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:: Week in Review

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

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

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Human Rights Action

Editor's Note:

We present here the full text of a recent speech by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. We continue to reflect on his closing call to action in response to accelerating challenges to human rights globally.

Global Challenges to Human Rights

*Speech by Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, delivered at Johns Hopkins Centre for Public Health and Human Rights
12 April 2017*

Ladies and gentlemen,

What a moment to return to my first, and formative, university. I am trying to cast myself back to 30 years ago – when I was here in Baltimore anticipating but not knowing what I might do with my own small life; that I next would return as the UN Human Rights chief could not have been further from my mind. That I would return at a time of such tumult, failure and urgency for the defence of human rights? Not my most maudlin of musings would have foretold to me such a future. You just don't know and you never know for sure.

To be speaking here - at one of the few universities worldwide to give prominence to this field, with Hopkins establishing in 2004 a centre for health and human rights here at the Bloomberg School of Public Health – it makes me wonder if I am not the unwitting accessory of a Hopkins conspiracy to dominate human rights! A Jason Bourne of human rights, minus the looks! It's a cunning plan, which I more than support – assuming I have a choice!

But today's challenges to human rights are not the stuff of cinematic fiction, although dizzying they are, in their scale and complexity. Nor will our success in the face of these attacks on human rights be thanks to the quest of some singular testosterone-d hero. To the contrary, our futures globally are intertwined, mutually dependent. It's up to all of us to reach out to include each of us, to work together for our mutually assured dignity, not destruction. And that is a quest for the truly brave.

For conflicts are tearing apart nations and communities, destroying individual destinies – particularly in my home region, the Middle East. There and elsewhere leaders are violating, or undermining, global values – essential, longstanding, hard won international agreements and law. Law!

Inconvenient to prowling power, as it is designed to be, international law enshrines global values - foundational undertakings to uphold the equality of all human beings; to respect the universality of human rights; to use multilateral processes and work together to seek solutions to global problems. International human rights law, refugee law, humanitarian law, criminal

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law: these are the bedrock pledges of countries the world over – on which depend, even in time of war, the barest minima of humanity.

But today, States which wrote and agreed to these laws are increasingly challenging their fundamentals" or "increasingly seek to undermine, or even overthrow, these fundamental human rights standards. I speak of such matters not to deflate, or ignite. I am seeking neither your despair nor your ire. However, I do want to reveal to you a little of the symptomatology of what I consider to be now a global malaise – thanks to impacts and consequences of where and when power is at its most pernicious, at its most cruel.

The intensifying fighting in Syria, over more than six years has for the warring sides meant stooping to such low levels of depravity as to attack civilians and civilian objects, which are protected in law. In the last year, 336 attacks were reported against medical centres alone. So vicious and seemingly intentional are these attacks by the parties to the conflict that some say a clinic is now the most dangerous place to be in Syria.

Health-workers and ambulance personnel have been disappeared, abducted, tortured, killed. A report by the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition, to which Johns Hopkins contributed, found that 27% of the health-workers killed in Syria in 2015 were shot, executed, or tortured to death. Humanitarian workers are prevented from bringing in essential medical supplies, even food, to the hundreds of thousands of people confined in besieged areas, all in direct violation of international law. Last week's aerial attack on civilians close to Idlib, which exposed them to prohibited chemical agents, also brought horrific consequences, yet again, to first responders and medical personnel.

Most – but not all – these attacks appear to have been committed by the Syrian government and its allies, as is the case with civilian casualties at large.

A report in the Lancet last month termed these sorts of attacks the "weaponisation" of health-care –the deliberate "booby-trapping" of people's need for medical care so that terror, indignity and agony might be all the more widespread. That violent extremists should do this is appalling enough; for governments to violate the principles of distinction, precaution and proportionality is just mind-numbing.

Yet civilian infrastructure and those who seek its protection – including medical facilities and health personnel - have come under armed attack recently in numerous conflicts. Last month's prolonged assault on a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan was yet another horrific example. Under international law, medical facilities, health personnel and ambulances enjoy protective status. This obligation has also been ignored in the context of conflicts in Yemen, South Sudan, Ukraine and the Central African Republic.

Even in the midst of war, rules matter. In disregarding those rules, governments fighting *Da'esh* and other violent extremist groups on their territories could eventually become almost indistinguishable from their targets. Perhaps not matching individual acts of barbarism, so brutal is *Da'esh*, over time the differences will narrow in the memory of the affected peoples.

Are the many reports of torture including sexual violence, perpetrated by medical personnel in military hospitals in Syria so different from what we hear from detention facilities under *Da'esh* control?

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What do we make of the extent of these cruelties in the first place? Can we properly understand them?

Overall revulsion at what the Nazi's perpetrated was best described in the Nuremberg Tribunal's judgement at the concluding session of the *Einsatzgruppen* trial in 1947, which expressed the barely comprehensible in these terms: "we have here participation in a crime of such unprecedented brutality and of such inconceivable savagery that the mind rebels against its own thought image and the imagination staggers in the contemplation of a human degradation beyond the power of language to adequately portray."¹

The mind rebels against its own thought image. When faced with depths of human wickedness which, while *sui generis* in the case of the *Einsatzgruppen*, nonetheless find a chilling echo in conflicts everywhere, maybe it is all beyond our reasoning to fully understand this. But what we do know is this: if we are ever to prevent the repetitive surging of grievance and violence, there must be accountability and justice.

Last year, in response to the hideous siege of Aleppo, and six years of paralysis in the Security Council on the issue of criminal accountability for atrocities in the Syrian conflict, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the creation of an international, impartial and independent mechanism on international crimes in Syria. It was an unprecedented action by the Assembly. This mechanism – which my Office is establishing – will collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of most serious crimes, and seek to match that with individual suspects, in preparation for criminal investigations and prosecutions.

This work is absolutely essential, and demands the broadest possible support, because there will be resistance to it.

Contempt for international humanitarian and human rights law is being peddled by its champions as somehow muscular, robust, necessary. It is not that – not at all. It is only callous, myopic and foolhardy. Ultimately, it is self-defeating.

By dismantling the rules-based system in favour of political expediency, governments just eat away at the very underpinnings of our common humanity. They pull out the very pins holding global peace together. In such withering, there is no north or south, nor east or west – there is no right or left. There is only the humane and the inhumane.

Visible symptoms of governments who, under pressure would willingly shed justice, sign-post these descents into a chaotic world. Symptoms such as:

- :: Widening of restrictions on fundamental freedoms of association and expression – squeezing the life out of democratic space in which voices of protest should be raised and participation in decision-making assured.

- :: Targeting of racial, religious and gendered minorities and attacks on migrants – through campaigns waged to stoke hatred and divisiveness for political profit.

- :: Restrictions on the rights of women and girls to make their own choices about their bodies and their sexual and reproductive health.

- :: Ill health and disease left to thrive at the intersections of chronic poverty, discrimination and inadequate public services;

- :: Urbanization that is not planned properly, and development that fails to consider the views of vulnerable groups or the impacts on indigenous persons,

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These are the symptoms of sickening political and economic cultures evident in many countries whose political fabric is becoming more venomous, more intolerant, more hysterical and more untruthful.

To put it differently. Where States are unable or are unwilling to uphold human rights, they are laying the groundwork for social degradation and ill-health to intensify, and become active threats to human dignity, life and sustainable, peaceful development.

Nowhere is this more evident than in regards to the rights of women and girls. Principal actors for positive change in every society, yet almost every community is held back by irrational and damaging obstacles placed in the way of their rights. Preventable maternal and infant mortality is a particularly brutal expression of this injustice.

Hundreds of thousands of women and newborns die each year from entirely preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth.

As Mahmoud Fathalla, former president of the International Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, has said:

"Women are not dying of diseases we can't treat... They are dying because societies have yet to make the decision that their lives are worth saving."

Gains have been made in the past decade, but if a steady focus on human-rights based action is not maintained, these will readily be reversed. According to several recent studies, maternal mortality is moving in the wrong direction, even in a country as wealthy as the United States -- with higher rates of death among African American women in particular.

Friends, the complaint will not be our cure. The damage done from a lack of rights will not find a balm in the further denial of rights. And that is why we must uphold human rights.

