gaussian process regression was used to generate ARIs for country-years without data and to represent uncertainty. Estimated ARI time-series were applied to the demography in each country to calculate the number and proportions of individuals infected, recently infected (infected within 2 y), and recently infected with isoniazid (INH)-resistant strains. Resulting estimates were aggregated by WHO region. We estimated the contribution of existing infections to TB incidence in 2035 and 2050.

In 2014, the global burden of LTBI was 23.0% (95% uncertainty interval [UI]: 20.4%–26.4%), amounting to approximately 1.7 billion people. WHO South-East Asia, Western-Pacific, and Africa regions had the highest prevalence and accounted for around 80% of those with LTBI. Prevalence of recent infection was 0.8% (95% UI: 0.7%–0.9%) of the global population, amounting to 55.5 (95% UI: 48.2–63.8) million individuals currently at high risk of TB disease, of which 10.9% (95% UI: 10.2%–11.8%) was isoniazid-resistant. Current LTBI alone, assuming no additional infections from 2015 onwards, would be expected to generate TB incidences in the region of 16.5 per 100,000 per year in 2035 and 8.3 per 100,000 per year in 2050.

Limitations included the quantity and methodological heterogeneity of direct ARI data, and limited evidence to inform on potential clearance of LTBI.

Conclusions

We estimate that approximately 1.7 billion individuals were latently infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb) globally in 2014, just under a quarter of the global population. Investment in new tools to improve diagnosis and treatment of those with LTBI at risk of progressing to disease is urgently needed to address this latent reservoir if the 2050 target of eliminating TB is to be reached.

The Tuberculosis Cascade of Care in India’s Public Sector: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Ramnath Subbaraman, Ruvandhi R. Nathavitharana, Srinath Satyanarayana, Madhukar Pai, Beena E. Thomas, Vineet K. Chadha, Kiran Rade, Soumya Swaminathan, Kenneth H. Mayer
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Review

[Diagnostics in Ebola Virus Disease in Resource-Rich and Resource-Limited Settings](#)

Robert J Shorten, Colin S Brown, Michael Jacobs, Simon Rattenbury, Andrew J. Simpson, Stephen Mepham

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[Blue Marble Health and the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013](#)

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[Integrated Healthcare Delivery: A Qualitative Research Approach to Identifying and Harmonizing Perspectives of Integrated Neglected Tropical Disease Programs](#)

Arianna Rubin Means, Julie Jacobson, Aryc W. Mosher, Judd L. Walson

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[Preparation and Response to the 2014 Ebola Virus Disease Epidemic in Nigeria—The Experience of a Tertiary Hospital in Nigeria](#)

Dimie Ogoina, Abisoye Sunday Oyeyemi, Okubusa Ayah, Austin Onabor A, Adugo Midia, Wisdom Tudou Olomo, Onyaye E. Kunle-Olowu

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Research Article

[Prevalence and Diagnosis of Latent Tuberculosis Infection in Young Children in the Absence of a Gold Standard](#)

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Research Article

[The Impact of Internal Migration on under-Five Mortality in 27 Sub-Saharan African Countries](#)

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Abstract

Objective

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The literature on the impact of internal migration on under-five mortality in sub-Saharan Africa has been limited. This study examined the impact of internal migration on under-five mortality rate in 27 sub-Saharan African countries.

Design

The analysis used cross-sectional data from the most recent Demographic and Health Surveys of 27 sub-Saharan African countries. Information on the number of live births and the number of under-five deaths in the five years preceding the surveys in these countries was examined. Using variables from which migration data were generated, four migration statuses were computed, and the impact of each migration status on under-five mortality was analysed by using multivariate Cox proportional hazards regression models.

Results

Of the 96333 live births, 7036 deaths were reported. Adjusting for internal migration status revealed a 20% increase in under-five mortality rate among urban-rural migrant mothers [HR = 1.20; 95% confidence interval (CI): (1.06–1.35)], a 40% increase in under-five mortality rates among rural non-migrant mothers, [HR = 1.40; 95% CI: (1.29–1.53)] and a 43% increase in under-five deaths among rural-urban migrant mothers [HR = 1.43; 95% CI: (1.30–1.58)]. Whilst under-five mortality rate did not change considerably when we adjusted for country and demographic variables, there were significant decreases among rural non-migrant and rural-urban migrant mothers when health care service utilization factors were adjusted for [HR = 1.20; 95% CI: (1.07–1.33) and [HR = 1.29; 95% CI: (1.14–1.45)]. The decreased risk of under-five deaths was not significant among rural non-migrant and rural-urban migrant mothers when socio-economic factors were adjusted for. Other factors for which there were significant risks of under-five deaths included household poverty, lack of health care services

Conclusion

Although under-five child mortality rate declined by 52% between 1990 and 2015 (from 179 to 86 per1000 live births) in sub-Saharan Africa, the continent still has the highest rate in the world. This finding highlights the need to consider providing education and health care services in rural areas, when implementing interventions meant to reduce under-five mortality rates among internal migrant mothers.

