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Week ending 8 October 2016

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

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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.



The Nobel Peace Prize for 2016

Oslo, 7 October 2016

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2016 to Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos for his resolute efforts to bring the country's more than 50-year-long civil war to an end, a war that has cost the lives of at least 220 000 Colombians and displaced close to six million people. The award should also be seen as a tribute to the Colombian people who, despite great hardships and abuses, have not given up hope of a just peace, and to all the parties who have contributed to the peace process. This tribute is paid, not least, to the representatives of the countless victims of the civil war.

President Santos initiated the negotiations that culminated in the peace accord between the Colombian government and the FARC guerrillas, and he has consistently sought to move the peace process forward. Well knowing that the accord was controversial, he was instrumental in ensuring that Colombian voters were able to voice their opinion concerning the peace accord in a referendum. The outcome of the vote was not what President Santos wanted: a narrow majority of the over 13 million Colombians who cast their ballots said no to the accord. This result has created great uncertainty as to the future of Colombia. There is a real danger that the peace process will come to a halt and that civil war will flare up again. This makes it even more important that the parties, headed by President Santos and FARC guerrilla leader Rodrigo Londoño, continue to respect the ceasefire.

The fact that a majority of the voters said no to the peace accord does not necessarily mean that the peace process is dead. The referendum was not a vote for or against peace. What the "No" side rejected was not the desire for peace, but a specific peace agreement. The Norwegian Nobel Committee emphasizes the importance of the fact that President Santos is now inviting all parties to participate in a broad-based national dialogue aimed at advancing the peace process. Even those who opposed the peace accord have welcomed such a dialogue. The Nobel Committee hopes that all parties will take their share of responsibility and participate constructively in the upcoming peace talks...

By awarding this year's Peace Prize to President Juan Manuel Santos, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes to encourage all those who are striving to achieve peace, reconciliation and justice in Colombia. The president himself has made it clear that he will continue to work for peace right up until his very last day in office. The Committee hopes that the Peace Prize will give him strength to succeed in this demanding task. Furthermore, it is the Committee's hope that in the years to come the Colombian people will reap the fruits of the ongoing peace and reconciliation process. Only then will the country be able to address effectively major challenges such as poverty, social injustice and drug-related crime...



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Syria / Human Rights / Humanitarian Access / Refugees

Middle East (Syria) - Security Council, 7785th meeting

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The situation in the Middle East (Syrian Arab Republic).

Security Council Fails to Adopt Two Draft Resolutions on Syria, Despite Appeals for Action Preventing Impending Humanitarian Catastrophe in Aleppo

8 October 2016

SC/12545

Two draft texts — one from France and Spain, and the other from the Russian Federation — addressing the conflict in Syria failed to be adopted by the Security Council today amid heated debate on content and urgent calls for humanitarian intervention for the besieged city of Aleppo.

The French and Spanish text that would have had the Council demand an immediate halt to all aerial bombardments and military flights over the city of Aleppo received 11 affirmative votes, two abstentions (Angola and China), and two negative votes (Russian Federation and Venezuela).

The text would also have urged the immediate implementation of a cessation of hostilities as well as immediate, safe and unhindered humanitarian access throughout the country, and demanded that parties to the conflict — in particular the Syrian authorities — fully implement all previous Council resolutions.

The Russian Federation's text, by which the Council would have urged an immediate cessation of hostilities, particularly in Aleppo, received a vote of 4 in favour (China, Egypt, Russian Federation, Venezuela) to 9 against (France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States), with 2 abstentions (Angola and Uruguay).

That draft resolution would have demanded that all parties prevent material and financial support from reaching groups associated with Al-Qaida, Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) or Jabhat al-Nusrah...

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NGO Statement - Protection 67th UNHCR ExCom

October, 2016

NGO Statement on International Protection, delivered to the 67th UNHCR Executive Committee meeting 3-7 October 2016, Geneva.

Pdf:

https://icvnetwork.org/system/files/versions/2016_Excom_NGOStatement_Protection_0.pdf

[Excerpt: text bolding from original]

This statement is delivered on behalf of a wide range of non-governmental organizations. It has been drafted in consultation with, and aims to reflect the diversity of views of, the NGO community.

...Recommendations

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The real and immediate test of this year's political advances is whether the international community can make a difference on the ground for the millions of refugees, IDPs and stateless persons in need of protection, safe passage, solidarity, inclusion, decent work and livelihoods. We urge states, in partnership with the UN and civil society, to translate the commitments in the New York Declaration into a rights-based, age- and gender-sensitive implementation plan that would include the elements below.

1. Take immediate action to safeguard lives and fundamental human rights:

- a. provide safe and regular routes for refugees to leave conflict and persecution;
- b. stop criminalizing and detaining refugees and migrants for irregular entry or stay and immediately end, the detention of all children and their families;
- c. remove long term barriers to freedom of movement;
- d. ensure access to protection, services, jobs and quality education for all refugee;
- e. prevent and resolve cases of statelessness;
- f. provide regular and safe pathways for migrants at all skill levels with full rights, labor protection, decent work, family reunification.

2. Enact equitable and predictable responsibility-sharing and refugee protection mechanisms, by working with the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to (a) apply the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework to solve current and protracted refugee situations across the world at the earliest opportunity; and (b) develop a Global Compact for Refugees no later than by 2018. States must without delay pledge and change national policies to:

- a. respect the right to seek asylum and reduce barriers to access to asylum;
- b. increase annual resettlement places to at the very least meet the annual resettlement needs identified by UNHCR, as well as expanding additional pathways such as family reunion, private sponsorships, and work, student and humanitarian visas;
- c. ensure local inclusion of refugees and access to basic services, including quality education as soon as possible for children and young people, vocational training, decent work opportunities, and labor and employment rights; and
- d. provide predictable and adequate humanitarian assistance as well as development funding to support displaced people and communities hosting them..

3. Review national border policies to uphold the human rights of all people at international borders, and commit to developing and implementing gender and age-sensitive guidelines to protect migrants in vulnerable situations, drawing upon existing and emerging guidance from international agencies, including UNHCR tools and Guidelines on International Protection, and the OHCHR Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Migrants at International Borders. These guidelines should be incorporated directly into the Global Compact for Refugees. In addition, governments should review their bilateral and regional agreements to ensure that they not only avoid undermining the protection needs of refugees, but bolster them, and ensure that development aid is not conditioned by agreements on borders and readmission.

4. End the practice of child immigration detention in accordance with the best interests of the child, including through supporting the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) to End Child Immigration Detention, and through making tangible pledges to end child immigration detention and to implement rights-based alternatives to detention for the entire family that protect the rights, dignity and welfare of refugee and migrant children.

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5. Implement policies and vigorous campaigns at national and local levels to counter xenophobia, discrimination and racism and improve refugee inclusion into local communities, and review underlying policies that demonize and criminalize refugees and migrants. Instead, policies should support inclusive and diverse societies and allow for safe and decent paths for migration.

6. Agree on concrete measures to improve the protection and assistance for internally displaced people. As states strengthen their commitments in the global 2030 Agenda to leave no-one behind - including every migrant, refugee and displaced woman, man and child regardless of status and location - they must not forget people who are displaced within their own borders, and urgently commit to reviewing and improving protection and assistance for these groups.

7. Take high-level action and agree on concrete measures to better protect aid workers from deliberate attacks, which hinder the delivery of principled humanitarian aid to populations in need. It is the very principle of humanity that drives humanitarian actors towards people who need life-saving support. All stakeholders should actively engage to make sure basic services effectively and safely reach civilians already affected by conflict.

Given conflict disaster, climate and environmental degradation, and economic inequality worldwide, the numbers of vulnerable refugees, migrants and internationally displaced people will keep rising. They may lose many things when they move but they should never lose their human rights and fundamental dignity.

Thus, we call upon the states present to turn their bold commitments into clear, committed action.

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Development

[Ending Extreme Poverty: A Focus on Children](#)

Briefing Note

World Bank Group and UNICEF

October 2016 : 6 pages

Pdf: http://www.unicef.org/publications/index_92826.html#

Ending Extreme Poverty: A Focus on Children – a briefing note from the World Bank Group and UNICEF – finds that children in developing countries are more than twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty. The briefing note finds that in 2013, 19.5 per cent of children in 89 countries were living in households that survived on an average of US\$1.90 a day per person or less, compared to just 9.2 per cent of adults. Globally, almost 385 million children were living in extreme poverty.

Press Release

[Nearly 385 million children living in extreme poverty, says joint World Bank Group – UNICEF study](#)

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NEW YORK, 3 October 2016 – Children are more than twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty, according to a new analysis from the World Bank Group and UNICEF. *Ending Extreme Poverty: A Focus on Children* finds that in 2013 19.5 per cent of children in developing countries were living in households that survived on an average of US\$1.90 a day or less per person, compared to just 9.2 per cent of adults. Globally, almost 385 million children were living in extreme poverty.

Children are disproportionately affected, as they make up around a third of the population studied, but half of the extreme poor. The youngest children are the most at risk – with more than one-fifth of children under the age of five in the developing world living in extremely poor households.

“Children are not only more likely to be living in extreme poverty; the effects of poverty are most damaging to children. They are the worst off of the worst off – and the youngest children are the worst off of all, because the deprivations they suffer affect the development of their bodies and their minds,” said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. “It is shocking that half of all children in sub-Saharan Africa and one in five children in developing countries are growing up in extreme poverty. This not only limits their futures, it drags down their societies.” ...

“The sheer number of children in extreme poverty points to a real need to invest specifically in the early years—in services such as pre-natal care for pregnant mothers, early childhood development programs, quality schooling, clean water, good sanitation, and universal health care,” said Ana Revenga, Senior Director, Poverty and Equity at the World Bank Group.

“Improving these services, and ensuring that today’s children can access quality job opportunities when the time comes, is the only way to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty that is so widespread today.”

The global estimate of extreme child poverty is based on data from 89 countries, representing 83 per cent of the developing world’s population.

Sub-Saharan Africa has both the highest rates of children living in extreme poverty at just under 50 per cent, and the largest share of the world’s extremely poor children, at just over 50 per cent. South Asia has the second highest share at nearly 36 per cent—with over 30 per cent of extremely poor children living in India alone. More than four out of five children in extreme poverty live in rural areas...

UNICEF and the World Bank Group are calling on governments to:

- :: Routinely measure child poverty at the national and subnational level and focus on children in national poverty reduction plans as part of efforts to end extreme poverty by 2030.

- :: Strengthen child-sensitive social protection systems, including cash transfer programs that directly help poor families to pay for food, health care, education and other services that protect children from the impact of poverty and improve their chances of breaking the cycle in their own lives.

- :: Prioritize investments in education, health, clean water, sanitation and infrastructure that benefit the poorest children, as well as those that help prevent people from falling back into poverty after setbacks like droughts, disease or economic instability.

- :: Shape policy decisions so that economic growth benefits the poorest children.

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UNICEF and the World Bank Group are working with partners to interrupt cycles of poverty and to promote early childhood development - with programs ranging from cash transfers, to nutrition, healthcare and education.

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Girls spend 160 million more hours than boys doing household chores everyday – UNICEF

NEW YORK, 7 October, 2016 – Girls between 5 and 14 years old spend 40 per cent more time, or 160 million more hours a day, on unpaid household chores and collecting water and firewood compared to boys their age, according to a report released by UNICEF ahead of International Day of the Girl on 11 October.

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Health

Investing in early childhood development essential to helping more children and communities thrive, new Lancet Series finds

Joint News release -

UNICEF/WHO/World Bank

249 million children under five are at risk of not reaching developmental potential, implementing low-cost interventions could reverse this trend

5 October 2016 | WASHINGTON, D.C. - An estimated 43 percent—249 million—of children under five in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are at an elevated risk of poor development due to extreme poverty and stunting, according to findings from The Lancet's new Series, *Advancing Early Childhood Development: from Science to Scale*.

The Series reveals that early childhood development interventions that promote nurturing care—health, nutrition, responsive caregiving, security and safety, and early learning—may cost as little as 50 cents per child per year, when combined with existing services such as health. WHO, the World Bank, and UNICEF contributed to and offered guidance to the Series.

The findings in this Series underscore the importance of increased global commitment to early childhood development. Individuals are estimated to suffer a loss of about a quarter of average adult income per year, while countries may forfeit up to as much as two times their current GDP expenditures on health or education. Consequences of inaction impact not only present but future generations.

"We now know how high the cost of inaction is, and new evidence makes clear that the time to act is now. We hope the evidence in this Series will help countries reach more pregnant women and young children with preventive and promotive services that have the potential to drastically improve developmental outcomes for children as well as their adult health, wellbeing, and economic productivity," said Series co-author, Professor Linda M. Richter, PhD, DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

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Research shows that a child's brain develops faster in the first 2-3 years than at any other time in life. These early years are also a critical period of adaptability and responsiveness to interventions. When young children are deprived of nutrition, stimulation, and protection, the damaging effects can produce long-term detriments for families and communities.

"The science and economics are clearly on the side of investing in the first 1,000 days of a child's life, starting with a woman's pregnancy," said Keith Hansen, Vice President, Human Development at the World Bank Group. "If we don't do this, children fall behind long before they set foot in school and suffer a lifetime of disadvantage. But if we do, we can make an irrevocable difference to their ability to fully participate in the economies of tomorrow as active, productive citizens. The Lancet research is further proof, if more is needed, of just how important this agenda is."

The authors stress the strong position of the health sector in providing an entry point for early childhood interventions—especially in support of nurturing care. The sector's ability to access women and children during the critical period from conception through early childhood presents an opportunity to integrate low-cost interventions, such as WHO / UNICEF's Care for Child Development, and Reach Up and Learn, into existing maternal and child health and nutrition services. These have shown to help improve the quality of nurturing care and the overall development of young children, while also giving attention to the wellbeing of the caregiver.

"The science shows us that biology is not destiny—and that what children experience in the earliest days and years of life shapes and defines their futures," said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. "We need to turn that science into an alarm bell—because the development of millions of children is at urgent risk. Right now, 43 percent of children in low- and middle-income countries are at risk of not achieving their cognitive potential. No country can risk losing nearly half of the brain potential of its youngest citizens—low- and middle-income countries least of all."