Centuries of human folly and suffering paved the evolution of human rights. And emerging from tyranny, bloodshed and war, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with its offspring - the two great international covenants and eight other core human rights treaties – have fostered what is today a whole ecosystem of rights, creating standards to be respected by all.

Because this system is now broadly under attack, we need, all of us, to become human rights brawlers, seeking to secure what rights we do not yet have, and protect those we already enjoy. We simply cannot stand by as universal values, and the multilateralism on which they depend, are tossed aside. Universities must pitch in and not just through scholarly exchanges, but publicly, as advocates, in the media and on the Internet.

Tolstoy thought it a mistake to look back at history as if it were a series of clear decisions and sharply defined turning points. Human experience is always a blur of shifting events, in which half-aware actors never fully grasp that they are making irreversible choices. Only with hindsight can we see with clarity that at some specific moment they teetered on the cusp of tragedy – still able to pull back, but then, caught up in a lethal churn of events, they blindly and tragically swept on.

Today, I see people the world over standing up to defend and uphold the human rights including the right to health.

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But they cannot do that alone. They need us – all of us, here in this room, in this university, in all universities, in Parliaments, at home, and every sphere of life.

I know Johns Hopkins has participated in a number of recent amicus briefs on behalf of foreign students in this country. But we need more from you.

All of us need to be human rights defenders:

:: Doctors who provide dignified access to care regardless of a patient's identity or social status.

:: Lawyers who cherish the impartial, independent rule of law, including equality before the courts.

:: Journalists and students who seek face, prize evidence, protect knowledge and diversify the voices which we hear.

:: Scientists who pursue knowledge without political bias, fear or favour, and who deploy its wonders to help a planet under strain and people enduring extreme suffering.

:: Innovators and creators who strive to replace unfairness and exclusion with more equal, inclusive and sustainable solutions.

:: Artists who disturb, provoke, illuminate and enchant.

:: Philosophers who challenge ancient practices of cruelty against each other.

:: Economists who seek a more just distribution of wealth.

:: Workers for rights rather than consumers of entitlements.

And all as dissidents who will speak the truth in the widening catacombs of lies, not for our own elevation but for the sake of that which we know to be true. Because it is right; and because it is in our very real interest to do so.

Some weeks ago, it was reported that this winter, a crack began accelerating across one of the four largest ice shelves in Antarctica. Parts of the crack across the Larsen C shelf are now two miles wide, over 100 miles long, and the massive force prising apart this immense expanse of solid ice is picking up speed. Soon Larsen C will break apart – because, like everything else, ice really is not as solid as we might wish it to be. And once Larsen C has broken and splintered, the glaciers behind it will be exposed – vulnerable to even greater and more catastrophic collapses.

The global institutions that protect us against chaos are cracking, abetted by withdrawals of membership, threatened withdrawals, the withholding of funding; they are splintering deeper by the day. If they break, the price paid by humanity could well be so profound, we could be placed beyond recovery. That price has already been paid by far too many. And none of us will find peace, development, dignity, safety, if we stand by and allow the human rights of the people – of all the people – to be trampled upon.

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So, stand up we must – now, before it is too late. We must march in protest, and advocate, and push forward. We must care, now, for each other – actively, passionately, utterly and we must all be brave.

1 *Nuremberg Military Tribunal (vol. IV), p. 412.*

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Human Rights - Expression

Venezuela: OAS Secretary General Calls for Respect for Right to Peaceful Protest

April 18, 2017

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Luis Almagro, today called for protection of the right of the Venezuelan people to demand democracy and liberties and emphasized that this right must be recognized by everyone and the government should not be an obstacle.

"We must all reassure our unwavering commitment to democracy in Venezuela, a prompt return to legitimacy and institutionality is essential for the country," he said.

"Peaceful demonstrations are an instrument of peace, democracy and freedom. For that reason, tomorrow, April 19, the rights of the people – whether they are retirees, students, housewives, workers – should prevail over any logic of repressive politics," he added.

"The recent actions of the regime to hand out weapons to civilians and urge them toward confrontation are a murderous repressive action that incites violence," he reaffirmed.

"We must all condemn this kind of actions and the government must absolutely reverse this position that only incites conflict and confrontation. We ask that the right of the people to peaceful protest be respected," he added.

In fact, beyond the fact that other countries have to face various problems, only in Venezuela has the exercise of government been de-legitimized as shown by:

- :: The lack of respect for human rights and basic freedoms, given that every day the number of political prisoners and the accusations of torture rise;

- :: The systematic violations of the exercise of power under the rule of law in the last two years;

- :: The lack of periodic, free, fair elections based on universal suffrage and the secrecy of the ballot, neither in the case of regional elections, nor even in the more important case of the legitimization of the popular will to appeal to a recall referendum in 2016;

- :: The fact that the pluralist regime of political parties and organizations no longer has any guarantee since the moment that the regime arbitrarily declares from one week to the next disqualifications of political leaders;

- :: The lack of respect for the separation and independence of the political powers, neither de jure nor de facto. The powers of the National Assembly have been usurped and the judicial branch responds to the designs of the Executive Power;

- :: The lack of transparency regarding the activities of the State;

- :: The fact that daily complaints of non-compliance are received and none of them are investigated, nor are they even denied;

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:: The fact that the irresponsibility of the government in public management has brought on the worst humanitarian crisis in the history of the country;
:: The fact that social rights and freedom of expression and the press have been repeatedly violated

This General Secretariat supports all the efforts of the countries of the hemisphere to perfect their democracies.

In the case of Venezuela, we support the efforts of its society –as well as the international community to- restores the broken institutionality. The return of democracy to the country demands:

:: The immediate halt to repression and street violence against peaceful demonstrators, and the guarantee of their freedom of expression;

:: Not one more death, or one more person wounded, or imprisoned, or tortured. The release of all political prisoners is imperative;

:: That all political bans affecting the pluralist regime of political parties and organizations be lifted;

:: That the powers of the National Assembly be restored and that the election of new authorities in the judicial and electoral branches that guarantee the separation and independence of powers;

:: That a humanitarian channel be opened to allow help to reach the Venezuelan people in form of food and medicine;

:: That elections be called so that the power- which belongs to the people – is returned to the people.

:: That the government ensure the right of the people to peaceful protest, without threats, without detentions, without prison, and without torture.

It is not a question of solving imperfections in Venezuela, it is a question of recovering democracy, that should be the objective and according to that objective, the agenda does not allow for delay.

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Report: [The information battle: How governments in the former Soviet Union promote their agendas & attack their opponents abroad](#)

The Foreign Policy Centre (FPC); Adam Hug (Editor)

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Executive summary

The information battle examines the ways in which the governments of former Soviet Union (FSU) look to shape international narratives about themselves by using media, social media, advertising and supportive organisations to promote their worldview and challenge the people, institutions and ideas that oppose them. This publication examines the influence of Russian media content in the former Soviet Union and in the wider world. This is delivered through the impact of Russian domestic TV channels reaching Russian speaking audiences in the region, the developing role of the news agency Sputnik and the international broadcaster RT. It examines how these outlets are used not only to promote Russian political narratives but to challenge

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Western approaches and sow confusion about what is going on in the world. It offers ideas for how independent broadcasters and international outlets can provide effective alternatives.

Despite cracking down on Western backed NGOs at home, the governments of the former Soviet Union are seeking to directly influence the European and US political debate through NGOs, think tanks and lobbying organisations. This publication looks at how to improve the transparency and accountability of such actions. Repressive regimes that use advertising and the hosting of international events to promote themselves, are increasingly being challenged by human rights defenders through the publicity such activities bring. The publication argues that, in what is increasingly becoming a battle involving the use of soft power and information, Western institutions have been losing ground and must take action in order to meet the challenge.