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[Quantifying and sustaining biodiversity in tropical agricultural landscapes](#)

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Abstract

Decision-makers increasingly seek scientific guidance on investing in nature, but biodiversity remains difficult to estimate across diverse landscapes. Here, we develop empirically based models for quantifying biodiversity across space. We focus on agricultural lands in the tropical forest biome, wherein lies the greatest potential to conserve or lose biodiversity. We explore two questions, drawing from empirical research oriented toward pioneering policies in Costa Rica. First, can remotely sensed tree cover serve as a reliable basis for improved estimation of biodiversity, from plots to regions? Second, how does tropical biodiversity change across the land-use gradient from native forest to deforested cropland and pasture? We report on understory plants, nonflying mammals, bats, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Using data from

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67,737 observations of 908 species, we test how tree cover influences biodiversity across space. First, we find that fine-scale mapping of tree cover predicts biodiversity within a taxon-specific radius (of 30–70 m) about a point in the landscape. Second, nearly 50% of the tree cover in our study region is embedded in countryside forest elements, small (typically 0.05–100 ha) clusters or strips of trees on private property. Third, most species use multiple habitat types, including crop fields and pastures (to which 15% of species are restricted), although some taxa depend on forest (57% of species are restricted to forest elements). Our findings are supported by comparisons of 90 studies across Latin America. They provide a basis for a planning tool that guides investments in tropical forest biodiversity similar to those for securing ecosystem services.

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EDITORIAL

[Dealing with details in Marrakesh](#)

Patricia Espinosa

Summary

Over the next few weeks, two major events will take place—the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change will enter into force on 4 November, and 3 days later, nearly 200 countries will convene in Marrakesh, Morocco, at the 22nd United Nations (UN) Conference of the Parties (COP22) to decide on how to rapidly implement the agreement. Indeed, the agreement's governing body will hold its first meeting during COP22. This swift action to commit and come up with climate action plans is a welcome departure for the international community, and it sends a clear message that success in tackling climate challenges requires more than just a historic political agreement.

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Making climate science more relevant

By Charles F. Kennel, Stephen Briggs, David G. Victor

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Better indicators for risk management are needed after Paris

Summary

For nearly three decades, the central goal in international climate policy had been to set the political agenda—to engage all countries on the need for action. So long as that was the goal, it was sufficient for policy-makers to focus on simple indicators of climate change, such as global average surface temperature. With the 2015 Paris Agreement, governments launched a process that can move beyond setting agendas to coordinating national policies to manage the climate. Next month in Marrakesh, diplomats will convene to flesh out the Agreement. They need to focus on the infrastructure of data and analysis that will be needed as the Agreement becomes operational. The scientific community can help by identifying better lagging indicators to describe what has changed as policy efforts progress, and leading indicators to focus policy on the right risks as the planet warms.

Climate change: The 2015 Paris Agreement thresholds and Mediterranean basin ecosystems

By Joel Guiot, Wolfgang Cramer

Science 28 Oct 2016 : 465-468 Restricted Access

Global warming above 1.5°C will likely change Mediterranean ecosystems in ways unprecedented in the Holocene record.

Editor's Summary

A warming limit for the Mediterranean basin

Pollen cores from sediments provide rich detail on the history of vegetation and climate in the Mediterranean during the Holocene (the most recent ~10,000 years). Guiot and Cramer used this information as a baseline against which to compare predictions of future climate and vegetation under different climate-change scenarios. Vegetation and land-use systems observed in the Holocene records may persist under a 1.5°C warming above preindustrial temperature levels. A 2°C warming, however, is likely over the next century to produce ecosystems in the Mediterranean basin that have no analog in the past 10,000 years.

Abstract

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Paris Agreement of December 2015 aims to maintain the global average warming well below 2°C above the preindustrial level. In the Mediterranean basin, recent pollen-based reconstructions of climate and ecosystem variability over the past 10,000 years provide insights regarding the implications of warming thresholds for biodiversity and land-use potential. We compare scenarios of climate-driven future change in land ecosystems with reconstructed ecosystem dynamics during the past 10,000 years. Only a 1.5°C warming scenario permits ecosystems to remain within the Holocene variability. At or above 2°C of warming, climatic change will generate Mediterranean land ecosystem changes that are unmatched in the Holocene, a period characterized by recurring precipitation deficits rather than temperature anomalies.