According to the Series authors, interventions need to be available early. "Historically, early childhood interventions have focused on children of preschool age. But we now know that interventions encompassing the period before conception through the first two years of life can greatly reduce adverse growth and health outcomes, and help ensure young children reach their full developmental potential," said Series co-author, Professor Stephen Lye, PhD, Executive Director, Fraser Mustard Institute for Human Development, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

The authors propose several ways the global community can scale-up support for early childhood development services by:

- :: Encouraging the adoption and implementation of policies to create supportive environments for families to provide nurturing care for young children,
- :: Building capacity and strengthening coordination to promote early childhood development through existing health, nutrition, education, social, and child protection services,
- :: Strengthening measurement and ensuring accountability for early childhood development services,
- :: Increasing research, and fostering global and regional leadership and action, and
- :: Expanding political will and funding through advocacy for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"Investing in young children is a moral, economic, and social imperative. The SDGs have provided a promising vision on children and adolescents' health, but political will and increased

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investment in early childhood development are needed to ensure that the ambitious targets can be reached. Early childhood development will not only benefit the children of today, but will have a direct impact on the stability and prosperity of nations in the future," said Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General.

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USAID & Partners Announce \$6 Billion to Expand Fight Against Neglected Tropical Diseases

September 30, 2016

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) today announced new partnerships to help countries eliminate and control neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Over the next five years new and expanded partnerships will provide 1.3 billion treatments, leverage \$6 billion in donated drugs, and prevent more than 585 million people from needing treatment for NTDs.

Over the next five years, USAID and its partners have committed to eliminating Trachoma, the world's leading cause of preventable blindness, by treating at-risk communities and supporting surgeries for affected individuals. USAID will also combat and seek to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis, a painful and disfiguring parasitic infection transmitted by mosquitos. In addition, USAID will promote improved sanitation to break the transmission of diseases like Schistosomiasis, caused by a painful abdominal parasite.

One in seven people worldwide, a billion people, suffer from a group of parasitic and bacterial infections that can cause profound pain, suffering, stunting, malnutrition, and disability, perpetuating the cycle of poverty. These neglected tropical diseases have endured because of indifference. But many of these diseases can be eliminated with sanitation, preventive treatments, and mass drug distribution campaigns.

"Here's the good news: we can make NTDs a thing of the past," said Gayle Smith, USAID Administrator. "Working together with our partners over the past ten years, we have figured out an approach that works and freed over a hundred million people from these parasitic worms and bacterial infections that have held communities back for too long. Now is the time to double down and reach scale."...

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Education

THE WORLD NEEDS ALMOST 69 MILLION NEW TEACHERS TO REACH THE 2030 EDUCATION GOALS

UNESCO Institute of Statistics

Fact Sheet – October 2016, No.39 :: 16pages

Pdf: <http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Documents/FS39-teachers-2016-en.pdf>

On World Teachers' Day (5 October), the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) has released the first-ever estimates of how many teachers are needed to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4), which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. In the next 14 years, countries must recruit 68.8 million teachers to provide every child with primary and secondary education...

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The new estimates from the UIS confirm the urgent need for millions of additional teachers to propel the world towards its education goals. Looking beyond the sheer quantity of teachers, there is also a pressing need for teachers who are well-trained, well-supported and commensurately paid. Entire education systems are gearing up for the pursuit of SDG 4, aiming to ensure that all children are in school and learning by 2030. Such efforts could falter if they fail to prioritize those on the frontline: the world's teachers, who are tasked with the actual delivery of a good quality education for all.



Governance

[The World Bank Group's Annual Integrity Update Acknowledges Global Support](#)

October 7, 2016

This year's Annual Report highlights global and regional cooperation to raise the international accountability standard and safeguard development resources

WASHINGTON, October 7, 2016- This year's Annual Integrity Update emphasizes the World Bank Group's (WBG) continued commitment to the global fight against corruption. With a focus on safeguarding development funds, the report highlights results of investigative, forensic review, prevention and compliance-monitoring efforts by the World Bank's Integrity Vice Presidency (INT).

During FY16, INT substantiated investigations that involved 43 projects and 124 contracts worth about \$633 million, resulting in 58 sanctioned entities including Information Computer Systems CJSC (Incom) which received a 22.5-year debarment for its involvement in rigging WBG-funded contracts in Ukraine. In addition, the World Bank Group entered into a record 18 Negotiated Resolution Agreements (NRAs) with companies that have acknowledged misconduct and committed to implementing WBG compliance standards. In April 2016, a landmark decision by the Canadian Supreme Court endorsed the anticorruption efforts of the World Bank Group and other international organizations and ensured the protection of its privileges and immunities.

"We will continue our efforts to end extreme poverty, boost shared prosperity and uncover and expose corruption wherever it exists," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. "This includes enhanced support for implementing anti-money laundering requirements and recovering stolen assets, as well as extended work in the areas of tax reform, illicit financial flows, procurement reform and preventing corrupt companies from winning state contracts."..

...The Update also sheds light on the World Bank Group's support to regional and global initiatives aimed at collective action by national authorities against anti-money laundering, tax evasion and illicit financial flows as announced at the UK Anticorruption Summit in June 2016 and the International Meeting for Anticorruption Practitioners co-hosted by the Government of France, the World Bank Group and OECD.



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Government of Afghanistan and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture to rehabilitate Kabul's historic heritage

Brussels, Belgium, 5 October 2016 – A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the conservation and rehabilitation of Kabul's key historic areas was signed today on the sidelines of the Conference on Afghanistan in Brussels.

The agreement between the government of Afghanistan, represented by the Ministry of Urban Development, and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) – an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) - encompasses a multi-year partnership for urban planning activities and the implementation of a number of projects that will protect and enhance heritage assets of the capital city. This public/private cooperation aims to further develop aspects of heritage management principles outlined in the Government of Afghanistan's Urban National Priority Program (UNPP)...

The MoU extends AKDN's commitment to preserving Afghanistan's built heritage and developing sustainable models of urban planning, upgrading and conservation.

With 15 years of direct involvement in preserving more than 120 monuments in multiple regions of Afghanistan, AKTC's programmes have supported communities living and working around historic sites with new economic and social opportunities through investment in conservation and by providing training and capacity building initiatives...

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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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Secretary-General Condemns Deadly Attack on Refugee Hosting Area in Niger, Urging Government to Reinforce Security around Camps, Other Vulnerable Targets

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GA/L/3522

[Organization, Member States Must Ensure Accountability for Crimes Committed by United Nations Officials on Mission, Sixth Committee Hears](#)

The Organization and Member States must work together to ensure accountability for crimes committed by United Nations officials and experts on missions, Sixth Committee (Legal) delegates stressed today during a far-ranging meeting that also included deliberations on the responsibility of States for internationally wrong acts and diplomatic protection.

6 October 2016

SC/12543

[Adopting Resolution 2312 \(2016\), Security Council Extends Authorization to Intercept Vessels Suspected of Illegal Smuggling from Libya](#)

Deploring continued loss of life due to migrant smuggling and human trafficking off the coast of Libya, the Security Council this morning extended its authorization for Member States to intercept vessels on the high seas suspected of being used for those illicit activities, for a further period of one year.

5 October 2016

GA/11835

[Agreement Reached on Global Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance, as General Assembly Adopts Political Declaration](#)

Acting by consensus this morning, the General Assembly adopted a political declaration aimed at combating the global threats posed by antimicrobial resistance, which could include significant development backslides and millions of deaths each year if unaddressed.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 1 October 2016]

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

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Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 1 October 2016]

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

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[UN child rights experts issue findings on Nauru, Sierra Leone, New Zealand, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Suriname](#)

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[Suffering inflicted on Aleppo's children 'brutal abdication of human rights obligations' – UN experts](#)

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

[to 1 October 2016]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 1 October 2016]

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

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[Iran: UN rights expert calls for the immediate release of dual nationals](#)

SRSR/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

08 Oct 2016

[Yemen: Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick, on behalf of the United Nations and INGO community in Yemen, Sana'a](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Yemen The humanitarian community in Yemen is shocked and outraged by today's airstrikes which hit the community hall of Al-Sala Alkubra where thousands of mourners were taking part in a funeral ceremony. Initial reports from health officials in Sana'a indicate that over 140 people were killed and over 525 injured. The Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, unequivocally condemns the horrific attack that took...

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[Haiti: CERF allocates funds to kick start assistance following Hurricane Matthew and provides loan to boost ongoing response to cholera epidemic in Haiti](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Haiti (New York, 7 October 2016) – The Central Emergency Response Fund, (CERF) is releasing a grant of \$5 million to address the most life-saving needs of people affected by hurricane Matthew. Earlier this week, CERF also released a loan of US\$8 million dollars to UNICEF to scale up response to the worsening cholera epidemic in Haiti. Category 4 Hurricane Matthew Tuesday smashed into Haiti with 235 kilometres per hour...

04 Oct 2016

[Yemen: UN humanitarian chief calls for urgent protection of civilians and scaling up of support to Yemen](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Yemen (Sana'a, 4 October 2016) - Stephen O'Brien, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, concluded his three-day mission to Yemen today calling for all parties to grant humanitarian access and uphold their responsibilities to protect civilians in a conflict that has displaced three million people, injured and killed thousands of innocent civilians, shattered the civilian...

03 Oct 2016

[Central African Republic: Humanitarian situation is deteriorating in Kaga Bandoro](#)

02 Oct 2016

[Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Statement on Eastern Aleppo City, Syria, 2 October 2016 \[EN/AR\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Syrian Arab Republic I am deeply alarmed by the ferocious pummeling of eastern Aleppo city where an estimated 275,000 people are besieged. Indiscriminate bombing and shelling continues in a shocking and unrelenting manner, killing and maiming civilians, subjecting them to a level of savagery that no human should have to endure. The health care system in eastern Aleppo is all but obliterated. Medical facilities are being...

UNICEF [to 17 September 2016]

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

Selected News Releases

[Thousands of children in urgent need in flood-ravaged North Korea as bitter winter looms](#)

Pyongyang, 7 October, 2016 – After disastrous flooding in North Korea in August and September left tens of thousands of children in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, a second wave of danger looms with winter approaching.

[Half a million children live in areas hardest hit by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti – UNICEF](#)

PORT-AU-PRINCE/NEW YORK, 7 October 2016 – An estimated 500,000 children live in the Grande Anse and Grand South departments in southern Haiti, the areas worst hit by Hurricane Matthew, UNICEF said today. Three days after the storm, it remains unclear how many of them need urgent assistance as damage to road infrastructure continues to hamper assessment and relief efforts.

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[UNICEF urges more investment in meeting the basic needs of Afghanistan's children](#)

BRUSSELS, 7 October 2016 - UNICEF has welcomed the commitment made by donors attending this week's Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, which promised the country more than US\$ 15 billion in assistance over the coming four years.

[Girls spend 160 million more hours than boys doing household chores everyday – UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK, 7 October, 2016 – Girls between 5 and 14 years old spend 40 per cent more time, or 160 million more hours a day, on unpaid household chores and collecting water and firewood compared to boys their age, according to a report released by UNICEF ahead of International Day of the Girl on 11 October.

[Investing in early childhood development essential to helping more children and communities thrive, new Lancet Series finds](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 4, 2016 – An estimated 43 per cent—249 million—of children under five in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are at an elevated risk of poor development due to extreme poverty and stunting, according to findings from The Lancet's new Series, Advancing Early Childhood Development: from Science to Scale.

[UNICEF calls for safety of schools in Yemen as the new school year opens](#)

SANA'A/GENEVA, 4 October 2016- As schools open this week in Yemen, UNICEF urges all parties to the conflict to protect schools

[More than 4 million children at risk as Hurricane Matthew pummels Haiti – UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK/PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, 4 October 2016 – More than 4 million children may be exposed to the damage of Hurricane Matthew, UNICEF said today as the Category 4 storm made landfall on the impoverished Caribbean island.

[Nearly 385 million children living in extreme poverty, says joint World Bank Group – UNICEF study](#)

NEW YORK, 3 October 2016 – Children are more than twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty, according to a new analysis from the World Bank Group and UNICEF. Ending Extreme Poverty: A Focus on Children finds that in 2013 19.5 per cent of children in developing countries were living in households that survived on an average of US\$1.90 a day or less per person, compared to just 9.2 per cent of adults. Globally, almost 385 million children were living in extreme poverty.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 1 October 2016]

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

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

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[UNHCR welcomes Security Council recommendation of former UN High Commissioner for Refugees António Guterres as Secretary-General](#)

3 Oct 2016

[Greek heroes honoured at 2016 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award ceremony](#)

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IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 1 October 2016]

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

10/07/16

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 314,003; Deaths at Sea: 3,610](#)

Italy - IOM reports that 314,003 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2016 through 5 October, arriving mostly in Greece and Italy.

[IASC Best Practice Guide on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Complaint Mechanisms, Launched at UN HQ](#)

10/04/16

United Nations - IOM last week launched an IASC best practice guide on complaint mechanisms to protect against sexual abuse by aid workers.

[Regional Impact of South Sudan Crisis Growing as Civilians Flee Insecurity](#)

10/04/16

South Sudan - Nearly three years after conflict erupted in South Sudan, the regional impact of the crisis is rising alarmingly as the number of South Sudanese crossing international borders in search of safety grows each day.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 8 October 2016]

Highlights

[Responding to the health needs of internally displaced persons in Nigeria](#)

October 2016 – In response to the critical health needs of internally displaced persons in Borno state, WHO through the State Ministry of Health has delivered emergency medical supplies to Mafa and Dikwa IDP camps. These are 2 of the 15 areas liberated this year and host more than 75 000 internally displaced persons.

[Making it easier to quit smoking in India with mobile technology](#)

September 2016 – Approximately 2 million people in India are receiving support to quit tobacco through a programme called mTobaccoCessation. Developed by the government of India, WHO, and the International Telecommunication Union, the programme provides tailored advice and support via daily and weekly SMS messages.

:: WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti urges for more people to be able to do psychological first aid during emergencies in the African Region

Brazzaville, 7 October 2016 - The WHO Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, is urging countries in the African Region to train more people to be able to perform psychological first aid during emergencies. Her message comes as a critical call on the occasion of the World Mental Health Day commemorated under the theme: "Psychological First AID."