Recommendations

To the donor and NGO community

- :: Fund the creation of new, independent Russian and local language news content, news coordination and dissemination
- :: Provide increased funding for independent consortiums of investigative journalists
- :: Support in depth independent survey work in the countries of the former Soviet Union to assess the audience reach of both domestic and Russian media outlets
- :: Facilitate non-partisan support of Parliamentary engagement on issues relating to the former Soviet Union, including country visits

To Western governments and regulators

- :: Track the spread of misleading and untrue content emanating from Russian sources, working with civil society to rebut it where appropriate
- :: Actively monitor online threats to Western based critics of regimes in the former Soviet Union
- :: Strengthen lobbying registry requirements, including looking to expand the scope of the UK's statutory register and delivering the proposed formal EU lobbying register
- :: Re-examine the governance structures of the US Broadcasting Board of Governors

To international broadcasters

- :: Expand the range of voices asked to provide comment on Western networks
- :: Collaborate with independent partners in the post-Soviet space to develop content

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Sustainable Development Goals/SDGs - Finance

Editor's Note:

To our knowledge, the \$90 trillion referenced below is the first time that an overall cost projection to achieve the SDGs/Agenda 2030 has been communicated.

Speakers in General Assembly Event Urge 'Dramatic' Increase in Private Investment, Pooled Resources to Meet \$6 Trillion Annual Cost of Sustainable Development Goals

General Assembly - Plenary
18 April 2017 GA/11905

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While a daunting \$90 trillion would be required to tackle sustainable development challenges in the coming years, speakers at today's General Assembly Action Event warned that the cost of inaction would ultimately be far deeper, with humanity's very future hanging in the balance.

Executives from various financial firms — including JP Morgan Chase and AVIVA Investors — joined Member States at the Assembly's "SDG Financing Lab", discussing ways to align financial markets with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Speakers from across those diverse sectors agreed that private investment in development could be scaled up dramatically by reducing risk and educating companies about the bottom-line benefits of sustainability.

However, many delegates also voiced concern that those opportunities could be overshadowed by a rising tide of nationalism and a resurgence of protectionist policies around the globe. Some urged Governments to resist those trends, calling instead for open, inclusive markets to help level the playing field.

Assembly President Peter Thomson (Fiji) said at the outset that estimates put the cost of achieving all 17 Sustainable Development Goals at \$6 trillion annually until 2030. "While these sums may seem enormous, and the complexity of reforms needed to mobilize these funds may seem prohibitive, the fact is that the cost of our inaction will ultimately be far greater," he said. As the private sector was the custodian of the world's largest pool of resources, the main challenge was to create the right incentives and enabling environments to help businesses reorient investments towards sustainable development.

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed agreed that it was in the interest of all countries, companies and people to tap the wealth of good that sustainable development would bring in environmental, economic and social terms. Noting that financial flows and investments were increasingly being aligned with the Goals, she said mobilizing pension funds, the insurance sector and other large pools of capital could produce even greater wins. Sustainability should guide the creation of incentive structures, inform consumer preferences and shape shareholder interests, she said, adding: "The dividends will reverberate far and wide."...

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Literacy :: Education

Reading the past, writing the future: Fifty years of promoting literacy

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Executive Summary

The present publication takes stock of literacy initiatives world-wide over the last five decades and analyses how literacy campaigns, programmes and policies have changed to reflect the evolutions in our conceptual understanding of literacy.

Fifty countries have been selected in this review based on those that achieved strong progress during the Education for All (EFA) period between 2000 and 2015. These countries serve as a symbol of global progress and wider literacy efforts, although many challenges remain.

The fifty selected countries are as follows, listed by region:

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:: America and the Caribbean: El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Peru, Plurinational State of Bolivia;
 :: Northern Africa: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia;
 : Oceania: Vanuatu;
 :: South-Eastern Asia: Lao People's Democratic Republic, Timor-Leste;
 :: Southern Asia: Bangladesh, India, Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Pakistan;
 :: Sub-Saharan Africa: Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia;
 :: Western Asia: Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Yemen.

In each of the fifty countries, a literacy programme – often linked with policies and plans of the governments – has been highlighted as one example among many to demonstrate both the societal and personal benefits of literacy. Throughout this review, the voices of learners and other persons engaged in literacy programmes reflect the ways in which literacy has affected their lives, families and communities. The range of programmes illustrates the breadth of participation in literacy efforts and how important it is to engage all stakeholders.

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Featured Journal Content

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 22 April 2017]

Research

[A crisis of protection and safe passage: violence experienced by migrants/refugees travelling along the Western Balkan corridor to Northern Europe](#)

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Abstract

Background

Pushed by ongoing conflicts and pulled by the desire for a better life, over one million migrants/refugees transited Balkan countries and arrived in Europe during 2015 and early 2016. To curb this influx, European countries instituted restrictive migration policies often characterized by building of razor-wire border fences and border closures. Among migrants/refugees who received mental health care in Serbia while travelling through Balkan countries to Northern Europe, we assessed the prevalence and patterns of violent events experienced including physical trauma.

Methods

A mixed methods study among migrants/refugees attending mobile mental health clinics run by Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) between July 2015 and June 2016, in Serbia – a main transit hub to European countries. Clinics were conducted according to MSF guidelines by experienced psychologists who were supported by cultural mediators. The main outcome measures were violent events and associated physical trauma.

Results

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Of 992 migrants/refugees attending MSF mental health clinics, the majority (72%) were from Syria and Afghanistan and included vulnerable groups (14%) such as unaccompanied minors and pregnant women. The most frequent mental health symptoms/signs were anxiety (29%) and adjustment reactions (26%). Of the 992 migrants/refugees, 270 (27%) had experienced violent events during their journey. Signs of physical trauma due to acts of violence were seen in 223(22%) of the 992 individuals, 144 (65%) being perpetrated by State authorities and involving women (11%) and children (13%).

Border closures along the Balkan route were associated with a dramatic decrease in registered migrants/refugee arrivals in Serbia. Conversely, among those that made it across the borders, an increasing linear trend in reported violent events was observed at MSF mental health clinics (X^2 for linear trend, $P < 0.001$). Qualitative evidence corroborated with quantitative findings.

Conclusions

Nearly one-in-three migrants/refugees seen in MSF clinics experienced violent events including physical trauma along their journey. State authorities, including those in European countries were the perpetrators in over half of such events which were associated with border closures. There is "a crisis of protection and safe passage" which needs to change towards one of respect for the principles of international human rights and refugee law.

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Emergencies

Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC) [to 22 April 2017]

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 19 April 2017

:: Over the next two weeks, key global meetings will take place to review the global polio epidemiology and examine what additional efforts must be implemented to achieve a lasting polio-free world. Next week, the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) will meet in Geneva, as well the next meeting of the International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee on the spread of poliovirus (via teleconference). These meetings will be followed the week after by the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), convening in London.

Country Updates [Selected Excerpts]

*New cases or environmental samples reported across the monitored country/region settings: Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, Lake Chad Basin. Guinea and West Africa, and Lao People's Democratic Republic have been removed from the monitored geographies list.
[No new cases or positive sampling activity reported]*

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 22 April 2017]

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 22 April 2017]

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified.*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new announcements identified.*

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*

Libya - *No new announcements identified.*

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified.*

Niger - *No new announcements identified.*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Iraq

:: Iraq: Mosul Humanitarian Response Situation Report No. 29 (10 April to 16 April 2017)

[EN/AR]

:: Mosul Humanitarian Crisis, 19 April 2017

OVERVIEW

:: Six months into the military operation to retake Mosul City from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), civilians continue to have significant humanitarian needs. These needs are most severe among displaced families, both in and out of camps, and vulnerable residents in newly accessible areas.

:: On 19 February, Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) resumed military operations to retake western Mosul from ISIL. The humanitarian impact has been significant. Since the new offensive began, approximately 330,000 people from west Mosul have been displaced to camps and emergency sites as of 18 April, according to the Government of Iraq.

:: As of 18 April 2017, an estimated 400,000 people are currently living in displacement as a result of the military operations to retake Mosul, according to government figures. Cumulative displacement from west and east Mosul and surrounds was estimated at 491,000 people as of 18 April by the authorities, and returns at 91,000.

:: An estimated 500,000 people in western neighbourhoods of Mosul city remain largely inaccessible to humanitarians, sheltering from the fighting, or waiting for an opportune time to flee. 400,000 of them are in the old city. Serious concerns remain for the protection of civilians in west Mosul, where food, water, medicine and fuel are running low. Given the narrow streets and high population density in western Mosul city, people are at great risk of being caught in crossfire, and infrastructure is sustaining considerable damage.