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[Associations between quantitative measures of women's empowerment and access to care and health status for mothers and their children: A systematic review of evidence from the developing world](#)

Review Article

Pages 119-131

Pierre Pratley

Abstract

Research on the association between women's empowerment and maternal and child health has rapidly expanded. However, questions concerning the measurement and aggregation of quantitative indicators of women's empowerment and their associations with measures of maternal and child health status and healthcare utilization remain unanswered. Major challenges include complexity in measuring progress in several dimensions and the situational, context dependent nature of the empowerment process as it relates to improvements in maternal and child health status and maternal care seeking behaviors. This systematic literature review summarizes recent evidence from the developing world regarding the role women's empowerment plays as a social determinant of maternal and child health outcomes. A search of quantitative evidence previously reported in the economic, socio-demographic and public health literature finds 67 eligible studies that report on direct indicators of women's empowerment and their association with indicators capturing maternal and child health outcomes. Statistically significant associations were found between women's empowerment and maternal and child health outcomes such as antenatal care, skilled attendance at birth, contraceptive use, child mortality, full vaccination, nutritional status and exposure to violence. Although associations differ in magnitude and direction, the studies reviewed generally support the hypothesis that women's empowerment is significantly and positively associated with maternal and child health outcomes. While major challenges remain regarding comparability between studies and lack of direct indicators in key dimensions of empowerment, these results suggest that policy makers and practitioners must consider women's empowerment as a viable strategy to improve maternal and child health, but also as a merit in itself. Recommendations include collection of indicators on psychological, legal and political dimensions of women's empowerment and development of a comprehensive conceptual framework that can guide research and policy making.

Review Article

[Disrespectful intrapartum care during facility-based delivery in sub-Saharan Africa: A qualitative systematic review and thematic synthesis of women's perceptions and experiences](#)

Pages 157-170

Susan Bradley, Christine McCourt, Juliet Rayment, Divya Parmar

Abstract

The psycho-social elements of labour and delivery are central to any woman's birth experience, but international efforts to reduce maternal mortality in low-income contexts have neglected these aspects and focused on technological birth. In many contexts, maternity care is seen as dehumanised and disrespectful, which can have a negative impact on utilisation of services. We undertook a systematic review and meta-synthesis of the growing literature on women's experiences of facility-based delivery in sub-Saharan Africa to examine the drivers of disrespectful intrapartum care. Using PRISMA guidelines, databases were searched from 1990 to 06 May 2015, and 25 original studies were included for thematic synthesis. Analytical themes, that were theoretically informed and cognisant of the cultural and social context in which the dynamics of disrespectful care occur, enabled a fresh interpretation of the factors

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driving midwives' behaviour. A conceptual framework was developed to show how macro-, meso- and micro-level drivers of disrespectful care interact. The synthesis revealed a prevailing model of maternity care that is institution-centred, rather than woman-centred. Women's experiences illuminate midwives' efforts to maintain power and control by situating birth as a medical event and to secure status by focusing on the technical elements of care, including controlling bodies and knowledge.

Midwives and women are caught between medical and social models of birth. Global policies encouraging facility-based delivery are forcing women to swap the psycho-emotional care they would receive from traditional midwives for the technical care that professional midwives are currently offering. Any action to change the current performance and dynamic of birth relies on the participation of midwives, but their voices are largely missing from the discourse. Future research should explore their perceptions of the value and practice of interpersonal aspects of maternity care and the impact of disrespectful care on their sense of professionalism and personal ethics.

Original Research Article

Financing the HIV response in sub-Saharan Africa from domestic sources: Moving beyond a normative approach

Pages 66-76

Michelle Remme, Mariana Siapka, Olivier Sterck, Mthuli Ncube, Charlotte Watts, Anna Vassall
Abstract

Despite optimism about the end of AIDS, the HIV response requires sustained financing into the future. Given flat-lining international aid, countries' willingness and ability to shoulder this responsibility will be central to access to HIV care. This paper examines the potential to expand public HIV financing, and the extent to which governments have been utilising these options.

We develop and compare a normative and empirical approach. First, with data from the 14 most HIV-affected countries in sub-Saharan Africa, we estimate the potential increase in public HIV financing from economic growth, increased general revenue generation, greater health and HIV prioritisation, as well as from more unconventional and innovative sources, including borrowing, health-earmarked resources, efficiency gains, and complementary non-HIV investments. We then adopt a novel empirical approach to explore which options are most likely to translate into tangible public financing, based on cross-sectional econometric analyses of 92 low and middle-income country governments' most recent HIV expenditure between 2008 and 2012.

If all fiscal sources were simultaneously leveraged in the next five years, public HIV spending in these 14 countries could increase from US\$3.04 to US\$10.84 billion per year. This could cover resource requirements in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, and Swaziland, but not even half the requirements in the remaining countries. Our empirical results suggest that, in reality, even less fiscal space could be created (a reduction by over half) and only from more conventional sources. International financing may also crowd in public financing.