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: As Haiti Assesses Hurricane Damage, PAHO's Emergency Response Targets Cholera (10/07/2016)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

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WHO European Region EURO

:: Supporting emergency response in Aleppo from Gaziantep, Turkey 06-10-2016

:: Prime Minister of Latvia expresses support to increase public financing for health 03-10-2016

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Regional Committee discusses public health achievements

5 October 2016 – During the first day of the Regional Committee meeting, WHO's Regional Director Dr Ala Alwan presented his annual report on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in 2015 and into 2016 to ministers of health and senior level policy-makers attending the 63rd Session of the Regional Committee in Cairo, Egypt.

:: Dr Fikri from United Arab Emirates nominated as WHO Regional Director 6 October 2016

:: Medical supplies air-lifted to Al-Qamishli, Syria 3 October 2016

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Asia-Pacific countries call for stronger action on environment and health

MANILA, 8 October 2016 – Countries from Bhutan to the Cook Islands today pledged to redouble efforts to jointly tackle the pressing issues of climate change, air pollution, safe water, sanitation and hazardous chemicals in pursuit of health and sustainable development.

Read the joint news release

UNAIDS [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 1 October 2016]

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

7 October 2016

Press Release

[Urgent Maternal Health, Protection Needs of Women, Girls Focus of UNFPA Response in Haiti](#)

UNITED NATIONS, New York—UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is scaling up its emergency response to help more than 350,000 people who need immediate humanitarian help after Hurricane Matthew pounded Haiti this...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

[Helen Clark: Closing Speech at the IMF WBG Annual Meetings – UNDP-World Bank Joint Flagship Event on “One Year of the SDGs: Country Action and Progress”](#)

Oct 7, 2016 Preston Auditorium, World Bank HQs - Washington D.C., USA

[The Republic of Korea commits additional \\$3 million to UNDP for 2016](#)

Oct 5, 2016

The Republic of Korea today pledged an additional \$3 million to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), supporting its work in democratic governance for peaceful

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and inclusive societies. The thematic contribution was formalized in an agreement signed today by both parties at a ceremony in Seoul hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of the RoK-UNDP Annual Consultations.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 1 October 2016]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 1 October 2016]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases/News

05 October 2016

[Close to 69 million new teachers needed to reach 2030 education goals](#)

As UNESCO celebrates World Teachers' Day on 5 October, new figures show that close to 69 million new teachers are needed to provide quality universal primary and secondary education by 2030, the deadline of the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the UN General Assembly late last year.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 1 October 2016]

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

07/10/2016 –

[Statement by UNODC Chief after signing of revised Joint Action Plan between UNODC and Japan](#)

...New articles are included in the Joint Action Plan dedicated to following up on the UN General Assembly special session (UNGASS) on the world drug problem and corruption as well as the specific outcomes from the G-7 Summit in Japan. There was also agreement to review articles based on the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI), South-East Asia and counter-terrorism.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 1 October 2016]

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

Posted October 5, 2016

[ICAO and UN-Habitat deal to improve airports' sustainability](#)

Montréal, 05 October 2016 –The critical contributions made by airports to the sustainable socio-economic development of urban areas (and vice versa) are to be enhanced through a new agreement made by ICAO and UN-Habitat.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 1 October 2016]

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

7-10-2016

[Timely seed distributions in Ethiopia boost crop yields, strengthen communities' resilience](#)

Ethiopia is about to complete one of the largest and most successful seed distribution campaigns in the country's history, aimed at helping farmers to stay on their feet in the face of a blistering drought caused by El Niño, FAO said today.

[Global wheat and rice harvests poised to set new record](#)

Global food markets will likely remain "generally well balanced" in the year ahead, as wheat and rice harvests are on course for record harvests, FAO said in its Food Outlook report.

6-10-2016

[Contributing to Sahel food security through sustainable water bird management](#)

FAO and the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM) will work together in a new partnership to improve the state of natural resources in the wetlands of Africa's Sahel region, in particular the sustainable management of migratory water birds.

6-10-2016

[People need affordable food, but prices must provide decent livelihoods for small-scale family farmers](#)

Globally, food prices are believed to be back to their long-term downward trend in real terms, as supply growth outpaces demand, Graziano da Silva told a high-level meeting on agricultural commodity prices.

3-10-2016

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ILO International Labour Organization [to 1 October 2016]

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

News

[Guy Ryder says decent work key to reducing poverty, inequality and breaking out of the slow growth trap](#)

07 October 2016

In statements to the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the World Bank Development Committee in Washington, the head of the ILO noted that against the backdrop of slowing growth, the outlook for labour markets remains troubled and likely to worsen.

World Teachers Day

[The 50-year struggle to put teachers at the centre of quality education](#)

05 October 2016

On World Teachers Day, we all have a stake in standing with teachers to make education a true force for peace, discovery and fulfilment.

The cost of migration

[Pakistan's migrant workers pay punishing rates for the chance to work](#)

04 October 2016

A new ILO survey, "The cost of migration: What low-skilled migrant workers from Pakistan pay to work in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates," shows that many emigrants are paying potentially up to 20 times official rates for the right to work abroad.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 1 October 2016]

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

6/10/16

[ICAO Assembly achieves historic consensus on sustainable future for global civil aviation](#)

Montréal, 6 October 2016 – ICAO's Member States concluded the UN aviation agency's landmark 39th Assembly today, delivering an historic agreement on a new global market-based measure (GMBM) to offset CO2 emissions from international flights and a comprehensive roadmap for the sustainable future of international aviation.

"Aviation can now claim its 'Paris moment'," declared ICAO Council President Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, "Air transport is not only the world's first major industry sector to adopt a global approach to international emissions reduction, but very importantly States representing more than 83% of international flight operations have volunteered to participate in the GMBM from its earliest stages in 2021."

"The GMBM will serve as an important new tool to complement the wide-ranging emissions reduction progress already being achieved under aviation's basket of measures," noted ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu in her Assembly closing remarks, "namely through technological innovation, modernized procedures, and the ever-expanding use of sustainable alternative fuels."...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 1 October 2016]

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

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WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 1 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)
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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
Saturday, 01 October 2016
[New report indicates increase in renewable energy investment in East African countries](#)
NAIROBI, 1 October 2016 – A new report launched today suggests a significant increase in renewable energy investment in countries of the East African Community (EAC). Launched during the third international off-grid...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 1 October 2016]
http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index.htm
7 October 2016
[ISO and ASTM International unveil framework for creating global additive manufacturing standards](#)
by Clare Naden
ISO and ASTM International have jointly crafted the Additive Manufacturing Standards Development Structure, a framework which will help meet the needs for new technical standards in this fast-growing field. Additive manufacturing (AM), also known as 3D printing, is the process of joining materials layer upon layer, as opposed to "subtractive manufacturing" methods such as machining.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 1 October 2016]
<http://media.unwto.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

ITU International Telecommunications Union [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/default.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/>
Oct 7, 2016 PR/2016/796
[Member States Unanimously Decide to Close Investigation Cases Against WIPO Director General Francis Gurry](#)
WIPO's Coordination Committee, the governing body responsible for staff matters, agreed on October 7, 2016, to end their discussions on the UN's Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) investigation into allegations against the Director General.

Oct 3, 2016 PR/2016/795
[Director General Opens Assemblies by Outlining Achievements in Past Year and Discussing Multilateralism in an Increasingly Complex IP Ecosystem](#)

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WIPO Director General Francis Gurry reported excellent results in the Organization's global intellectual property services and finances over the past year and urged member states to move forward with negotiations on the proposed Design Law Treaty.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 8, 2016

[Statement by USAID Administrator Gayle Smith on Escalating Humanitarian Response to Hurricane Matthew](#)

As countries throughout the Caribbean and humanitarian agencies on the ground begin to assess casualties and damage caused by Hurricane Matthew, USAID joins millions of Americans and people around the world in expressing our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones. The United States is committed to supporting our neighbors in the aftermath of this disaster, and we are working around the clock to save lives and meet urgent needs.

[USAID Announces Additional \\$1 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for Haiti Hurricane Relief](#)

October 5, 2016

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) today announced an additional \$1 million in humanitarian assistance for communities in Haiti affected by Hurricane Matthew. This brings total USAID humanitarian assistance for regional hurricane relief efforts to \$1.5 million.

[USAID Activates Disaster Assistance Response Team for Hurricane Matthew](#)

October 3, 2016

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the central Caribbean as Hurricane Matthew brings life-threatening rains, winds and storm surges throughout the region. USAID has pre-positioned relief supplies and is preparing to ship in additional needed supplies. USAID is also providing \$400,000 in initial assistance for humanitarian partners to rapidly provide critical relief to those impacted by the storm.

[USAID & Partners Announce \\$6 Billion to Expand Fight Against Neglected Tropical Diseases](#)

September 30, 2016

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) today announced new partnerships to help countries eliminate and control neglected tropical diseases (NTDs). Over the next five years new and expanded partnerships will provide 1.3 billion treatments, leverage \$6 billion in donated drugs, and prevent more than 585 million people from needing treatment for NTDs.

DFID [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases

[British High Commission supports the reform of Sierra Leone's criminal and seditious libel laws](#)

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ECHO [to 1 October 2016]

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

05/10/2016

[EU relief to victims of hurricane Matthew in Haiti](#)

The most powerful Atlantic cyclone in 2016, hurricane Matthew, made landfall in Haiti on 4 October causing widespread destruction to the departments of Sud and Grande Anse. In response, the European Commission is providing €255 000 to fund...

03/10/2016

[A humanitarian initiative for Syria](#)

Following recent weeks of intense airstrikes in Syria, leading to more civilian deaths and injuries, the humanitarian situation is ever more urgent. High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and...

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African Union [to 1 October 2016]

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

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No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 1 October 2016]

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

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[ASEAN establishes Coordinating Centre to address trans-boundary animal and zoonotic diseases](#)

SINGAPORE, 7 October 2016 — In Southeast Asia, meat consumption has almost doubled since the early 1980s, and the demand for livestock products is projected to grow by at least 3.5 percent annually by the year 2020. While this translates into opportunities for rural income generation, poverty reduction and economic development in the region, the [...]

[ASEAN youth debate on human rights](#)

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 October 2016 – ASEAN youth met in Kuala Lumpur on 22-23 September 2016 to exchange their views on human rights issues such as abortion, child marriages, climate change, the rights of migrant workers and the right to peace. Their meeting was part of the Youth Debate on Human Rights themed "Realising the 2030 [...]"

[ASEAN to strengthen its health response to disasters](#)

BANGKOK, 3 October 2016 – Countries across the region regularly face small- and medium-scale disasters. A plan to increase ASEAN capacity for health response during disasters gained headway with the first regional meeting for 'The Project to Strengthen the ASEAN Regional Capacity in Disaster Health Management' held in Bangkok on 29-30 September. The three-year project [...]

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European Commission [to 1 October 2016]

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

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Date: 07/10/2016

[The European Union steps up support for victims of deadly hurricane Matthew](#)

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 7 October 2016 The EU is providing civil protection expertise, extra humanitarian aid and in-kind assistance to Haiti following deadly hurricane Matthew The European Commission is stepping up its support with a further €1.5 million in emergency aid for those most affected by hurricane...

[Securing Europe's external borders: Launch of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency](#)

Date: 06/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Kapitan Andreevo, 6 October 2016 Today the European Border and Coast Guard Agency is being officially launched, less than a year after it was first proposed by the Commission. The launch event takes place at the Kapitan Andreevo Border Checkpoint at the Bulgarian external border...

[Questions & Answers: the new European Border and Coast Guard Agency](#)

Date: 06/10/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Kapitan Andreevo, 6 October 2016 What is the European Border and Coast Guard? In December 2015, the European Commission proposed the establishment of a European Border and Coast Guard – designed to meet the new challenges and political realities faced by the

[EU strengthens trade rules against goods used for capital punishment and torture](#)

Date: 04/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 4 October 2016 Today, the European Union has taken an important step towards the further strengthening of the trade rules applicable to goods that could be used for capital punishment or torture.

[Facility for Refugees in Turkey: Commission Reports on Progress in Fourth Steering Committee](#)

Date: 04/10/2016

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 4 October 2016 Today, the Steering Committee of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey met in Brussels for the fourth time. The European Commission reported on the solid progress made to date, including the signature of two direct grants in the areas of education...

[Managing the Refugee Crisis, EU-Turkey Statement](#)

Date: 04/10/2016

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 4 October 2016 Progress Report September 2016 EU-TURKEY STATEMENT: PROGRESS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016 A JOINT RESPONSE

[Statement by the High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on « an emergency humanitarian initiative for Aleppo »](#)

Date: 02/10/2016

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 2 October 2016 While we are working tirelessly to bring about a cessation of hostilities, today in the face of the humanitarian tragedy in Aleppo,

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we as the European Union are taking an urgent humanitarian initiative for Aleppo aimed at allowing humanitarian organisations...

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

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 5, 2016

[After Postponement of Elections in Haiti, OAS Remains Committed to Electoral Process](#)

October 3, 2016

[OAS and Mexico City Sign Agreement to Defend Human Rights](#)

The Organization of American States (OAS) and the Human Rights Commission of the Federal District of Mexico City today signed an agreement to undertake joint actions in the defense and promotion of human rights.

October 3, 2016

[OAS Secretary General Calls on Member States to Strengthen the Inter-American Human Rights System](#)

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 1 October 2016]

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

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[OIC Considers JASTA a Violation of the Principle of International Law](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has followed with great concern the passing of the U.S. law known as the Justice against Sponsors of Terrorism Act (JASTA). This law is a violation of the principle of immunity of sovereign states, which is a basic and established legal principle in international relations and international law.

03/10/2016

[OIC Organizes a Workshop on Role of Women in the Development of its Member States](#)

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is organizing a workshop on "The role of women in the development of OIC member states" in collaboration with the Statistical, Economic, Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), a subsidiary organ of OIC, on 3-4 October 2016 at SESRIC headquarters in Ankara, Turkey.