:: Trauma casualty rates from Mosul City remain high. From 17 October 2016 to 12 April 2017, close to 6,400 hospital referrals were made from east and west Mosul, including 1,900 cases from west Mosul since 18 February.

:: Emergency response packages of food and water are being distributed to families arriving at the Hammam al-Alil screening site from west Mosul. Over 2 million people have received emergency response packages since mid-October.

Syria

:: 21 Apr 2017 Syrian Arab Republic: IDP Movements in January 2017

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:: 16 Apr 2017 Statement on the situation in Aleppo, Syria - UN Humanitarian Chief

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

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GA/11908

[Speakers Hail Peacebuilding Commission as 'Lynchpin' of Diverse Efforts Supporting Post-Conflict Stability, as General Assembly Adopts Decision on Ocean Protection](#)

The Peacebuilding Commission was rapidly becoming a "lynchpin" body that brought together the diverse activities of the United Nations in support of peace, speakers in the General Assembly stressed today, as they also adopted a draft decision accrediting intergovernmental groups to a conference on ocean conservation.

20 April 2017

SG/SM/18496

[Concerned over Rising Tensions in Venezuela, Secretary-General Calls for Efforts to Reactivate Dialogue, Reduce Polarization](#)

20 April 2017

SC/12800

[With 'Perfect Storm' Engulfing Middle East, Divisions Open Door for Foreign Intervention, Manipulation, Coordinator Tells Security Council](#)

Cooperation and multilateral approaches would be needed to address interlinked conflicts, cross-border humanitarian crises and violent extremism, the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process told the Security Council today, as it held its quarterly open debate on that region.

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GA/11907

[General Assembly Confirms Appointment of Achim Steiner United Nations Development Programme Administrator](#)

The General Assembly this morning confirmed the appointment of Achim Steiner of Germany as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for a four-year term of office beginning 20 April.

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[Security Council Must Take Human Rights into Account in All Deliberations, Secretary-General Stresses during Thematic Debate](#)

Given their intrinsic link to peace and security, the Security Council must take human rights into account in all its deliberations, the Secretary-General said today, as the Council held its first-ever thematic debate on that issue.

18 April 2017

SG/SM/18495-SC/12798-HR/5349

[Secretary-General Stresses Need for Joint Efforts by All United Nations Entities, in Briefing to Security Council on Human Rights, Prevention of Armed Conflict](#)

18 April 2017

GA/11905

[Speakers in General Assembly Event Urge 'Dramatic' Increase in Private Investment, Pooled Resources to Meet \\$6 Trillion Annual Cost of Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[See more detail in Week in Review above]

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[DRC: Further mass graves and killings discovered in Kasais, says Zeid](#)

[Spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights: Rupert Colville](#)

[Grotesque rape chants lay bare campaign of terror by Burundi militia – Zeid](#)

[Russia: UN rights expert launches first official visit to assess effect of international unilateral sanctions](#)

[UN child rights committee urges accountability for plight of Syria's children](#)

[Cuba needs new laws and stronger action targeting human trafficking, says UN rights expert](#)

[End abuse and detention of gay men in Chechnya, UN human rights experts tell Russia](#)

[Racial discrimination: UN Committee to review Finland, Moldova, Armenia, Kenya, Cyprus and Bulgaria](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[UN child rights committee urges accountability for plight of Syria's children](#)

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 22 April 2017]

<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 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

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[occupied Palestinian territory: Shutdown of Gaza's power plant jeopardizes the delivery of basic services](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: occupied Palestinian territory On 17 April, Gaza's sole power plant (GPP) was forced to shut down completely after exhausting its fuel reserves and being unable to replenish them due to a shortage of funds. Prior to this, the GPP was operating at only approximately half of its capacity, producing nearly 30 per cent of the electricity supplied to the Gaza Strip. On 20 April, electricity supply from Egypt, which accounts for...

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[Iraq: Mosul Humanitarian Crisis, 19 April 2017](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Iraq 400,000 people are currently displaced as of 18 April 6,500 family plots are immediately available to shelter displaced people in 19 priority sites as of 15 April 2,300 m³ water is trucked every day to eastern Mosul by humanitarian partners 6,400 people referred from frontline areas to hospitals to receive treatment for trauma injuries as of 12 April 71,200 children have received psychosocial support as of 16...

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[occupied Palestinian territory: Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nikolay Mladenov, on the electricity crisis in Gaza \[EN/AR\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: occupied Palestinian territory "I am following with great concern the tense situation in Gaza, where a new energy crisis is now unfolding. Reform of the Gaza Electricity Distribution Company (GEDCO) is essential to improve revenue collection and transparency in line with international standards.

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The defacto authorities in Gaza must ensure that collection rates are improved and that revenue collected in Gaza is returned to...

17 Apr 2017

[Iraq: Nearly half a million civilians have fled Mosul since fighting began six months ago; hundreds of thousands more may flee in the weeks to come \[EN/AR/KU\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Iraq (Baghdad, 17 April 2017): Since the start of military operations to retake Mosul six months ago, nearly half a million people have been displaced from their homes. "The sheer volume of civilians still fleeing Mosul city is staggering," said Lise Grande, the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq. "Our worst case scenario when the fighting started was that up to one million civilians may flee Mosul. Already, more than 493...

16 Apr 2017

[Syrian Arab Republic: Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Statement on the Situation in Aleppo, Syria, 16 April 2017 \[EN/AR\]](#)

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Country: Syrian Arab Republic I am horrified by reports that scores of people including civilians have been killed by an explosion near their convoy during an evacuation from the besieged towns of Foah and Kefraya. My deepest sympathies go out to the families of those killed and those injured. The perpetrators of such a monstrous and cowardly attack displayed a shameless disregard for human life. International humanitarian law...

UNICEF [to 22 April 2017]

https://www.unicef.org/media/media_94367.html

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[1.5 million children affected by violence in Kasai region of Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

KINSHASA/GENEVA/NEW YORK – The crisis in the Greater Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is having a devastating impact on children, UNICEF warned today. More than 1.5 million children, including 600,000 who have already been displaced from their homes, are at risk due to the extreme violence.

[More than 150 children estimated to have died taking Central Mediterranean migration route this year - UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK / GENEVA, 21 April 2017 – According to UNICEF estimates, more than 150 children have died crossing the Central Mediterranean from North Africa to Italy so far this year. Yet the true number of child casualties is almost certainly higher given that many children on the move are unaccompanied, so their deaths often go unreported.

[Statement by Anthony Lake, UNICEF Executive Director, on reported child killings in Syria](#)

NEW YORK/DAMASCUS/AMMAN, 16 April 2017 – "After six years of war and human carnage in Syria ... six years of heartbreak for so many Syrian families... there comes a new horror that must break the heart of anyone who has one. More than 60 children reportedly killed in an attack on a bus convoy yesterday outside Aleppo. A convoy of families who for so long had already known so much suffering. Now the survivors must bear such a new and terrible loss.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 22 April 2017]

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

Briefing Notes

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[Kasai violence drives over 11,000 Congolese to seek refuge in Angola](#) 21 Apr 2017

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[UN Migration Agency's International Dialogue on Migration Sets Stage for Global Compact on Migration Consultations](#)

United States - The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) first International Dialogue on Migration (IDM) at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in New York, since joining the UN last year, took place on 18 and 19 April.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Approach 43,000 in 2017; Deaths: 962](#)

2017-04-21 17:27

Switzerland - IOM reports that 42,974 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 19 April, over 80 percent arriving in Italy and the rest in Spain and Greece.

[IOM, EU Aid Victims of Human Trafficking through New Online Platform](#)

2017-04-21 17:26

France - IOM, with support from the European Union (EU), has launched an [online platform](#) to help meet the needs of victims of human trafficking.

[IOM, EU Aid Victims of Human Trafficking through New Online Platform](#)

2017-04-21 17:26

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UNAIDS [to 22 April 2017]

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

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Update

[The living legacy of the Global Plan](#)

20 April 2017

The [Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes](#) (JAIDS) has released a special supplement on the incredible journey of the [Global plan towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children by 2015 and keeping their mothers alive](#) (Global Plan), which documents the history of the Global Plan and outlines what the future holds as efforts to end AIDS among women, children and adolescents accelerate...