Most HIV-affected lower-income countries in sub-Saharan Africa will not be able to generate sufficient public resources for HIV in the medium-term, even if they take very bold measures. Considerable international financing will be required for years to come. HIV funders will need to engage with broader health and development financing to improve government revenue-raising and efficiencies.

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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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[Adopters and Non-Adopters of Low-Cost Household Latrines: A Study of Corbelled Pit Latrines in 15 Districts of Malawi](#)

by [Rochelle Holm](#), [Mavuto Tembo](#), [Dalo Njera](#), [Victor Kasulo](#), [Mphatso Malota](#), [Willy Chipeta](#), [Wales Singini](#) and [Joshua Mchenga](#)

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Abstract

The Sustainable Development Goals will challenge low- and middle-income settings to look at new approaches for rural sanitation. In 2013, Mzuzu University, in partnership with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Malawi, started a low-cost latrine program in rural areas using the corbelled latrine design supported by locally owned sustainable businesses. The objective of this work was to trace customers (early household adopters) and non-customers through field observations and interviews in 15 districts of Malawi. The research team spent 193 personnel work days in data collection and found 21 households as adopters in 7 districts. Most respondents had a preference with regard to the design of the sanitation facility they would like to use. Although sharing of sanitation facilities was common, the corbelled latrine is promoted as a single household pit latrine design. Unfortunately, 8% (23/304) of non-adopters responded they practiced open defecation. Households were satisfied with the corbelled latrine design, and no latrine was found to have collapsed during field visits. To promote the corbelled latrine in Malawi, the following are recommended: (1) education of frontline government extension workers towards non-subsidized household latrines; (2) identification of rural low-income households as the best target for potential adopters; and (3) linkage of low-cost sanitation technologies to community mobilization campaigns led by the government, such as Community Led Total Sanitation.

[How Frugal Innovation Promotes Social Sustainability](#)

by [Rakhshanda Khan](#)

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There is a need to develop an understanding of how frugal innovation promotes social sustainability. The objective of this paper is to find the connections between the two concepts of social sustainability and frugal innovation, by reviewing the existing literature concerning both fields. This paper presents a framework that identifies essential themes of social sustainability and explores them through frugal innovation. The framework builds on the important themes of social sustainability and shows their relevance in practice through frugal innovation. The notion of frugal innovation can be viewed as an approach towards realizing social sustainability and fulfilling the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Critical Review of the Millennium Project in Nepal

by Ashma Vaidya and Audrey L. Mayer

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"Our Common Future" harmonized development policies around a new sustainable development (SD) paradigm, and experts also emphasize the importance of a democratic and equitable approach to define and achieve sustainable development. However, SD targets and indicators are often defined by a suite of experts or a few stakeholder groups, far removed from on-the-ground conditions. The most common expert-led development framework, the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), promoted one set of targets and indicators for all developing countries. While progress towards these targets was routinely reported at the national scale, these targets may not reflect context-specific sustainable development. We evaluated the relevance and comprehensiveness of MDG 7 (environmental sustainability) for Nepal. Although Nepal has met most of the MDG 7 (e.g., forest cover, protected areas coverage, water and sanitation), on closer inspection these indicators do not provide adequate context for ensuring that these targets provide the intended levels of development. Simple forest cover and protected area indicators belie the dearth of ecological conservation on the ground, and water and sanitation indicators do not reflect the inequality of access based on poverty and regions. While the Millennium Development Goals align with broad sustainability concerns in Nepal, these indicators do not reveal its true development conditions.

The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfer on Toilet Use in eThekweni, South Africa

by Elizabeth Tilley and Isabel Günther

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Abstract

In the developing world, having access to a toilet does not necessarily imply use: infrequent or non-use limits the desired health outcomes of improved sanitation. We examine the sanitation situation in a rural part of South Africa where recipients of novel, waterless "urine-diverting dry toilets" are not regularly using them. In order to determine if small, conditional cash transfers (CCT) could motivate families to use their toilets more, we paid for urine via different incentive-based interventions: two were based on volumetric pricing and the third was a flat-rate payment (irrespective of volume). A flat-rate payment (approx. €1) resulted in the highest rates of regular (weekly) participation at 59%. The low volumetric payment (approx. €0.05/L) led to regular participation rates of only 12% and no increase in toilet use. The high volumetric payment (approx. €0.1/L) resulted in lower rates of regular participation (35%), but increased the average urine production per household per day by 74%. As a first example of conditional cash transfers being used in the sanitation sector, we show that they are an accepted and

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effective tool for increasing toilet use, while putting small cash payments in the hands of poor, largely unemployed populations in rural South Africa.

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[Human Habits, Human Habitats](#)

At the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 to 20 October 2016, world leaders will discuss and agree on ways to address the pressing issues faced by cities today and in the years to come. This issue of the UN Chronicle, under the theme “Human Habits, Human Habitats”, provides a variety of perspectives on sustainable urbanization and the future of human settlements.

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[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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