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Group of 77 [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 1 October 2016]

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

06 Oct 2016 –

[Global FDI to fall 10-15% in 2016, road to recovery looks bumpy](#)

04 Oct 2016 –

[African trade integration most exciting whenever it creates more jobs](#)

04 Oct 2016 –

[Global goals offer clear objectives for corporate sustainability reporting, but challenges remain](#)

01 Oct 2016 –

[Illegal trade accelerates wild plant extinctions, more transparency needed](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 1 October 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

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WTO NEWS

[DG Azevêdo delivers keynote speech at National Press Club in Washington D.C.](#)

Director-General Roberto Azevêdo delivered the keynote speech, entitled "Towards a More Inclusive Trading System", at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. on 7 October.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 1 October 2016]

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

23 September 2016

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 1 October 2016]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 1 October 2016]

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

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[The World Bank Group's Annual Integrity Update Acknowledges Global Support](#)

Date: October 7, 2016 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[Speech by World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim at the Annual Meetings Plenary](#)

Date: October 7, 2016 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

[Nine Countries Pledge Greater Investments in Children, Powering Economies for Long-Term Growth](#)

World Bank Group President makes strong economic case for Investing in the Early Years

Date: October 6, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Remittances to Developing Countries Expected to Grow at Weak Pace in 2016 and Beyond](#)

WASHINGTON, October 6, 2016 – Amid a backdrop of weak global growth, remittances to developing countries are expected to increase only slightly in 2016, says the World Bank's latest paper on Migration...

Date: October 6, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Economic and Social Inclusion Helps Prevent Violent Extremism and Contribute to Growth in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

WASHINGTON, October 5, 2016 – Against the backdrop of a slowing global economy, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is expected to grow at an average of 2.3 percent this year, half...

Date: October 5, 2016 Type: Press Release

[Speech by World Bank President Jim Yong Kim: The World Bank Group's Mission: To End Extreme Poverty](#)

Date: October 3, 2016 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

[World Bank President Calls for Boosting Economic Growth, Investing in Human Capital, and Protecting Against Global Threats](#)

On eve of Annual Meetings, Kim outlines vision to achieve World Bank Group's Goals

Date: October 3, 2016 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 1 October 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

October 7, 2016

[Managing an Inclusive Transition for the Global Economy](#)

By Christine Lagarde

2016 IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings Plenary, Washington, DC

October 4, 2016

[IMF Sees Subdued Global Growth, Warns Economic Stagnation Could Fuel Protectionist Calls](#)

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African Development Bank Group [to 1 October 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

05/10/2016

[The renewable energy sector and youth employment in the Maghreb](#)

- "Despite transition contexts, negative impacts of the global economic and financial crises, and important socio-economic pressures, the Maghreb countries should maintain their ambitious objectives of increasing the share of renewable energy in the energy mix. The region should also invest in renewable energy infrastructures, harmonize regulatory frameworks, develop consumer protection, and progress towards efficient and integrated energy markets," a recent publication from the African Development Bank, entitled "The Renewable energy sector and youth (un)employment in the Maghreb" highlighted.

[African nations join front-runners in ratifying Paris Agreement on climate change](#)

03/10/2016 - At the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 21, 2016, nine African nations deposited their articles for ratification of the global Paris Agreement on climate change, cementing their commitment to a climate-smart development path, and helping the world draw closer to making the Agreement a global reality. Following the ceremony, Mali also filed its ratification papers on September 28, 2016.

Asian Development Bank [to 1 October 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

News Releases

7 October 2016

[ADB and Citi Partner to Provide \\$100 Million for Microfinance in Asia](#)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has entered into an agreement with Citi to expand local currency lending to the microfinance sector under the Microfinance Risk Participation and Guarantee Program. Under the agreement, ADB and Citi will together facilitate up to \$100 million of local currency loans to microfinance institutions in developing Asia.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 1 October 2016]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of • No new digest content identified.]

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 1 October 2016]

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

6 October 2016

[UN agency signs \\$23.8 million agreement to promote rural development in Paraguay](#)

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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 1 October 2016]

<http://amref.org/news/news/07/10/2016>

Amref calls for greater private sector engagement in African healthcare

Making healthcare profitable is key for private sector involvement, says Amref Group CEO 7th October 2016...A growing urban middle class that is willing to pay for better healthcare has opened the door to greater private sector engagement in African healthcare. This was the dominant theme at the just concluded...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 1 October 2016]

<http://www.aravind.org/default/currentnewscontent>
No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 1 October 2016]

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

Monday, 03 October 2016 00:00

BRAC awarded as the international charity of the year

BRAC was ranked the top International Charity of the Year for 2016 by the Charity Times Awards on 28 September. The award is organised by Charity Times Magazine, a trade publication for the UK non-profit sector. Lewis Temple, CEO of BRAC UK, received the award on behalf of BRAC.

CARE International [to 1 October 2016]

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

8th Oct 2016

Hurricane Matthew: Rising Death Toll, "Utter Despair" in parts of Southern Haiti

CARE will be scaling up its response aiming to provide tarps and hygiene kits to some 50,000 people.

Clubhouse International [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Danish Refugee Council [to 1 October 2016]

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

07.10.2016

DRC prepares for massive displacement from Mosul

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is a leading organization in the preparation of the expected massive displacement from Mosul follows the announced military offensive from the Iraqi and American forces in Mosul – the last strong-hold for Islamic State in Iraq. According to Head of Emergency for DRC, Rasmus Stuhr Jakobsen, the situation is best described as a count-down to an expected chaos.

05.10.16

Ethiopia receives a thousand refugees a day as situation worsens in South Sudan

More than 32,000 South Sudanese have sought refuge in the Gambella region of Ethiopia since the beginning of September, and an average of 1,000 more join them every day. The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is mobilizing all available resources to assist them and has constructed emergency shelters for 1,200 households in the last weeks, with an additional 200 emergency shelters being finalized in the two days. Furthermore, DRC provides assistance to persons with disabilities and special needs upon arrival to Tierkidi camp, one of the largest camps in the region.

ECPAT [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 1 October 2016]

http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 1 October 2016]

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

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Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles

08-10-2016 | News release

Yemen: ICRC abhors civilian deaths in Sana'a

Geneva/Sana'a- The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) abhors the killing today of dozens of civilians in the Yemeni capital Sana'a - the result of several attacks on a wake following a funeral attended by hundreds of people.

ICRC and Greek authorities agree on need for standard approach to dignified management of dead migrants

Athens (ICRC) – In an effort to address the humanitarian challenge of identifying dead migrants, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Hellenic Police's Forensic Science Division organized a round-table meeting in Athens on 4 October 2016 | News release

Ukraine crisis: Water supply for 600,000 people under threat

The International Committee of the Red Cross has announced it will step in to pay electricity bills, on an emergency basis, to avoid water being cut off to 600,000 people in eastern Ukraine. 05-10-2016 | News release

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: ICRC statement to the United Nations, 2016

United Nations, General Assembly, 71st session, Sixth Committee, statement by the ICRC, New York, October 2016. Terrorism negates the fundamental principle of humanity and is contrary to the other underlying principles and core objectives of international law. 05-10-2016 | Statement

IFRC [to 1 October 2016]

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

5 October 2016

Hurricane Matthew pounds southern Haiti; Red Cross teams working to reach areas worst affected

3 October 2016

Thousands of Red Cross volunteers and staff mobilized across the Caribbean as Hurricane Matthew approaches

3 October 2016

Lampedusa tragedy: Three years after one of the Mediterranean's worst shipwrecks, thousands continue to die at sea

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 1 October 2016]

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

Statement

IRC on Texas' dismissal of appeal on refugee acceptance

October 7, 2016

Statement

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[Two IRC-supported hospitals destroyed in Syria in a single week](#)

October 7, 2016

Statement

[The Joint Way Forward fails to ensure safeguards for vulnerable Afghans](#)

October 6, 2016

IRCT [to 1 October 2016]

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

News

[IRCT Symposium: Women of Atenco to speak on survivor participation in research and treatment](#)

04 October 2016

News

[IRCT welcomes appointment of new Special Rapporteur on Torture](#)

03 October 2016

The United Nations Human Rights Council has elected Nils Melzer as its new Special Rapporteur on Torture. Mr Melzer, who will begin his new role on 1 November 2016, will take over from current Special Rapporteur Mr Juan E. Méndez.

The IRCT welcomes the appointment of Mr Melzer and is confident that he will provide strong leadership and commitment to the fight against torture.

"I would like to congratulate Mr Melzer on his appointment as Special Rapporteur on Torture. He has substantive knowledge and experience as well as a clear understanding of the opportunities and challenges related to this mandate and I look forward to working with him in the global fight against torture," says Victor Madrigal-Borloz, Secretary-General of the IRCT...

Islamic Relief [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified

Landsea [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 1 October 2016]

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

Press release

[Eastern Aleppo: 23 Attacks on Hospitals Since July; No Hospital Left Undamaged](#)

October 07, 2016

At least 377 people killed over the past two weeks in fiercest bombings since the beginning of the war

Amman/New York, October 7, 2016—As eastern Aleppo witnesses the fiercest bombing campaign since the beginning of the Syrian war, access to health care has become extremely

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limited, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said today. Seeking medical care is a danger in itself, with at least 23 recorded attacks on eastern Aleppo's eight remaining hospitals since the siege began in July.

Press release

[One Year After Kunduz: Battlefields Without Doctors, in Wars Without Limits](#)

October 03, 2016

Doctors without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) remembers one of the darkest moments in its history. On October 3, 2015, U.S. airstrikes killed 42 people and destroyed the MSF trauma hospital in Kunduz, Afghanistan. As we grieve the loss of our colleagues and patients, we are left with the question: is it still possible to safely provide medical care on the frontline?

Mercy Corps [to 1 October 2016]

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

Haiti, October 5, 2016

[Mercy Corps Prepares Emergency Response in Haiti](#)

Early reports suggest 350,000 people in need of assistance after Hurricane Matthew

PORTLAND, ORE – As the impact of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti becomes clearer, the global organization Mercy Corps is preparing an emergency response to help meet urgent needs and lay the groundwork for recovery. There is significant damage to infrastructure and agriculture, and Mercy Corps teams are conducting assessments to better understand the full extent of damage and needs...

Operation Smile [to 1 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 1 October 2016]

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

7 October 2016

[Devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew is likely to worsen - Oxfam calls for immediate international action](#)

As Oxfam teams access the most affected areas in Haiti, the destruction left by hurricane Matthew is more evident, as well as the urgent humanitarian needs of those affected.

[More than 1.5 million people without running water in Aleppo for five days](#)

5 October 2016

More than 1.5 million people in Aleppo have been without running water for five days, as battles rage around key water infrastructure and power to pumping stations is cut, leaving civilians at risk of water-borne diseases, Oxfam warned today. The international agency called for action to halt attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure as the Syrian-Russian offensive enters its third week.

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Oxfam mobilizes as Hurricane Matthew hits hard in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, heads for Cuba

5 October 2016

The full extent of Hurricane Matthew's damage on Haiti will not be certain until response teams are able to access the most affected areas, but already official and eye-witness reports confirm the most devastating effects in the south of the country. Oxfam teams are mobilizing now to respond to local people most in need.

New links expose World Bank Group investments and human rights abuses

3 October 2016

The International Finance Corporation, the World Bank's private lending arm, has little-to-no control over how around 90 percent of its investments into commercial banks and other financial institutions are used.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected News

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 1 October 2016]

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

Oct 04, 2016

Cholera Cases Expected to Rise in Haiti

Hurricane Matthew's heavy rains will likely worsen Haiti's six-year-long cholera epidemic, which has already been categorized as among the world's worst.

PATH [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 6, 2016

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[Thousands of Children out of School in Haiti in Wake of Hurricane Matthew](#)

[Emergency Responders on High Alert as Hurricane Matthew Takes Aim at Florida Coast](#)

October 6, 2016

[Impending Mosul Assault Puts 600,000 Children in Line of Fire](#)

October 6, 2016

[Save the Children Prepared to Help Families in Haiti Bracing the Effects of Hurricane Matthew](#)

October 4, 2016

[600 Children Have Died in the Mediterranean This Year](#)

October 3, 2016

[Afghan Children Need Aid Investment Now as Worsening Violence and Displacement Threaten to Erode Years of Progress, Warns Save the Children](#)

October 3, 2016

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 1 October 2016]

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

06.10.2016

[Prevention, workforce development, and youth participation are focus at pivotal care conference](#)

Alternative care experts from around the world, including many young people who have lived in alternative care, met in Geneva this week to discuss the way forward. More

03.10.2016

[New training manual for care professionals teaches child rights approach](#)

SOS Children's Villages and European partners release new training manual for alternative care professionals in child rights-based approach to work More

Tostan [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 6, 2016

[Portrait of Maty Cissé: leader, businesswoman, and solar engineer in training](#)

Women for Women International [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 4, 2016

[27 WfWI Program Graduates Employed by Marriott Hotel in Rwanda](#)

Twenty-seven Women for Women International Rwanda Program graduates will be among the hospitality team to support the operations of the new Marriott Hotel in Kigali.

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Freedom House [to 1 October 2016]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

No new digest content identified.

Transparency International [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

4 October 2016

[Afghanistan must refocus efforts to fight against corruption to safeguard US\\$12 billion in new aid](#)

Politics and government –

A new report from Transparency International, the global anti-corruption movement, shows that the pace of implementing anti-corruption reforms by the National Unity Government (NUG) in Afghanistan must be speeded up to safeguard aid from the international community and help improve the lives of

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ChildFund Alliance [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 1 October 2016]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 1 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]

08/10/2016

[DEC statement on Hurricane Matthew](#)

Updated: 08/10/2016 - 12.30pm

As Hurricane Matthew continues its path across the east coast of the U.S, the full extent of the destruction in Haiti is becoming clearer.

The Elders [to 1 October 2016]

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

Press release 5 October 2016

[The Elders welcome nomination of António Guterres as next UN Secretary-General](#)

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The Elders' statement welcoming the nomination of António Guterres, former Prime Minister of Portugal and UN High Commissioner for Refugees, as the next UN Secretary-General.

Press release 4 October 2016

[The Elders urge new compromise for Colombia peace deal](#)

The Elders respect the decision of the Colombian people who have voted not to accept the peace agreement and urge Colombian leaders to find compromises which will allow all Colombians to unite behind peace as a national project.

Press release 3 October 2016

[The Elders condemn Aleppo bombardments and call for unimpeded humanitarian aid](#)

The Elders condemn the continued devastating attacks on civilian targets in the Syrian city of Aleppo and deplore the paralysis of the United Nations Security Council in the face of such a brutal military assault, which has shown utter disregard for civilian life.