The participants agreed that political and financial support for HIV testing must be significantly increased and that the central focus of HIV testing services should be moved from the health facility to the community. Community workers have a critical role in scaling up these community-centred strategies. The STAC recommended that UNAIDS develop a road map for the HIV testing revolution, for review and comment by the STAC at its next meeting in July...

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WHO & Regional Offices [to 22 April 2017]

[World Immunization Week, 24-30 April](#)

Immunization saves millions of lives and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions.

[World Malaria Day, 25 April 2017](#)

WHO Publication:

[Malaria prevention works: let's close the gap](#)

Number of pages: 28

Publication date: 2017 :: 28 pages

WHO reference number: WHO/HMT/GMP/2017.6

Overview

On World Malaria Day 2017, WHO is placing a special focus on prevention, a critical strategy for reducing the burden of a disease that continues to kill more than 400 000 people annually. This new report offers a brief summary of WHO-recommended tools in the malaria prevention arsenal. It is divided into 2 parts: the first chapter focuses on core vector control measures, and the second on preventive treatment strategies for the most vulnerable groups in Africa. It addresses a key biological threat – mosquito resistance to insecticides – and highlights the need for new anti-malaria tools.

[See HIH Announcement below]

[Urgent response needed for viral hepatitis](#)

21 April 2017 – New WHO data reveal that an estimated 325 million people worldwide are living with chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) or hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection. The WHO Global hepatitis report, 2017 indicates that the large majority of these people lack access to life-saving testing and treatment. As a result, millions of people are at risk of a slow progression to chronic liver disease, cancer, and death.

[Preventing malaria during pregnancy in Africa](#)

21 April 2017 – Approximately 52 million pregnant women living in sub-Saharan Africa are at risk of exposure to malaria each year. A key preventive therapy – known as intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy (IPTp) – has been added to the antenatal care package in response. An estimated 69% of pregnant women are not receiving the full cycle of IPTp however, a gap which must be urgently closed.

Highlights

[Tobacco: China's addiction](#)

April 2017 – Smoking-related diseases are on track to claim more than 200 million lives in China this century, a new joint WHO/UNDP report warns. The majority of these deaths will occur in China's poorest and most vulnerable communities unless critical steps are taken to reduce China's dependency on tobacco.

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[Weekly Epidemiological Record, 21 April 2017, vol. 92, 16 \(pp. 193–204\)](#)

Eliminate Yellow fever Epidemics (EYE): a global strategy, 2017–2026

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WHO African Region AFRO

:: High level calls for vaccinations for all : Immunization partners and countries celebrate African Vaccination Week

Brazzaville /N'Djamena, 22 April 2017 – UN agencies, high level government officials, immunization partners and community leaders, with the support of the Organization of African First Ladies against AIDS (OAFLA) are launching today the African Vaccination Week (AVW), urging all people to protect their health by getting vaccinated..

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Vaccination Week in the Americas celebrates 15 years (04/20/2017)

:: Unprecedented progress against neglected tropical diseases reported (04/19/2017)

:: Regulating marketing of alcohol can help reduce consumption, harm (04/18/2017)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: WHO South-East Asia countries pledge inclusive approaches for autism 21 April 2017

WHO European Region EURO

:: Vaccination protects health at every stage of life 21-04-2017

:: Inspiration tour to North Karelia: 45 successful years of reducing coronary heart disease mortality the community way 21-04-2017

:: Neglected tropical diseases: Collaborate Accelerate Eliminate 19-04-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO increases support for cancer patients, the forgotten casualties of the Syrian war 13 April 2017

:: WHO welcomes support from Government of Brazil to Syria health response 13 April, 2017

:: WHO's Regional Director launches National Immunization Week in Lebanon 10 April 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2017/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 22 April 2017]

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

Press Release

[The Lancet: Investing in adolescent health, education could bring tenfold economic benefit](#)

UNITED NATIONS, New York, 19 April 2017 – Improving the physical, sexual and mental health of adolescents aged 10-19 years, at the cost of about \$4.60 per person per year, could bring a tenfold economic benefit by averting more than 12 million adolescent deaths and preventing more than 30 million unwanted pregnancies in adolescents.

Similarly, programmes to reduce child marriage, at about \$3.80 per person, can bring an almost sixfold return on investment and cut child marriage by around a third.

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These findings, amongst others, are published in The Lancet on the eve of the World Bank Spring Meetings in Washington D.C., where finance and development leaders from 188 countries will discuss the critical need to invest in adolescents...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Tribute to Helen Clark – leaves UNDP after eight years as Administrator](#) Apr 19, 2017

The following is a statement on behalf of President of the UNDP Executive Board, Ambassador Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN, on the departure of Helen Clark as Administrator of UNDP.

[UNDP Executive Board welcomes appointment of Achim Steiner as new Administrator](#) Apr 19, 2017

The President of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) today welcomed the appointment of Achim Steiner as the Organization's new Administrator.

[Government of Iraq and UNDP initiate 202 projects to accelerate the stabilization of Mosul](#) Apr 19, 2017

Building on dozens of projects already underway, the Government of Iraq today authorized UNDP's Funding Facility for Stabilization (FFS) to initiate 202 more projects to accelerate the immediate stabilization of Mosul and greater Ninewa Governorate.

[Helen Clark: Statement to the 35th Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee](#) Apr 19, 2017 Washington D.C., USA

[Helen Clark: Statement to the 95th Meeting of the Development Committee](#) Apr 19, 2017 Washington D.C., USA

[Secretary-General nominates Achim Steiner of Germany as Administrator of United Nations Development Programme](#) Apr 18, 2017

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, following consultations with the Executive Board of UNDP, wrote to the President of the General Assembly requesting the General Assembly to confirm Achim Steiner of Germany as the new Administrator of UNDP for a term of four years.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 22 April 2017]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 22 April 2017]

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

[Annual Forum to highlight progress and challenges ten years after UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

More than 1,000 indigenous participants from all over the world will be at United Nations Headquarters from 24 April to 5 May to attend the sixteenth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is an advisory body of the Economic and Social Council tasked to discuss...

UNESCO [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Arab cities united against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance](#)

Members of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance gathered during a planning workshop focusing on "Facing Social Transformations, Inclusive and Sustainable Cities" held in Tunis, Tunisia, from 6 to 7 April 2017. With the aim to unite Arab Cities in a complex global context, member cities of the Coalition and other interested cities exchanged good practices of urban policies aimed at managing diversity and preventing and combating discrimination.

In the Tunis Declaration which was adopted, participants affirmed their commitment to work and collaborate on the following priority areas:

- :: Conducting territorial diagnosis and data collection on racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance issues in our cities;

- :: Undertaking awareness-raising and sensitization initiatives related to the mandate of the Coalition, to the benefit of our constituency and administration; and

- : Enhancing collaboration with the civil society actors for joint initiatives

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[Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism: Drivers of Poverty Eradication and Shared Prosperity](#)

Joint message of Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO; and Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Director for the World Bank Group's Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice

Today, we celebrate the International Day for Monuments and Sites (link is external). This year, the day focuses on Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Tourism, which underlines the

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important linkage between culture and cities: Culture, identity, and a people-centered approach are central to building the urban future we want and ensuring sustainable urban development...

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[New UNESCO publication explores five decades of literacy progress](#)

UNESCO has recently launched the anniversary publication 'Reading the past, writing the future: Fifty years of promoting literacy', which takes stock of literacy progress over the past five decades and looks at how the nature of the challenge has changed.

[See more detail in Week in Review above]

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 22 April 2017]

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

Posted April 21, 2017

[A plan for adequate and green housing for India's urban poor](#)

Urban India is currently facing a wide gap between the demand and supply of housing, not only in terms of quantity but also in terms of quality. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHUPA) currently estimates the...

Posted April 19, 2017

[Plan International launch 'Safer Cities for Girls' programme](#)

19 April, Nairobi – Plan International recently launched their programme 'Safer Cities for Girls' in Kenya with the help of UN-Habitat. The programme launch started with a one-week workshop with community leaders, all young men and women...

Posted April 19, 2017

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[ICAO confirms strong support for new African Search and Rescue Declaration](#)

Montréal, 21 April 2017 – ICAO has confirmed its strong support for a new Declaration on the Improvement of Search and Rescue (SAR) services in Africa.

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Adopted during the recent High-level Conference on SAR in Africa which convened in Lomé, Togo, the new agreement will be implemented in part under a separate Plan of Action adopted by the participating States' Ministers...

"The provision of effective SAR services entails the mobilization of essential State assets, and requires substantial financial commitments by your governments. Additionally, assets of neighbouring States and other international organizations are most likely to be involved in SAR missions, requiring the approval of high-level authorities," Dr. Aliu remarked in his address.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Norway is first to ratify 2010 compensation regime for Hazardous and Noxious Cargoes](#)

Norway is first country to become a Contracting State to a key compensation treaty covering the transport of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) by ship

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[You are what you buy – the first International Standard for sustainable procurement just published](#)

By Clare Naden

Sustainable purchasing can improve supplier relations – and your business. ISO 20400 for sustainable procurement has just been published to help organizations make sustainable purchasing a way of life.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Poland hosts UNWTO Congress on Ethics and Tourism](#)

The 3rd International Congress on Ethics and Tourism, to take place in Krakow, Poland on 27-28 April 2017, will discuss ways to advance the commitment of tourism towards sustainable and responsible practices. The event is one of the major components of the 'Enhancing the Understanding of European Tourism' Project, conducted by UNWTO in cooperation with the European Commission.

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[Saudi Arabia joins the celebrations of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017](#)

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 22 April 2017]

<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information>

No new digest content identified.

DFID [to 22 April 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 22 April 2017]

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

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African Union [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Website not responding at inquiry]

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[U.S. Vice President Mike Pence Reaffirms U.S. Continued Commitment to ASEAN](#)

JAKARTA, 20 April 2017 – U.S. Vice President Mike Pence reaffirmed the U.S.' continued commitment to strengthen and deepen its strategic partnership with ASEAN during his historic visit to the ASEAN Secretariat today where he met Secretary-General of ASEAN Le Luong Minh.

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[Cross-pillar collaboration on mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities in the ASEAN Community](#)

JAKARTA, 19 April 2017 – ASEAN officials in-charge of human rights and social welfare, together with Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) met at the ASEAN Secretariat from 18 to 19 April 2017 for the second meeting of the Task Force on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community.

European Commission [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[The European Union increases its support for Haiti](#)

Press release Brussels, 21 April 2017

Commissioner Neven Mimica announces further EU support to Haiti on an official visit to the country

During an official visit to Haiti after the appointment of a new Government, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica announced a new EU aid package.

The first of which is a special allocation of €18.5 million (€14.5 million in exceptional budget support and €4 million for an agricultural project) in response to Hurricane Matthew which hit the island in October 2016 and caused widespread damage to housing, agriculture, and infrastructure. The EU had also provided initial emergency relief last year when the hurricane struck the country...

The second part of support through the signature with the Prime Minister S.E.M Jack Guy Lafontant is a €45 million agreement for the construction of the National Road #3, connecting Port-au-Prince to the northern town of Cap Haitien, the second biggest town and port of Haiti...

OECD [to 22 April 2017]

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

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21-April-2017

[Lending volumes and credit conditions are improving for SMEs, but many firms continue to struggle to obtain financing that meets their needs](#)

Lending volumes and credit conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have gradually improved, according to a new report from the OECD, but demand-side obstacles such as a lack of financial knowledge are contributing to holding back a stronger recovery.

19-April-2017

[Most teenagers happy with their lives but schoolwork anxiety and bullying an issue](#)

Teenagers who feel part of a school community and enjoy good relations with their parents and teachers are more likely to perform better academically and be happier with their lives, according to the first OECD PISA assessment of students' well-being.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 22 April 2017]

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

April 18, 2017

[Venezuela: OAS Secretary General Calls for Respect for Right to Peaceful Protest](#)

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 22 April 2017]

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

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12/04/2017

[OIC Secretary General Reviews Polio Eradication Activities with Chairman of the Islamic Advisory Group for Polio](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimeen, received the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Islamic Advisory Group for Polio Eradication (IAG), Dr. Yaqub Almazrou, at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 19 April 2017.

Appreciating the role of IAG in dispelling misconception about polio vaccination in the polio-affected countries, the Secretary General pledged support for the expanded mandate of IAG to cover issues pertaining to maternal and child health. He emphasized that IAG should continue focusing on imparting training to the religious scholars, students and community leaders about the role of Islam in promoting maternal and child health issues.

On his part, Dr. Mazrou thanked OIC Secretary General for his leadership in mobilizing the political support for the efforts of the IAG in the fight against polio. Dr. Mazrou also briefed the Secretary General on the expanded role of IAG to support maternal and child health initiatives, particularly in the priority areas of breastfeeding, immunization, birth spacing, hygiene and sanitation and care-seeking behavior.

IAG was established in 2013 as a partnership between Al Azhar AlSharif, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB). The broad objectives of IAG, with its secretariat in EHO/EMRO were to a) promote immunization and polio eradication activities as local initiatives; b) change the perceptions of the local communities in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, and other predominantly Islamic countries; c) help gain community confidence to increase access; and d) help secure greater financial, political and religious support from Islamic countries and organizations.

20/04/2017

Group of 77 [to 22 April 2017]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Helena Yañez, Deputy Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations, at the High level Interactive Dialogue on Harmony with Nature to commemorate International Mother Earth Day \(New York, 21 April 2017\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Jonathan Viera, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, at the second informal consultation for the preparation of the Draft Outcome of the Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up \(New York, 21 April 2017\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Mario Zambrano Ortiz, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, at the High-level SDG Financing Lab \(New York, 18 April 2017\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 22 April 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 22 April 2017]

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

[19/04/2017](#) - 2017/15 –

The Court finds that Russia must refrain from imposing limitations on the ability of the Crimean Tatar community to conserve its representative institutions, including the Mejlis, and ensure the availability of education in the Ukrainian language

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 22 April 2017]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

19 April 2017

[ICC signs enforcement agreement with Argentina](#)

The International Criminal Court (ICC) and the Argentine Republic have concluded an agreement on the enforcement of sentences. Under the agreement, persons convicted by the ICC may serve their sentences of imprisonment in Argentina if so decided by the Court and accepted by Argentina...

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World Bank [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings 2017: Development Committee Communiqué](#)

The Development Committee met today, April 22, in Washington, D.C. 2. The global economy is gaining momentum, but risks remain tilted to the downside. Further improvements in the global outlook will...

Date: April 22, 2017 Type: Press Release

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[Multilateral banks to deepen collaboration with private sector to boost inclusive, sustainable infrastructure](#)

Washington, D.C. – Leaders of the top multilateral development banks (MDBs) have agreed to deepen their collaboration to encourage private sector investment in vital infrastructure needed to support sustainable...

Date: April 22, 2017 Type: Press Release

[New Support for Refugees and Host communities in Jordan and Lebanon Brings Total Concessional Financing to US\\$1Billion](#)

Global Concessional Financing Facility announces funding for three new projects focused on strengthening health services and basic infrastructure

Date: April 21, 2017 Type: Press Release

[Remittances to Developing Countries Decline for Second Consecutive Year](#)

WASHINGTON, April 21, 2017 – Remittances to developing countries fell for a second consecutive year in 2016, a trend not seen in three decades, says the latest edition of the Migration and Development...

Date: April 21, 2017 Type: Press Release

[Economic Growth in Africa is on the Upswing Following a Sharp Slowdown](#)

WASHINGTON, April 19, 2017 – Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa is rebounding in 2017 after registering the worst decline in more than two decades in 2016, according to the new Africa's Pulse, a bi-annual...