END Fund [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 8 October 2016]

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

05 October 2016

[Gavi welcomes contribution of US\\$ 25 million from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#)

Investment will help Vaccine Alliance partners save children's lives through immunisation in Yemen.

Riyadh, 5 October 2016 – The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has agreed to contribute US\$ 25 million to support childhood immunisation programs through Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. The multi-year pledge from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will contribute towards efforts to immunise children and support health system strengthening in Yemen.

[Gavi at the UNGA: diary of a public-private sector partnership](#)

28 September 2016...

Global Fund [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 1 October 2016]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

Selected News Releases

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ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

October, 2016

NGO Statement Protection 67th UNHCR ExCom

NGO Statement on International Protection, delivered to the 67th UNHCR Executive Committee meeting 3-7 October 2016, Geneva.

Pdf:

https://icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/2016_Excom_NGOStatement_Protection_0.pdf

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

InterAction [to 1 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."

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 1 October 2016]

http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_07FR98E

[Consortium of British Humanitarian Agencies]

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 1 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 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 1 October 2016]

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

03/10/2016

Core Humanitarian Standard launches in Japanese

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The Core Humanitarian Standard is now available in Japanese thanks to the members of the Quality and Accountability Network in Japan, JANIC and Shinnyo-en.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.globalhumanitarianassistance.org/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
03 October 2016 | *Sphere Project*

[New: The Sphere Handbook in Ukrainian](#)

A Ukrainian-language version of the Sphere Handbook 2011 edition has just been published. With this new version, the Handbook is now available in 29 languages. The translation of the Handbook was done by the Rev Marian and Dr Roman Curkowskyj Foundation. Established in 1990 in Toronto, Canada, the Foundation supports the advancement of education, notably through the publication of works in Ukrainian...

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 1 October 2016]
<https://phap.org/>
5 October 2016

["War algorithms" affecting accountability in international law? Expert briefing with Harvard Law School PILAC](#)

[Upcoming learning session on the fundamentals of refugee law](#)
4 October 2016

[International law in armed conflict and cultural heritage – watch the briefing and Q&A](#)
3 October 2016

[NGO access to UN funding focus of second session in learning stream with ICVA](#)
1 October 2016

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Center for Global Development [to 1 October 2016]
<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
Publications

[Multilateral Development Banking for this Century's Development Challenges: Five Recommendations to Shareholders of the Old and New Multilateral Development Banks](#)

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Nancy Birdsall and Scott Morris

The multilateral development banks (MDBs) emerged as one of the international community's great success stories of the post-World War II era.

Refugee Compacts: An Initial Framework

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Cindy Huang and Nazanin Ash

The global community is facing extraordinary shifts in forced displacement. Today, more people than ever before—65 million, including 21 million refugees—are displaced by conflict. Host countries are taking on great responsibility for these displaced populations, but with insufficient support. New partners and new models are required to meet the displacement challenge. This brief outlines a compact model with critical components, including shared outcomes for refugees, host country ownership and focus on longer-term transition, best practices for program design and management, and commitment to policy reforms.

CSIS

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

Accessed 1 October 2016

Commentary

A Significant First Step, as UN Member States Declare Antimicrobial Resistance a Global Priority

By Audrey Jackson

October 7, 2016

Report

Senior Executive Women in Aerospace, Defense and Electronics Industries

By Raymond F. DuBois

October 7, 2016

Report

Development Finance Institutions Come of Age

By Daniel F. Runde, Conor M. Savoy

October 6, 2016

ODI [to 1 October 2016]

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

Research reports and studies

Survey of social enterprise activity in South Asia and Ghana

Research reports and studies | October 2016 | Emily Darko, Minhaz Anwar, Muhaimin Khan, Anhar Athoi, Farhanna Islam, Alainna Lynch, Kissy Agyeman-Togobo, Lord-Gustav Togobo, Sam Sharp, Maryam Mohiuddin Ahmed, Arslan Khalid

The ODI and the British Council have published a landmark survey which examines the positive externalities of social entrepreneurship in developing country communities.

The political economy of pre-trial detention: Indonesia case study

Research reports and studies | October 2016 | Pilar Domingo, Leopold Sudaryono

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This study analyses the key features of pre-trial detention in Indonesia to develop policy and reform recommendations.

The allocation of World Bank Group resources to leave no one behind

Research reports and studies | October 2016 | Paddy Carter

The report is intended to inform the response of World Bank Group (WBG) shareholders and stakeholders to the resource allocation elements of IDA18 and the Forward Look.

Fragility, conflict and violence as global public goods: strengthening engagement by multilateral development banks

Research reports and studies | October 2016 | Alastair McKechnie

This paper examines the comparative advantage of multilateral development banks in addressing issues of fragility, conflict and violence.

Responding to risks: new needs for currency intervention

Briefing papers | October 2016 | Phyllis Papadavid

This issue suggests that the Autumn meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank consider how emerging economies can better withstand recent currency volatility.

Urban Institute [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 1 October 2016]

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

Selected Media Releases, Research

News 7 Oct 2016

Local Innovation, Openness and Global Ambitions Will Power India's Take-Off

:: By taking advantage of their local market know-how, Indian entrepreneurs can compete with big foreign players armed with lots of cash

:: The Indian government should create the right ecosystem for entrepreneurship and resist protectionism

:: For more information, please visit <http://wef.ch/ies16>

News 7 Oct 2016

Jeremy Jurgens Appointed to World Economic Forum Managing Board

:: Jeremy Jurgens is the World Economic Forum's Chief Information and Interaction Officer and heads its activities in technology transformation and knowledge networks, including the development of world-leading contextual intelligence applications

:: He brings to the board considerable experience working in China and Japan, and with the world's fastest-growing companies and emerging technology businesses

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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 1 October 2016]

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

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[Aga Khan reaffirms commitment to Afghanistan](#)

Brussels, Belgium, 5 October 2016 – His Highness the Aga Khan confirmed today that the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) would continue its long-standing commitment to Afghanistan by making new investments in education, health, poverty alleviation, energy and cultural heritage.

He made these remarks at the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan co-hosted by the European Union and the government of Afghanistan...

5 October 2016

[Government of Afghanistan and the Aga Khan Trust for Culture to rehabilitate Kabul's historic heritage](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 5, 2016

[MEDIA ADVISORY: Clinton Center's Programs for Students and Educators Explore the Life and Ongoing Legacy of Anne Frank](#)

The Clinton Center presents "Conversations with Anne," an educational program for students in sixth-twelfth grades. Presented in partnership with the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect, "Conversations with Anne" is a one-act solo performance taken directly from Anne Frank's diary.

Ford Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

News — 5 October 2016

[CFC Media Lab, NFB and JustFilms | Ford Foundation partner to present creative doc lab focused on VR storytelling](#)

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Nine-day residency to explore immersive VR storytelling with 12 diverse creators from Canada and the U.S.

GHIT Fund [to 1 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.

2016.10.05 *Press Room*

[GHIT Fund Steps Up Battle Against Neglected Diseases With Continued Investments to Move Promising Research Through the Pipeline](#)

Investments include ongoing funding for a single-dose antimalarial that is one of GHIT Fund's most advanced programs to-date, as well as new and continued funding for drugs and vaccines to combat malaria, tuberculosis and dengue

Grameen Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 1 October 2016]

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

Research [October 6, 2016]

[New Tool Will Help Expand Scope of Neural Circuit Research](#)

A new viral vector will help scientists understand large-scale neural networks.

Kellogg Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

Publication

[Report: Updated Immigration System Would Strengthen US National Security](#)

Published October 7, 2016

A report recommends updates and improvements to the U.S. immigration system that would help make the country safer and protect against current and new threats abroad. The report, developed with support from MacArthur by the Bipartisan Policy Center and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, sheds light on how current U.S. immigration policy contributes to national security and describes how certain procedures would improve those contributions. The recommendations include developing a comprehensive set of metrics to consistently measure enforcement efforts and efficiently allocate resources on the border and investing in technological infrastructure to track and deter visa overstayers.

Press release

[Olufunmilayo Falusi Olopade Joins MacArthur Board](#)

Published October 6, 2016

Dr. Olufunmilayo Falusi Olopade, a hematology oncologist and expert on the molecular genetics of breast cancer and tumor suppression, has been elected to serve on MacArthur's Board of Directors, commencing on December 6, 2016.

Dr. Olopade directs the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics and Global Health and is Dean for Global Health and Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago Medicine. She has developed novel strategies for managing cancer based on an understanding of the altered genes in individual patients with a particular focus on African and African-American women. She was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2005...

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 1 October 2016]

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

October 6, 2016

[Foundation fellow Guillermo Castilleja is a "true systems thinker"](#)

Read his full interview with Timothy Brown here: [A Systems Thinker Uses Market Forces to Strengthen Environmental Conservation.](#)

Open Society Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

Voices

[How We Kept the Internet Open in Europe](#)

October 6, 2016 Thomas Lohninger

When telecom companies launched an assault on net neutrality, a coalition of advocates fought back with an historic response...

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David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 1 October 2016]

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

October 04, 2016

[Pew Commends New Shark and Ray Trade Regulations](#)

Press Release

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa—The Pew Charitable Trusts today applauded the move by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to extend to four species of sharks and nine species of mobula rays the protections they need to recover from depleted populations...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

September 30, 2016

[The Rockefeller Foundation Honors Dr. Joan Clos & Mr. PK Das with 2016 Jane Jacobs Medal](#)

First-Ever Global Recipients – Medals to be Presented at Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador

New York, NY—The Rockefeller Foundation President Dr. Judith Rodin announced the first-ever global recipients of the 2016 Jane Jacobs Medal—Dr. Joan Clos and PK Das. The Medal is awarded to individuals whose work creates new ways of seeing and understanding cities, challenges traditional assumptions about urban life, creatively uses the built environment to make cities places of hope and expectation, and influences global understanding and application of Jane Jacobs' principles. The 2016 Jane Jacobs Medal was open to international nominees for the first time, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Jacobs' birth and the impact of her ideas on cities around the world...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 1 October 2016]

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

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 1 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..."

October 5, 2016

[Robert Tjian joins Science Philanthropy Alliance as consultant; Dalio Foundation and Lyda Hill Foundation join as new associate members \[Alliance announcement\]](#)

The Science Philanthropy Alliance announced that [Robert Tjian](#), biochemist at the University of California at Berkeley and former president of Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), has

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joined the Alliance's team of consultants who provide advice to members and other science philanthropists.

"Tij" was one of the founders of the Alliance, and was on its board of directors until he stepped down from his role at HHMI in August, 2016. He has been very actively involved in advising new philanthropists, including, most recently, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Tjian joins the Alliance's other distinguished consultants, David Baltimore, Nobelist and president emeritus at Caltech, and Robert Birgeneau, chancellor emeritus at UC Berkeley...

The Alliance also announced that two new associate members have joined the Alliance: the Dalio Foundation and the Lyda Hill Foundation.

The Dalio Foundation was founded in 2003 as a family foundation led by Ray and Barbara Dalio, and their four sons. The Foundation giving is intended to support the diverse philanthropic passions of each family member. It supports organizations at all levels of development, from start-ups in need of seed capital to well-established institutions that can bring big and/or novel ideas to fruition.

The Lyda Hill Foundation is a private foundation committed to funding transformational advances in science and nature, empowering nonprofit organizations, and to improving the North Texas and Colorado Springs communities. The organizational ethos of the Lyda Hill Foundation reflects a mix of entrepreneurial vigor and a commitment to balancing profit with purpose...

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).

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

Grantees in the News

[Undated]

Exhaling Earth: Scientists Closer to Forecasting Volcanic Eruptions

:: New app shows intimate ties between volcanoes and earthquakes and gives open access to 50+ years of data on quakes, eruptions, and related emissions

:: Sniffing volcano breath may improve forecasts of eruptions

:: New tools measure volcanic carbon dioxide added to atmosphere

Wellcome Trust [to 1 October 2016]

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

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New Engagement Fellowships include first joint fellows

Wellcome's Engagement Fellowships for 2016 have been awarded to Professor Lois Weaver, Professor Anil Seth and our first joint engagement fellows, Jessica Thom and Matthew Pountney. They will take up their fellowships later this year.

Over the next three years they will be exploring the topics of consciousness, disability and inclusive spaces for public discussion...

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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

October 2016 Volume 51, Issue 4, p411-636, e91-e118

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

Volume 106, Issue 10 (October 2016)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

October 2016; 95 (4)

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

Perspective Piece

Licensed Dengue Vaccine: Public Health Conundrum and Scientific Challenge

Scott B. Halstead

Am J Trop Med Hyg 2016 95:741-745; Published online June 27, 2016, doi:10.4269/ajtmh.16-0222

Abstract

A tetravalent live attenuated vaccine composed of chimeras of yellow fever 17D and the four dengue viruses (chimeric yellow fever dengue [CYD]) manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur has

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completed phase III clinical testing in over 35,000 children 2–16 years of age. The vaccine was recently licensed in four countries. During the first 2 years of observation, CYD vaccine efficacy ranged between 30% and 79% in 10 different countries with an overall efficacy of 56.8%. During year 3, there was an overall efficacy against hospitalization of 16.7%, but a relative risk of hospitalization of 1.6 among children younger than 9 years and 4.95 in children 5 years of age and younger. Vaccination of seronegative children resulted in universal broad dengue neutralizing antibody responses, but poor protection against breakthrough dengue cases. Unless proven otherwise, such breakthrough cases in vaccinated subjects should be regarded as vaccine antibody-enhanced (ADE). The provenance of these cases can be studied serologically using original antigenic sin immune responses in convalescent sera. In conventional dengue vaccine efficacy clinical trials, persons vaccinated as seronegatives may be hospitalized with breakthrough ADE infections, whereas in the placebo group, dengue infection of monotypic immunes results in hospitalization. Vaccine efficacy trial design must identify dengue disease etiology by separately measuring efficacy in seronegatives and seropositives. The reason(s) why CYD vaccine failed to raise protective dengue virus immunity are unknown. To achieve a safe and protective dengue vaccine, careful studies of monotypic CYD vaccines in humans should precede field trials of tetravalent formulations.

Annals of Internal Medicine

4 October 2016, Vol. 165. No. 7

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

[New issue; No relevant content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 1 October 2016)

[No new content]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 1 October 2016)

Research article

[Achieving universal health coverage in South Africa through a district health system approach: conflicting ideologies of health care provision](#)

Universal Health Coverage (UHC) has emerged as a major goal for health care delivery in the post-2015 development agenda. It is viewed as a solution to health care needs in low and middle countries with growin...