Date: April 19, 2017 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.imf.org/external/what/whatsnewenglish/what.aspx>

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April 22, 2017

[Central Bankers and Inclusive Growth: Building a Framework for Financial Inclusion](#)

April 21, 2017

[IMF Members' Commitments Under the 2016 Bilateral Borrowing Agreements Reach US\\$400 Billion](#)

:: Total pledges by IMF members under 2016 bilateral borrowing agreements reach about \$400 billion

:: These resources will help maintain IMF lending capacity

Since the Annual Meetings in October 2016, further progress has been made in securing commitments to provide bilateral borrowed resources under the IMF's 2016 borrowing framework. The IMF has received additional commitments of about SDR 40 billion from nine members, bringing total commitments to about SDR 300 billion (US\$400 billion) from 35 members. Under these commitments, 20 borrowing agreements for a total of about SDR 211 billion are now effective with maximum terms through end-2020...

April 21, 2017

[Germany and IMF Strengthen Capacity Development Cooperation in Africa](#)

:: German Ministry of Finance will provide €15 million in support of the IMF's capacity development activities across Africa in the context of the G-20 Compact with Africa.

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:: The Compact with Africa is an initiative launched under Germany's G-20 Presidency in December 2016 and aims to boost private investment and increase infrastructure development in Africa.

: IMF capacity development supports African policymakers' efforts to address reform challenges in areas such as strengthening domestic resource mobilization, implementing fair tax systems, achieving good financial governance, and fostering financial stability and inclusion.

The IMF welcomes Germany's commitment to strengthening its collaboration with the IMF on capacity development. Wolfgang Schäuble, Germany's Federal Minister of Finance and Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), today signed a Letter of Understanding whereby the German Ministry of Finance will provide €15 million in support of the IMF's capacity development activities across Africa in the context of the G-20 Compact with Africa.

The Compact with Africa is an initiative launched under Germany's G-20 Presidency in December 2016 and aims to boost private investment and increase infrastructure development in Africa...

African Development Bank Group [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[Multilateral banks to deepen collaboration with private sector to boost inclusive, sustainable infrastructure](#)

22/04/2017 - Leaders of the top multilateral development banks (MDBs) have agreed to deepen their collaboration to encourage private sector investment in vital infrastructure needed to support sustainable and inclusive economic growth throughout the world.

[The African Development Bank approves its new Results Management Framework in its bids to further boost development impact and corporate performance](#)

21/04/2017 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved the new Results Management Framework (RMF), for the period 2016-2025. The RMF is designed, not just to measure the Bank's performance, but also to improve it. The RMF is aligned with the Bank's five priority areas of development, the "High 5s": light up and power Africa, feed Africa, industrialise Africa, integrate Africa and improve the quality of life for the people of Africa.

[The African Development Bank is delivering for Africa: Adesina](#)

21/04/2017 - In an impassioned speech delivered at the Center for Global Development in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, April 19, African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina spoke about Africa's enormous potential, and the Bank's ambitious development agenda, which he said was well underway.

Asian Development Bank [to 22 April 2017]

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

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[ADB New Procurement Framework to Cut Processing Times, Boost Quality, and Enhance Delivery Systems](#)

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a new procurement framework that will cut down on procurement processing times and improve quality.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 22 April 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 22 April 2017]

https://www.ifad.org/newsroom/press_release/list/tags/y2017

21 April 2017

[IFAD to invest US\\$13.3 million to integrate smallholder goat breeders into emerging value chains in Argentina](#)

Rome –The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Government of Argentina signed a financial agreement today to transform the lives of 40,000 people who rely on goat breeding as their main source of livelihood.

During the next six years, the Goat Value Chain Development Programme (PRODECCA) will support smallholder goat breeders to increase their incomes through sustainable integration into emerging value chains, including meat, milk products and fibre, especially mohair and cashmere.

The total cost of the project is US\$25.45 million of which IFAD is providing a \$12.30 million loan and a \$1.02 million grant. Other co-financiers are: the Government of Argentina (\$7 million), the provincial governments (\$2.97 million) and the beneficiaries themselves (\$2.16 million)...

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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 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 22 April 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 22 April 2017]

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

Thursday, 20 April 2017 00:00

BDT 15 crore emergency flood relief effort launched

BRAC launches emergency relief effort worth tk 15 crore to support people affected by flash flooding in haor areas.

BRAC will support 50 thousand families over the next month to cope with the immediate impact of the floods on their crops and livelihoods.

CARE International [to 22 April 2017]

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

21st Apr 2017

Yemen: "Urgent funds needed to prevent total collapse"

CARE asks international governments to urgently scale up financial support at UN Pledging conference

Clubhouse International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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HelpAge International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles

20-04-2017 | *News release*

West Bank: ICRC Office in Hebron Attacked

Jerusalem (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) condemns an attack which has taken place in its office in the West Bank city of Hebron. At around eleven o'clock last night, unidentified gunmen fired several shots at ICRC's off

19-04-2017 | *Article*

Cameroon: Thousands of internally displaced persons received food aid in 2016

In 2016, the ICRC continued to assist the people of Cameroon with food aid, improved access to water, and health facilities.

IFRC [to 22 April 2017]

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

16 April 2017

Ecuador: One year after earthquake, Red Cross Red Crescent has supported thousands of families to rebuild their lives.

One year after the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that struck coastal Ecuador, the Ecuadorian Red Cross (ERC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) have supported thousands of families to recover and rebuild their lives.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

New Report Outlines Innovative Refugee Policy Ideas That Offer Realistic Solutions To Long Term Displacement

New York, NY, April 19, 2017 — The world's 21 million refugees spend on average 10 years away from their homes; the vast-majority (88 percent) seek refuge in developing countries. Most are still living in poverty, unable to work, struggling to afford healthcare, rent and send their children to school. Short-term humanitarian response is no longer enough. A high-level group of experts led by the Center for Global Development and the International Rescue Committee is responding to this reality with a new report that outlines new policy recommendations designed to bridge the humanitarian-development divide, so refugees can become self sufficient and contribute to their local economies...

IRCT [to 22 April 2017]

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

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President of Human Rights Foundation of Turkey receives prestigious human rights award

The IRCT congratulates Şebnem Korur Fincancı, president of IRCT member centre Human Rights Foundation of Turkey (HRFT), on receiving the 2017 Human Rights Award from Physicians for Human Rights.

Islamic Relief [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/en/actualites/presse>

No new digest content identified

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 22 April 2017]

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

Press release

Nigeria: Massive Displacement Continues in the Northeast

April 19, 2017

Cameroon forces refugees back, compounding the crisis

MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA/NEW YORK, APRIL 19, 2017—Violence and insecurity in Nigeria's Borno state continue to force wave upon wave of people to flee to remote towns, while Cameroon is forcibly returning refugees to the region, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said today.

Mercy Corps [to 22 April 2017]

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

April 19, 2017

Mercy Corps Earns Top Honors In The 2017 Harris Poll Equitrend® Brand Survey

Mercy Corps is named "Brand of the Year" and "Most Loved Brand" in the International Aid Nonprofit category of prestigious national brand study

Iraq, April 18, 2017

Mercy Corps Conducts First Cash Aid Distribution in Mosul, Iraq

Global organization's assessment surveys reveal dire needs in embattled city

Erbil, Iraq – The global organization Mercy Corps has begun providing civilians in the eastern half of Mosul with cash assistance, the first international aid organization to do so. The government of Iraq estimates that military operations in Mosul have led more than 362,000 people to flee their homes.

"As we've entered previously inaccessible areas in the city, we're learning more about the very difficult circumstances under which families are living," says Su'ad Jarbawi, Iraq Country

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Director for Mercy Corps. "Adults are telling us they try to eat less and skip meals so that their children can eat. Most families we've spoken to so far say they can't afford the basics, even food and medical care."

Operation Smile [to 22 April 2017]

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

Program Schedule

Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.

OXFAM [to 22 April 2017]

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

18 April 2017

Amidst political uncertainty, World Bank and IMF must recommit to combating climate change, inequality

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund cannot allow political and economic shocks to hijack their ambitions to combat climate change and curb inequality, warned Oxfam.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 22 April 2017]

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

Published 20 Apr 2017

"Communication is key to protection"

Ida Sem Fossvik

"The most important thing is to make sure people get information about what, when and where. That takes a way a lot of frustration", says NORCAP protection expert, Helene Ruud. She recently finished her first mission to the World Food Programme, in Haiti.