Adam Fusheini and John Eyles

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:558

Published on: 7 October 2016

Research article

[The impact of reimbursement systems on equity in access and quality of primary care: A systematic literature review](#)

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Reimbursement systems provide incentives to health care providers and may drive physician behaviour. This review assesses the impact of reimbursement system on socioeconomic and racial inequalities in access, ...

Wenjing Tao, Janne Agerholm and Bo Burström

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:542

Published on: 4 October 2016

Research article

[Enhancing health care equity with Indigenous populations: evidence-based strategies from an ethnographic study](#)

Structural violence shapes the health of Indigenous peoples globally, and is deeply embedded in history, individual and institutional racism, and inequitable social policies and practices. Many Indigenous comm...

Annette J. Browne, Colleen Varcoe, Josée Lavoie, Victoria Smye, Sabrina T. Wong, Murry Krause, David Tu, Olive Godwin, Koushambhi Khan and Alycia Fridkin

BMC Health Services Research 2016 16:544

Published on: 4 October 2016

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 1 October 2016)

Research article

[Impact of mass-screening on tuberculosis incidence in a prospective cohort of Brazilian prisoners](#)

Globally, prison inmates are a high-risk population for tuberculosis (TB), but the specific drivers of disease and impact of mass screening interventions are poorly understood.

Dayse Sanchez Guimarães Paião, Everton Ferreira Lemos, Andrea da Silva Santos Carbone, Renata Viebrantz Enne Sgarbi, Alexandre Laranjeira Junior, Fellipe Matos da Silva, Leticia Marques Brandão, Luciana Squarizi dos Santos, Vaneli Silva Martins, Simone Simionatto, Ana Rita Coimbra Motta-Castro, Maurício Antônio Pompílio, Juliana Urrego, Albert Icksang Ko, Jason Randolph Andrews and Julio Croda

BMC Infectious Diseases 2016 16:533

Published on: 3 October 2016

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 8 October 2016)

[No new relevant content]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 8 October 2016)

Research article

[Current state of ethics literature synthesis: a systematic review of reviews](#)

Marcel Mertz, Hannes Kahrass and Daniel Strech

BMC Medicine 2016 14:152

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Published on: 3 October 2016

Abstract

Background

Modern standards for evidence-based decision making in clinical care and public health still rely solely on eminence-based input when it comes to normative ethical considerations. Manuals for clinical guideline development or health technology assessment (HTA) do not explain how to search, analyze, and synthesize relevant normative information in a systematic and transparent manner. In the scientific literature, however, systematic or semi-systematic reviews of ethics literature already exist, and scholarly debate on their opportunities and limitations has recently bloomed.

Methods

A systematic review was performed of all existing systematic or semi-systematic reviews for normative ethics literature on medical topics. The study further assessed how these reviews report on their methods for search, selection, analysis, and synthesis of ethics literature.

Results

We identified 84 reviews published between 1997 and 2015 in 65 different journals and demonstrated an increasing publication rate for this type of review. While most reviews reported on different aspects of search and selection methods, reporting was much less explicit for aspects of analysis and synthesis methods: 31 % did not fulfill any criteria related to the reporting of analysis methods; for example, only 25 % of the reviews reported the ethical approach needed to analyze and synthesize normative information.

Conclusions

While reviews of ethics literature are increasingly published, their reporting quality for analysis and synthesis of normative information should be improved. Guiding questions are: What was the applied ethical approach and technical procedure for identifying and extracting the relevant normative information units? What method and procedure was employed for synthesizing normative information? Experts and stakeholders from bioethics, HTA, guideline development, health care professionals, and patient organizations should work together to further develop this area of evidence-based health care.

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 1 October 2016)

[No new relevant content]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 8 October 2016)

Research article

[Remaining missed opportunities of child survival in Peru: modelling mortality impact of universal and equitable coverage of proven interventions](#)

Peru has made great improvements in reducing stunting and child mortality in the past decade, and has reached the Millennium Development Goals 1 and 4. The remaining challenges or missed opportunities for chil...

Yvonne Tam, Luis Huicho, Carlos A. Huayanay-Espinoza and María Clara Restrepo-Méndez

BMC Public Health 2016 16:1048

Published on: 4 October 2016

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BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 1 October 2016)

[No new relevant content]

BMJ Open

2016, Volume 6, Issue 10

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

Protocol

[Systematic review protocol assessing the processes for linking clinical trial registries and their published results](#)

Rabia Bashir,

Adam G Dunn

BMJ Open 2016;6:e013048 doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2016-013048

Abstract

Introduction Clinical trial registries are an important source of information for tracking clinical trials from their inception through to their reporting, and have been used to measure publication bias and outcome reporting bias. Our aim is to survey and quantify the processes that have been used to identify links between clinical trial registries and published trial reports in studies that rely on these links to evaluate the completeness and accuracy of trial reporting. **Methods and analysis** We will identify studies that describe a process for identifying the links between a trial registry included in the WHO International Clinical Trial Registry Platform and published trial results, and use those links to evaluate the completeness and accuracy of trial reporting. Information extracted from the studies will include the purpose and application domain of the study, registries used or searched, processes by which the links were identified, the study period and proportions for which links were found. We will summarise what is known about the number and availability of links between clinical trial registries and published results, and examine how automatic linking, inference and inquiry processes have been used to identify links since the introduction of trial registries.

Ethics and dissemination The systematic review is focused on the analysis of secondary data and does not require ethics approval. The results of the systematic review will be used to inform standard processes used to identify links to and from clinical trial registries in studies that evaluate the completeness and accuracy of clinical trial reports, as well as systematic reviews. Our findings will be disseminated by publishing the systematic review in a peer-reviewed journal, and by engaging with stakeholders from clinical trial registries and bibliographic databases.

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 94, Number 10, October 2016, 709-784

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/94/10/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

September 2016 Volume 42, Issue 5 Pages 603–773

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<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v42.5/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Complexity

September/October 2016 Volume 21, Issue S1 Pages 1–632
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.6/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 1 October 2016]

Research

[Differences in tobacco smoking prevalence and frequency between adolescent Palestine refugee and non-refugee populations in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and the West Bank: cross-sectional analysis of the Global Youth Tobacco Survey](#)

Mohammed Jawad, Ali Khader and Christopher Millett
Published on: 5 October 2016

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2016 - Volume 29 - Issue 5 pp: v-vi,433-537
<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

August 2016 Volume 16, Issue 2 Pages 61–120
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2016.16.issue-2/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 24, Number 8
<http://www.developmentinpractice.org/journals/volume-24-number-8>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

September 2016 Volume 34, Issue 5 Pages 621–757
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2016.34.issue-5/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 11, Issue 8, 2016
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 10 - Issue 04 - August 2016

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

October 2016 Volume 40, Issue 4 Pages 589–815

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2016.40.issue-4/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

September 2016, Volume 33, Issue 9

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 22, Number 10—October 2016

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 17, In Progress (December 2016)

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

Regular Articles

[Clustering of contacts relevant to the spread of infectious disease](#)

Original Research Article

Pages 1-9

Xiong Xiao, Albert Jan van Hoek, Michael G. Kenward, Alessia Melegaro, Mark Jit

Abstract

Objective

Infectious disease spread depends on contact rates between infectious and susceptible individuals. Transmission models are commonly informed using empirically collected contact data, but the relevance of different contact types to transmission is still not well understood. Some studies select contacts based on a single characteristic such as proximity (physical/non-physical), location, duration or frequency. This study aimed to explore whether clusters of contacts similar to each other across multiple characteristics could better explain disease transmission.

Methods

Individual contact data from the POLYMOD survey in Poland, Great Britain, Belgium, Finland and Italy were grouped into clusters by the k medoids clustering algorithm with a Manhattan distance metric to stratify contacts using all four characteristics. Contact clusters were then used to fit a transmission model to sero-epidemiological data for varicella-zoster virus (VZV) in each country.

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Results and discussion

Across the five countries, 9–15 clusters were found to optimise both quality of clustering (measured using average silhouette width) and quality of fit (measured using several information criteria). Of these, 2–3 clusters were most relevant to VZV transmission, characterised by (i) 1–2 clusters of age-assortative contacts in schools, (ii) a cluster of less age-assortative contacts in non-school settings. Quality of fit was similar to using contacts stratified by a single characteristic, providing validation that single stratifications are appropriate. However, using clustering to stratify contacts using multiple characteristics provided insight into the structures underlying infection transmission, particularly the role of age-assortative contacts, involving school age children, for VZV transmission between households

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Review

[The oral health of refugees and asylum seekers: a scoping review](#)

Improving the oral health of refugees and asylum seekers is a global priority, yet little is known about the overall burden of oral diseases and their causes for this population.

Mark Tambe Keboa, Natalie Hiles and Mary Ellen Macdonald

Globalization and Health 2016 12:59

Published on: 7 October 2016

Research

[Do countries rely on the World Health Organization for translating research findings into clinical guidelines? A case study](#)

Ramadhani A. Noor, Pascal Geldsetzer, Till Bärnighausen and Wafaie Fawzi

Globalization and Health 2016 12:58

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Abstract

Background

The World Health Organization's (WHO) antiretroviral therapy (ART) guidelines have generally been adopted rapidly and with high fidelity by countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Thus far,

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however, WHO has not published specific guidance on nutritional care and support for (non-pregnant) adults living with HIV despite a solid evidence base for some interventions. This offers an opportunity for a case study on whether national clinical guidelines in sub-Saharan Africa provide concrete recommendations in the face of limited guidance by WHO. This study, therefore, aims to determine if national HIV treatment guidelines in sub-Saharan Africa contain specific guidance on nutritional care and support for non-pregnant adults living with HIV.

Methods

We identified the most recent national HIV treatment guidelines in sub-Saharan African countries with English as an official language. Using pre-specified criteria, we determined for each guideline whether it provides guidance to clinicians on each of five components of nutritional care and support for adults living with HIV: assessment of nutritional status, dietary counseling, micronutrient supplementation, ready-to-use therapeutic or supplementary foods, and food subsidies.

Results

We found that national HIV treatment guidelines in sub-Saharan Africa generally do not contain concrete recommendations on nutritional care and support for non-pregnant adults living with HIV.

Conclusions

Given that decisions on nutritional care and support are inevitably being made at the clinician-patient level, and that clinicians have a relative disadvantage in systematically identifying, summarizing, and weighing up research evidence compared to WHO and national governments, there is a need for more specific clinical guidance. In our view, such guidance should at a minimum recommend daily micronutrient supplements for adults living with HIV who are in pre-ART stages, regular dietary counseling, periodic assessment of anthropometric status, and additional nutritional management of undernourished patients. More broadly, our findings suggest that countries in sub-Saharan Africa look to WHO for guidance in translating evidence into clinical guidelines. It is, thus, likely that the development of concrete recommendations by WHO on nutritional interventions for people living with HIV would lead to more specific guidelines at the country-level and, ultimately, better clinical decisions and treatment outcomes.

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Original Articles

[Investigating the remuneration of health workers in the DR Congo: implications for the health workforce and the health system in a fragile setting](#)

Maria Paola Bertone, Grégoire Lurton, and Paulin Beya Mutombo, John E. Ataguba, Kenneth O. Ojo, and Hyacinth E. Ichoku

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (9): 1143-1151 doi:10.1093/heapol/czv131

Original Articles

[Explaining socio-economic inequalities in immunization coverage in Nigeria](#)

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (9): 1212-1224 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw053

Abstract

Globally, in 2013 over 6 million children younger than 5 years died from either an infectious cause or during the neonatal period. A large proportion of these deaths occurred in developing countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. Immunization is one way to reduce childhood morbidity and deaths. In Nigeria, however, although immunization is provided without a charge at public facilities, coverage remains low and deaths from vaccine preventable diseases are high. This article seeks to assess inequalities in full and partial immunization coverage in Nigeria. It also assesses inequality in the 'intensity' of immunization coverage and it explains the factors that account for disparities in child immunization coverage in the country. Using nationally representative data, this article shows that disparities exist in the coverage of immunization to the advantage of the rich. Also, factors such as mother's literacy, region and location of the child, and socio-economic status explain the disparities in immunization coverage in Nigeria. Apart from addressing these issues, the article notes the importance of addressing other social determinants of health to reduce the disparities in immunization coverage in the country. These should be in line with the social values of communities so as to ensure acceptability and compliance. We argue that any policy that addresses these issues will likely reduce disparities in immunization coverage and put Nigeria on the road to sustainable development.

Reviews

[Opening the 'black box' of performance-based financing in low- and lower middle-income countries: a review of the literature](#)

Dimitri Renmans, Nathalie Holvoet, Christopher Garimoi Orach, and Bart Criel

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (9): 1297-1309 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw04

Abstract

Although performance-based financing (PBF) receives increasing attention in the literature, a lot remains unknown about the exact mechanisms triggered by PBF arrangements. This article aims to summarize current knowledge on how PBF works, set out what still needs to be investigated and formulate recommendations for researchers and policymakers from donor and recipient countries alike. Drawing on an extensive systematic literature review of peer-reviewed journals, we analysed 35 relevant articles. To guide us through this variety of studies, point out relevant issues and structure findings, we use a comprehensive analytical framework based on eight dimensions. The review inter alia indicates that PBF is generally welcomed by the main

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actors (patients, health workers and health managers), yet what PBF actually entails is less straightforward. More research is needed on the exact mechanisms through which not only incentives but also ancillary components operate. This knowledge is essential if we really want to appreciate the effectiveness, desirability and appropriate format of PBF as one of the possible answers to the challenges in the health sector of low-and lower middle-income countries. A clear definition of the research constructs is a primordial starting point for such research.

Methodological Musings

[Sparking, supporting and steering change: grounding an accountability framework with viewpoints from Nigerian routine immunization and primary health care government officials](#)

Asha S. George, Daniel J Erchick, Mustafa Mahmud Zubairu, Inuwa Yau Barau, and Chizoba Wonodi

Health Policy Plan. (2016) 31 (9): 1326-1332 doi:10.1093/heapol/czw057

Abstract

Existing accountability efforts in Nigeria primarily serve as retrospective policing. To enable accountability to guide change prospectively and preemptively, we drew from a literature review to develop a framework that highlights mutually reinforcing dimensions of accountability in health systems along three counterbalancing axes. The axis of power sparks change by wielding 'sticks' that curb the potential abuse of power, but also by offering 'carrots' that motivate constructive agency. The axis of ability supports change by enabling service delivery actors with formal rules that appropriately expand their authority to act, but also the informal norms and inputs for improved performance. Last, the axis of justice orients the strategic direction of change, balancing political representation, community ownership and social equity, so that accountability measures are progressive, rather than being captured by self-interests. We consulted Nigerian government officials to understand their viewpoints on accountability and mapped their responses to our evolving framework. All government officials (n = 36) participating in three zonal workshops on routine immunization filled out questionnaires that listed the top three opportunities and challenges to strengthening accountability. Thematically coded responses highlighted dimensions of accountability within the axes of ability and power: clarifying formal roles and responsibilities; transparency, data and monitoring systems; availability of skilled health personnel that are motivated and supervised; addressing informal norms and behaviours; and availability of inputs regarding funding and supplies. Other dimensions of accountability were mentioned but were not as critical from their viewpoints: managerial discretion; sanctions and enforcements; political influence and community engagement. Strikingly, almost no respondents mentioned social equity as being an important aspect of accountability, although a few mentioned broad development concerns that reflected community perspectives. Reframing accountability as a means of sparking, supporting and steering change can highlight different dimensions of health systems that need reform, particularly depending on the positionality of the viewpoints consulted.

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[Lessons on malaria control in the ethnic minority regions in Northern Myanmar along the China border, 2007–2014](#)

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Viewpoint

[Toward a New Era of Trust and Transparency in Clinical Trials](#)

Kathy L. Hudson, PhD; Michael S. Lauer, MD; Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD

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JAMA. 2016;316(13):1353-1354. doi:10.1001/jama.2016.14668

This Viewpoint from the National Institutes of Health describes a new set of guidelines for the conduct and registration of clinical trials in the United States.

Abstract

Clinical trials are the most publicly visible component of the biomedical research enterprise, from the potential human application of novel laboratory findings to the generation of robust evidence about treatments or preventive interventions in routine clinical care. These trials are also the point at which biomedical research most directly engages human participants—dedicated volunteers who trust investigators to uphold the highest standards of scientific rigor and ethical oversight. While clinical trials have evolved and improved over time—producing impressive advances in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention—there are still major challenges. Therefore, fundamental changes are needed to reflect science and society’s movement to increase efficiency, accountability, and transparency in clinical research.

JAMA Pediatrics

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Viewpoint

[The Globally Synchronized Switch—Another Milestone Toward Achieving Polio Eradication](#)

Steven G. F. Wassilak, MD; John F. Vertefeuille, PhD; Rebecca M. Martin, PhD

JAMA Pediatr. 2016;170(10):927-928. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2016.1718

This Viewpoint discusses the global effort to synchronize transition from trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine as a crucial component of the effort to eradicate polio.

Abstract

To avoid the risks for vaccine-associated paralytic polio¹ and circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks,² the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan³ 2013-2018 directs the phasing out of all oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) use after wild poliovirus (WPV) is eradicated. This has started with the type 2 component in the vaccine. From April 17 through May 1, 2016, 155 countries using trivalent OPV (tOPV) (Sabin strains of types 1, 2, and 3) in their national immunization schedules removed it and introduced bivalent OPV (bOPV) (Sabin strains of types 1 and 3).³ This massive public health event required the engagement of every health facility providing vaccines in each of these countries. This unprecedented, synchronized vaccine introduction and withdrawal is termed the switch.^{4,5}...

Viewpoint

[Developing Policy When Evidence Is Lacking](#)

David Rubin, MD, MSCE

JAMA Pediatr. 2016;170(10):929-930. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2016.1945

This Viewpoint discusses how the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities developed policy recommendations in the absence of trial data, relying strongly on aggregate testimony from communities.

Abstract

Bridging research to policy can be a noble but daunting task. We all hope that the body of research we develop, if disseminated well, will inform policies for children. We often confront barriers to this, such as incongruence of research and policy time frames, misalignment of stakeholders, and disagreement on goals of objectives, but what does one do when the gravity of an issue requires an urgent policy response but the quality of evidence is lacking? Such was

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my experience as a White House appointee on the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities. The commission, created through the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012, was charged to develop a national strategy for reducing child abuse fatalities. After visiting state officials, community leaders, and families across the country over 2 years, the commission concluded that an innovative cross-sector public health approach was needed. However, arriving at that conclusion was not simple.[1](#)

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Research Article

[‘You have hands, make use of them!’ Child labour in Artisanal and Small-scale Mining in Tanzania \(pages 1013–1028\)](#)

Cuz Potter and Alexander Constantine Lupilya

Version of Record online: 20 SEP 2016 | DOI: 10.1002/jid.3245

Abstract

This paper examines child labour in artisanal mining through ethnographic research in Tanzania. The poverty hypothesis argues that households send children to work to bolster household income. The sociocultural approach suggests that child mining offers valuable vocational training. This paper builds on a growing literature that complicates these approaches' straightforward claims by illustrating how household fragmentation is generated through the encounter of traditional cultural practices with mining's culture of consumption. This encounter exacerbates household fragmentation, which in turn increases child poverty and labour. These findings suggest that policy interventions should also address these mediating factors rather than poverty per se

Research Article

[Alternatives to Development: The Contribution of Indigenous Community Enterprises in Chiapas \(pages 1138–1154\)](#)

Michela Giovannini

Version of Record online: 18 AUG 2015 | DOI: 10.1002/jid.3141

Abstract

The interest in the potential role of community enterprises in sustaining self-managed development strategies stems from the analysis of the scarce results provided by top-down development interventions in indigenous settings. This paper reports on an ethnographic study carried out in the Mexican state of Chiapas, where 16 community enterprises managed by local indigenous communities have been analysed. The focus of the analysis was to identify the main needs of local indigenous communities and the contribution that community enterprises could give to addressing these needs. The main findings pinpoint some enabling factors for the emergence of community enterprises and some specific characteristics that explain the contribution of community enterprises in supporting alternative approaches to development, where local communities are actors of their own development processes.

Review Article

[Sink or Swim: Social Enterprise as a Panacea for Non-profit Organisations? \(pages 1170–1188\)](#)

Sara Calvo and Andres Morales

Version of Record online: 16 SEP 2015 | DOI: 10.1002/jid.3138

Abstract

The institutional frameworks and contexts that support social enterprises and the growth of hybrid organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa require more concerted examination. Drawing upon a qualitative study, and examined through a framework of Postcolonial theory, this paper contributes to emerging discussions in this area through an investigation of the transformation

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of non-profit organisations (NPOs) towards the social enterprise model and exploring the impact of hybridity on the management of these organisations in Tanzania. The study suggests that NPOs mimic social enterprise 'best practices' to secure financial resources and integrate their traditional values into the social enterprise model creating tensions resulting from hybridity.

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Comment

[Longer lives and unfinished agendas on child survival](#)

Kevin Watkins

Summary

The Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 (GBD 2015) is a landmark event.^{[1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#)} Building on the earlier GBD studies it provides a detailed snapshot of the state of global health and an analytic approach to tracking this dynamic picture. As the international community embarks on the transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), GBD 2015 is a critical part of the toolkit for measuring progress and—critically—holding governments to account.

Special Report

[Measuring progress towards the SDGs—a new vital science](#)

John Maurice

A new statistical methodology has emerged to gauge progress towards reaching the 2030 deadline of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. John Maurice reports.

With 193 member states to serve, the UN system can hardly be simple. Witness the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which, after more than 2 years of negotiations, the UN launched in 2015 and which came with a complement of 169 targets to be met by 2030 and 231 indicators for measuring progress in meeting the targets. As one development observer pointed out, “the SDGs and the assessment of their progress...are incredibly complex even for the most astute development and health experts”. In comparison, with only 18 targets and 48 indicators, the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that preceded the SDGs were child's play.

The complexity of the SDGs has left many members of the global health and development community wondering whether assessing progress towards reaching the SDGs is doable. The work reported in today's Lancet by a team of researchers enlisted by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), a global health research centre housed at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA, USA, shows that the task is doable, at least for most of the health-related indicators chosen by the UN...

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[Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and years lived with disability for 310 diseases and injuries, 1990–2015: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015](#)

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[Global, regional, and national disability-adjusted life-years \(DALYs\) for 315 diseases and injuries and healthy life expectancy \(HALE\), 1990–2015: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015](#)

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[Undernutrition Among Infants and Children in Nepal: Maternal Health Services and Their Roles to Prevent it](#)

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[Human migration: Climate and the peopling of the world](#)

Peter B. deMenocal & Chris Stringer

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The human dispersal out of Africa that populated the world was probably paced by climate changes. This is the inference drawn from computer modelling of climate variability during the time of early human migration.

Letters

[Late Pleistocene climate drivers of early human migration](#)

Axel Timmermann &

Tobias Friedrich

The dispersal of Homo sapiens across the Arabian Peninsula and the Levant during the last glacial period was not a single event, but occurred in four astronomically-paced migration waves.

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Nature Medicine

October 2016, Volume 22 No 10 pp1063-1192

<http://www.nature.com/nm/journal/v22/n10/index.html>

Editorials

[Reducing the silence](#) - p1063

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The suicide rate in the US is increasing, whereas funding for research into suicide prevention has decreased. It will take more investment to truly understand the mechanisms of action underlying the causes of this global killer and to design new treatments for those causes. But efforts must come from all segments of society.

New England Journal of Medicine

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Perspective

[Vaccine Refusal Revisited — The Limits of Public Health Persuasion and Coercion](#)

J. Colgrove

Many scientific, ethical, and political challenges that physicians and public health officials face today in dealing with vaccine refusal would be familiar to their counterparts of past eras. Their task entails balancing the use of coercive and persuasive approaches.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

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Pediatrics

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Articles

[Paternal Stimulation and Early Child Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

Joshua Jeong, Dana Charles McCoy, Aisha K. Yousafzai, Carmel Salhi, Günther Fink

Pediatrics Oct 2016, 138 (4) e20161357; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2016-1357

Abstract

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE: Few studies have examined the relationship between paternal stimulation and children's growth and development, particularly in low- and middle-income

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countries (LMICs). This study aimed to estimate the prevalence of paternal stimulation and to assess whether paternal stimulation was associated with early child growth and development. METHODS: Data from the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys rounds 4 and 5 were combined across 38 LMICs. The sample comprised 87 286 children aged 3 and 4 years. Paternal stimulation was measured by the number of play and learning activities (up to 6) a father engaged in with his child over the past 3 days. Linear regression models were used to estimate standardized mean differences in height-for-age z-scores and Early Childhood Development Index (ECDI) z-scores across 3 levels of paternal stimulation, after controlling for other caregivers' stimulation and demographic covariates.

RESULTS: A total of 47.8% of fathers did not engage in any stimulation activities, whereas 6.4% of fathers engaged in 5 or 6 stimulation activities. Children whose fathers were moderately engaged in stimulation (1–4 activities) showed ECDI scores that were 0.09 SD (95% confidence interval [CI]: –0.12 to –0.06) lower than children whose fathers were highly engaged; children whose fathers were unengaged showed ECDI scores that were 0.14 SD lower (95% CI: –0.17 to –0.12). Neither moderate paternal stimulation nor lack of paternal stimulation was associated with height-for-age z-scores, relative to high stimulation.

CONCLUSION Increasing paternal engagement in stimulation is likely to improve early child development in LMICs.

Articles

[Researchers', Regulators', and Sponsors' Views on Pediatric Clinical Trials: A Multinational Study](#)

Pathma D. Joseph, Jonathan C. Craig, Allison Tong, Patrina H.Y. Caldwell
Pediatrics Oct 2016, 138 (4) e20161171; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2016-1171

Abstract

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE: The last decade has seen dramatic changes in the regulatory landscape to support more trials involving children, but child-specific challenges and inequitable conduct across income regions persist. The goal of this study was to describe the attitudes and opinions of stakeholders toward trials in children, to inform additional strategies to promote more high-quality, relevant pediatric trials across the globe.

METHODS: Key informant semi-structured interviews were conducted with stakeholders (researchers, regulators, and sponsors) who were purposively sampled from low- to middle-income countries and high-income countries. The transcripts were thematically analyzed.

RESULTS: Thirty-five stakeholders from 10 countries were interviewed. Five major themes were identified: addressing pervasive inequities (paucity of safety and efficacy data, knowledge disparities, volatile environment, double standards, contextual relevance, market-driven forces, industry sponsorship bias and prohibitive costs); contending with infrastructural barriers (resource constraints, dearth of pediatric trial expertise, and logistical complexities); navigating complex ethical and regulatory frameworks ("draconian" oversight, ambiguous requirements, exploitation, excessive paternalism and precariousness of coercion versus volunteerism); respecting uniqueness of children (pediatric research paradigms, child-appropriate approaches, and family-centered empowerment); and driving evidence-based child health (advocacy, opportunities, treatment access, best practices, and research prioritization).

CONCLUSIONS: Stakeholders acknowledge that changes in the regulatory environment have encouraged more trials in children, but they contend that inequities and political, regulatory, and resource barriers continue to exist. Embedding trials as part of routine clinical care, addressing the unique needs of children, and streamlining regulatory approvals were suggested. Stakeholders recommended increasing international collaboration, establishing centralized trials

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infrastructure, and aligning research to child health priorities to encourage trials that address global child health care needs.

Articles

"Housing First" for Homeless Youth With Mental Illness

Nicole Kozloff, Carol E. Adair, Luis I. Palma Lazgare, Daniel Poremski, Amy H. Cheung, Rebeca Sandu, Vicky Stergiopoulos

Pediatrics Oct 2016, 138 (4) e20161514; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2016-1514

Abstract

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES: "Housing First" has been shown to improve housing stability in homeless individuals with mental illness, but had not been empirically tested in homeless youth. We aimed to evaluate the effect of "Housing First" on housing stability in homeless youth aged 18 to 24 years participating in At Home/Chez Soi, a 24-month randomized trial of "Housing First" in 5 Canadian cities.

METHODS: Homeless individuals with mental illness were randomized to receive "Housing First" (combined with assertive community treatment or intensive case management depending on their level of need) or treatment as usual. We defined our primary outcome, housing stability, as the percent of days stably housed as a proportion of days for which residence data were available.

RESULTS: Of 2148 participants who completed baseline interviews and were randomized, 7% (n = 156) were youth aged 18 to 24 years; 87 received "Housing First" and 69 received treatment as usual. In an adjusted analysis, youth in "Housing First" were stably housed a mean of 437 of 645 (65%) days for which data were available compared with youth in treatment as usual, who were stably housed a mean of 189 of 582 (31%) days for which data were available, resulting in an adjusted mean difference of 34% (95% confidence interval, 24%–45%; P < .001).

CONCLUSIONS: "Housing First" was associated with improved housing stability in homeless youth with mental illness. Future research should explore whether adaptations of the model for youth yield additional improvements in housing stability and other outcomes.

Protecting Children Through Research

Elizabeth Lowenthal, Alexander G. Fiks

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Given the relative lack of pediatric clinical trials and the common pediatric use of untested or underinvestigated interventions in care, stakeholders increasingly recognize a need to bolster the trial-informed evidence base both in the United States and abroad. This need is particularly acute in the setting of drug trials. However, despite recent improvements in pediatric participation, children continue to be underrepresented. As explored in the article by Pathma Joseph and colleagues¹ in this month's issue of Pediatrics, the problem has multiple causes and trials often fail to include any children or those who might benefit most from treatment. Building on the data presented by Joseph et al,¹ we suggest that, although care must be taken to protect children, the best way to bolster outcomes and protect children is through research, not from research.

Frequently, drugs that are available for adults are not formulated and authorized for children. Medications available for treatment of the >3 million HIV-infected children worldwide are a telling example. Of the 6 regimens recommended for first-line treatment in adults with HIV in the United States, 4 are not currently licensed for use in children <12 years old or weighing <35 kg. The other 2 are not recommended for children <2 years of age. ...

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Monthly Feature

[Polio Eradication in India: The Lessons Learned](#)

Naveen Thacker, Vipin M. Vashishtha, Deep Thacker
Pediatrics Oct 2016, 138 (4) e20160461; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2016-0461

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Perspective

[Sailing in Uncharted Waters: Carefully Navigating the Polio Endgame](#)

Elizabeth Miller, T. Jacob John
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Research Article

[Population Immunity against Serotype-2 Poliomyelitis Leading up to the Global Withdrawal of the Oral Poliovirus Vaccine: Spatio-temporal Modelling of Surveillance Data](#)

Margarita Pons-Salort, Natalie A. Molodecky, Kathleen M. O'Reilly, Mufti Zubair Wadood, Rana M. Safdar, Andrew Etsano, Rui Gama Vaz, Hamid Jafari, Nicholas C. Grassly, Isobel M. Blake
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Abstract

Background

Global withdrawal of serotype-2 oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV2) took place in April 2016. This marked a milestone in global polio eradication and was a public health intervention of unprecedented scale, affecting 155 countries. Achieving high levels of serotype-2 population immunity before OPV2 withdrawal was critical to avoid subsequent outbreaks of serotype-2 vaccine-derived polioviruses (VDPV2s).

Methods and Findings

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In August 2015, we estimated vaccine-induced population immunity against serotype-2 poliomyelitis for 1 January 2004–30 June 2015 and produced forecasts for April 2016 by district in Nigeria and Pakistan. Population immunity was estimated from the vaccination histories of children <36 mo old identified with non-polio acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) reported through polio surveillance, information on immunisation activities with different oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) formulations, and serotype-specific estimates of the efficacy of these OPVs against poliomyelitis. District immunity estimates were spatio-temporally smoothed using a Bayesian hierarchical framework. Coverage estimates for immunisation activities were also obtained, allowing for heterogeneity within and among districts. Forward projections of immunity, based on these estimates and planned immunisation activities, were produced through to April 2016 using a cohort model.

Estimated population immunity was negatively correlated with the probability of VDPV2 poliomyelitis being reported in a district. In Nigeria and Pakistan, declines in immunity during 2008–2009 and 2012–2013, respectively, were associated with outbreaks of VDPV2. Immunity has since improved in both countries as a result of increased use of trivalent OPV, and projections generally indicated sustained or improved immunity in April 2016, such that the majority of districts (99% [95% uncertainty interval 97%–100%] in Nigeria and 84% [95% uncertainty interval 77%–91%] in Pakistan) had >70% population immunity among children <36 mo old. Districts with lower immunity were clustered in northeastern Nigeria and northwestern Pakistan. The accuracy of immunity estimates was limited by the small numbers of non-polio AFP cases in some districts, which was reflected by large uncertainty intervals. Forecasted improvements in immunity for April 2016 were robust to the uncertainty in estimates of baseline immunity (January–June 2015), vaccine coverage, and vaccine efficacy.

Conclusions

Immunity against serotype-2 poliomyelitis was forecasted to improve in April 2016 compared to the first half of 2015 in Nigeria and Pakistan. These analyses informed the endorsement of OPV2 withdrawal in April 2016 by the WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization.

Author Summary

Why Was This Study Done?

:: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative's strategic plan includes the global withdrawal of all oral poliovirus vaccines (OPVs) because they can result, albeit rarely, in outbreaks of poliomyelitis caused by vaccine-derived poliovirus (VDPV).

:: Serotype-2 OPV (OPV2) was withdrawn from trivalent OPV in all 155 countries using this vaccine in April 2016, as the last naturally occurring case of polio caused by serotype-2 wild poliovirus was reported in 1999.

:: Strategies to minimise the risk of serotype-2 VDPVs during the period leading up to OPV2 withdrawal were required.

What Did the Researchers Do and Find?

:: To assess the risks associated with OPV2 withdrawal, we estimated population immunity against poliomyelitis caused by serotype 2 in children under three years old in eight countries (including the two highest risk countries: Nigeria and Pakistan).

:: We found substantial improvements in serotype-2 population immunity over the last five years in most countries, although immunity in parts of northeastern Nigeria and northwestern Pakistan remained relatively low.

Projections of immunity through April 2016 were used to explore the impact of alternative :: immunisation campaigns including the use of inactivated poliovirus vaccine.

What Do These Findings Mean?

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:: An increased number of campaigns with trivalent OPV and IPV led to improvements in serotype-2 immunity, thereby minimising the risk of serotype-2 VDPVs associated with OPV2 withdrawal in April 2016.

:: These immunity estimates and projections were used to support the decision by the World Health Organization Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization to proceed with OPV2 withdrawal.

PLoS One

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Research Article

[Accelerated Training of Skilled Birth Attendants in a Marginalized Population on the Thai-Myanmar Border: A Multiple Methods Program Evaluation](#)

Adrienne Lynne White, Thaw Htwe Min, Mechthild M. Gross, Ladda Kajeewiwa, May Myo Thwin, Borimas Hanboonkunupakarn, Hla Hla Than, Thet Wai Zin, Marcus J. Rijken, Gabie Hoogenboom, Rose McGready

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Social Sciences - Social Sciences

[Combining natural language processing and network analysis to examine how advocacy organizations stimulate conversation on social media](#)

Christopher Andrew Bail

PNAS 2016 ; published ahead of print September 30, 2016, doi:10.1073/pnas.1607151113)

Significance

Social media provide potent opportunities for advocacy organizations to shape public debates because of the rapidly increasing number of people who frequent such forums each day. However, social scientists have not yet explained why some advocacy organizations create large-scale public debate whereas most others do not. Using automated text analysis and a Facebook application, I found that advocacy organizations are more likely to stimulate conversation if they produce messages that link discursive themes that are usually discussed in isolation from each other. Such messages not only resonate with multiple audiences, but also put such audiences in conversation with each other. This manuscript thereby contributes a theory of public deliberation on social media for the emerging field of computational social science.

Abstract

Social media sites are rapidly becoming one of the most important forums for public deliberation about advocacy issues. However, social scientists have not explained why some advocacy organizations produce social media messages that inspire far-ranging conversation among social media users, whereas the vast majority of them receive little or no attention. I argue that advocacy organizations are more likely to inspire comments from new social media audiences if they create "cultural bridges," or produce messages that combine conversational themes within an advocacy field that are seldom discussed together. I use natural language processing, network analysis, and a social media application to analyze how cultural bridges

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shaped public discourse about autism spectrum disorders on Facebook over the course of 1.5 years, controlling for various characteristics of advocacy organizations, their social media audiences, and the broader social context in which they interact. I show that organizations that create substantial cultural bridges provoke 2.52 times more comments about their messages from new social media users than those that do not, controlling for these factors. This study thus offers a theory of cultural messaging and public deliberation and computational techniques for text analysis and application-based survey research.

Physical Sciences - Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences

[Estimates of the magnitudes of major marine mass extinctions in earth history](#)

Steven M. Stanley

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Significance

This paper shows that background extinction definitely preceded mass extinctions; introduces a mathematical method for estimating the amount of this background extinction and, by subtracting it from total extinction, correcting estimates of losses in mass extinctions; presents a method for estimating the amount of erroneous backward smearing of extinctions from mass extinction intervals; and introduces a method for calculating species losses in a mass extinction that takes into account clustering of losses. It concludes that the great terminal Permian crisis eliminated only about 81% of marine species, not the frequently quoted 90–96%. Life did not almost disappear at the end of the Permian, as has often been asserted.

Abstract

Procedures introduced here make it possible, first, to show that background (piecemeal) extinction is recorded throughout geologic stages and substages (not all extinction has occurred suddenly at the ends of such intervals); second, to separate out background extinction from mass extinction for a major crisis in earth history; and third, to correct for clustering of extinctions when using the rarefaction method to estimate the percentage of species lost in a mass extinction. Also presented here is a method for estimating the magnitude of the Signor–Lipps effect, which is the incorrect assignment of extinctions that occurred during a crisis to an interval preceding the crisis because of the incompleteness of the fossil record. Estimates for the magnitudes of mass extinctions presented here are in most cases lower than those previously published. They indicate that only ~81% of marine species died out in the great terminal Permian crisis, whereas levels of 90–96% have frequently been quoted in the literature. Calculations of the latter numbers were incorrectly based on combined data for the Middle and Late Permian mass extinctions. About 90 orders and more than 220 families of marine animals survived the terminal Permian crisis, and they embodied an enormous amount of morphological, physiological, and ecological diversity. Life did not nearly disappear at the end of the Permian, as has often been claimed.

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Debra Singh, Joel Negin, Christopher Garimoi Orach and Robert Cumming

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Addressing public health vulnerabilities and promoting sustainable adaptation

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Summary

The advent of increasingly powerful and inexpensive DNA sequencing methods is changing many aspects of genetics research. In particular, human genome sequencing is transforming our understanding of many aspects of human biology and medicine. However, we must be careful to remember that genes alone do not determine our futures—environmental factors and chance also play important roles.

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Policy Forum

Social norms as solutions

By Karine Nyborg, John M. Anderies, Astrid Dannenberg, Therese Lindahl, Caroline Schill, Maja Schlüter, W. Neil Adger, Kenneth J. Arrow, Scott Barrett, Stephen Carpenter, F. Stuart Chapin III, Anne-Sophie Crépin, Gretchen Daily, Paul Ehrlich, Carl Folke, Wander Jager, Nils Kautsky, Simon A. Levin, Ole Jacob Madsen, Stephen Polasky, Marten Scheffer, Brian Walker, Elke U. Weber, James Wilen, Anastasios Xepapadeas, Aart de Zeeuw

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Policies may influence large-scale behavioral tipping

Summary

Climate change, biodiversity loss, antibiotic resistance, and other global challenges pose major collective action problems: A group benefits from a certain action, but no individual has sufficient incentive to act alone. Formal institutions, e.g., laws and treaties, have helped address issues like ozone depletion, lead pollution, and acid rain. However, formal institutions are not always able to enforce collectively desirable outcomes. In such cases, informal institutions, such as social norms, can be important. If conditions are right, policy can support social norm changes, helping address even global problems. To judge when this is realistic, and what role policy can play, we discuss three crucial questions: Is a tipping point likely to exist, such that vicious cycles of socially damaging behavior can potentially be turned into virtuous ones? Can policy create tipping points where none exist? Can policy push the system past the tipping point?

The impact of training informal health care providers in India: A randomized controlled trial

By Jishnu Das, Abhijit Chowdhury, Reshmaan Hussam, Abhijit V. Banerjee

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Training helped informal providers deliver better care for angina, diarrhea, and asthma.

Editor's Summary

Delivering health care to mystery patients

Many families in developing countries do not have access to medical doctors and instead receive health care from informal providers. Das et al. used "mystery" patients (trained actors) to test whether a 9-month training program improved the quality of care delivered by informal providers in West Bengal (see the Perspective by Powell-Jackson). The patients did not identify themselves to the providers and were not told which providers had participated in the training program. The results of this blinded assessment showed that medical doctors delivered better care than informal providers but that the training program closed much of the gap.

Social Science & Medicine

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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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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Abstract

Objective

Using the example of Merck's donations of ivermectin, to show how tax incentives and non-profit collaborators can make corporate largesse consistent with obligations to maximise returns to shareholders.

Methods

We obtained information from publicly available data and estimated Merck's tax deductions according to the US Internal Revenue Code. Reviews of Merck-Kitasato contracts and personal interviews provided additional information regarding key lessons from this collaboration.

Results

Our best estimate of the direct cost to Merck of the ivermectin tablets donated during 2005–2011 is around US\$ 600 million, well below the stated value of US\$ 3.8 billion. Our calculation of tax write-offs reduces the net cost to around US\$ 180 million in that period. Indirect market benefits and effects on goodwill further enhanced the compatibility of Merck's donation programme with the company's profit-maximising objective. The case offers lessons for effective management of collaborations with public and non-profit organisations.

Conclusion

Merck's role in the donation of ivermectin for the treatment of onchocerciasis is widely and justly acknowledged as a prime example of corporate largesse in the public interest. It is nevertheless important to note that several public and non-profit collaborators, and United States taxpayers, played significant roles in increasing Merck's incentives, and indeed ability, to conduct the donation programme that changed so many lives in poor countries, while meeting its responsibilities to shareholders. Overall, the record indicates responsible corporate management of Merck's ivermectin programme and demonstrates the feasibility of socially responsible policies in a manner compatible with obligations to shareholders.

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