Pact [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 22 April 2017]

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

Apr 19, 2017

Stevenson's Story: Starvation in Central Haiti

In Haiti, 1 in 5 children are starving. Staff at PIH's malnutrition clinic in Boucan Carré work every day to lift children out of starvation and land them on the path to a healthy future. This is one morning's work. Read More ☐

PATH [to 22 April 2017]

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

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Plan International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 22 April 2017]

[http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9506653/k.C303/Press Releases 2017/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9506653/k.C303/Press_Releases_2017/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp)

Selected Press Releases

[Drought-hit Somalia One Step Closer to Famine](#)

April 20, 2017

[Conditions in South Sudan's Unity State Expected to Deteriorate with Coming Rainy Season](#)

April 19, 2017

[Save the Children Brings 300 Refugees and Migrants to Safety as Search and Rescue Capacity in the Mediterranean Pushed to Breaking Point](#)

April 19, 2017

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 22 April 2017]

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

20.04.2017

[Enhancing youth employability in Latin America](#) [Costa Rica]

Two new initiatives have been launched to help foster youth employability in Latin America. SOS Children's Villages is teaming up with partners to provide a range of opportunities for young people to build their skills and prepare for the job market.

Tostan [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Freedom House [to 22 April 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

[Freedom House Announces Winners of Six Human Rights Awards](#)

April 20, 2017

Freedom House is proud to announce Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, as the recipient of the organization's Freedom Award in recognition of his work on behalf Venezuelan political prisoners.

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Transparency International [to 22 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

18 Apr 2017

Transparency International condemns threats of violence and intimidation against its Tunisia partner

Transparency International, the global anti-corruption movement, condemns the threats made against its partner in Tunisia and calls on the authorities investigate the smear campaign against IWatch Tunisia.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 22 April 2017]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Apr 18, 2017

EU Action for Sustainability: 10 recommendations from CONCORD

by Claudia Engstrom

EU Member States and the European Parliament are preparing their respective responses to the Commission's Communication 'Next steps for a sustainable European future'. To make the best use of these timely opportunities, CONCORD has set out 10 recommendations for each of these actors, so they can rectify the lack of ambition the EU has displayed thus far in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 22 April 2017]

<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
No new digest content identified.*

The Elders [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 22 April 2017]

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

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Evidence Aid [to 22 April 2017]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 22 April 2017]

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

Global Fund Names Rutger de Witt Wijnen Interim General Counsel

21 April 2017

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria today announced that with effect from 1 June 2017, Rutger de Witt Wijnen will become Interim General Counsel at the Global Fund.

De Witt Wijnen, currently General Counsel at Green Climate Fund, has more than 30 years of experience as an attorney and has held varied private and public legal responsibilities in Europe, North America and Asia. He takes over the position of Gülen Newton, who left earlier this year.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 22 April 2017]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

Selected News Releases, Content

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Hilton Prize Coalition and Atlas Corps Gather Emerging Leaders for First Global Changemakers Event

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 22 April 2017]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

April, 2017

Topic Five - Private Funding: Briefing Paper

InterAction [to 22 April 2017]

<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."

Website not responding at inquiry

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Start Network [to 22 April 2017]

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

21 Apr 17

First Start Network national fund is 'exciting moment' for humanitarian system

Start Fund Bangladesh ready to respond to an in-country crisis

by David Wastell

Start Network's new Bangladesh national fund is ready for its first crisis alert in a significant development for the humanitarian system.

The £10 million Start Fund Bangladesh, designed to enable aid agencies to respond early and fast to under-the-radar emergencies within the country, is funded by the UK government.

From this month (April) it can activate funding within 72 hours of receiving a crisis alert, and will be accessible to national and international Start Network member NGOs operating within Bangladesh...

Muslim Charities Forum [to 22 April 2017]

<https://www.muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk/media/news>

An umbrella organisation for Muslim-led international NGOs based in the UK. It was set up in 2007 and works to support its members through advocacy, training and research, by bringing charities together. Our members have a collective income of £150,000,000 and work in 71 countries.

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 22 April 2017]

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

20/04/2017

The CHS Self-Assessment e-learning course is now online!

The CHS Self-Assessment e-learning course has been developed by the CHS Alliance in partnership with IECAH, to provide a training opportunity for CHS Alliance members and other organisations planning to undertake the Self-Assessment against the Core Humanitarian Standard.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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The Sphere Project [to 22 April 2017]

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

22 April 2017 *Sphere Project*

Sphere Handbook revision: Ready for your input!

The revision of the Sphere Handbook has reached its first milestone as the public consultation phase begins today. The first draft of the Sphere revised standards is now available for review and feedback. Humanitarian practitioners around the globe are encouraged to share their comments and input now!

The first draft of the next Sphere standards is now available for review and can be downloaded from the Sphere website.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 22 April 2017]

<https://phap.org/>

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The impact of counterterrorism laws on humanitarian action – join session on empirical study by HLS PILAC

The consequences of counterterrorism laws and policies on humanitarian action have been widely debated and discussed. Indeed, in recent years, members of the humanitarian community have become increasingly aware of the real, perceived, and potential impact of such measures on the delivery of...

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Center for Global Development

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

Accessed 22 April 2017

4/19/17

Payouts for Perils: How Insurance Can Radically Improve Emergency Aid

4/19/17

The Payout for Perils Working Group and Theodore Talbot

Millions of people face hazards like cyclones and drought every day. International aid to deal with disasters after they strike is generous, but it is unpredictable and fragmented, and it often fails to arrive when it would do the most good. We must stop treating disasters like surprises. Matching finance to planning today will save lives, money, and time tomorrow.

Payouts for Perils: How Insurance Can Radically Improve Emergency Aid (Brief)

4/19/17

The Payout for Perils Working Group

Unpredictable funding undermines effective response to natural disasters. Two key innovations pre-agree funding for future disaster risks to save lives, money, and time: pivot existing funding to enable governments and agencies to pre-enroll for quick-fire support against predictable future costs

Refugee Compacts: Addressing the Crisis of Protracted Displacement (Brief)

4/18/17

Forced Displacement and Development Study Group

Today's refugee crisis poses serious challenges to the international order. Conflict and crisis have pushed some 21 million people to seek refuge outside their home countries, including 5

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million who have fled Syria since the civil war began in 2011. We offer three key principles and 10 recommendations for policymakers to build effective compacts for refugee-hosting nations.

Refugee Compacts: Addressing the Crisis of Protracted Displacement

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Forced Displacement and Development Study Group

Today, an unprecedented 65 million people—including 21 million refugees—are displaced from their homes. Still, as this report points out, the challenge is manageable—if the international community is able to get its response right. This report offers key principles for closing the humanitarian-development divide and practical guidance for designing effective compacts. We encourage policymakers and implementers alike to carefully consider these recommendations to ensure that humanitarian and development dollars have a real impact on the lives of refugees and host communities.

ODI [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 22 April 2017]

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

News 21 Apr 2017

Global CEOs Call for Greater Disclosure of Climate Risks

:: Heads of major global businesses urge G20 nations to formally accept and act on the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure, chaired by Michael Bloomberg

:: The business leaders, convened by the World Economic Forum, argue that companies should disclose the material financial risks they face from climate change in an open message to the G20

:: They say this is critical in delivering the Paris Agreement and the stability of financial markets

:: The statement with signatories is available here and <http://wef.ch/environment>

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

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Aga Khan Health Services and French agencies partner to improve Palliative Care in Kenya and Tanzania

Paris, France - The Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS), an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) and Expertise France today signed an agreement to enhance the quality of palliative care services in the Aga Khan Hospitals in both Kenya and Tanzania...

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

Posted April 21, 2017

Collaborative Awards More Than \$3 Million in Grants to Baltimore City Summer Programs

The Baltimore Summer Funding Collaborative recently announced more than \$3 million in grants to 92 nonprofits in support of summer activities in Baltimore City.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 22 April 2017]

<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.

Clinton Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

Press Release

April 21, 2017

Clinton Foundation's Climate Initiative and Thai Union Partner to Generate Clean Energy

Representatives officially break ground on wastewater and biogas project at Seychelles tuna processing facility, the country's largest electricity user, to generate clean electricity and cleaner wastewater.

Ford Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 22 April 2017]

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>
04/18/2017

[Grameen Foundation India appoints Prabhat Labh as CEO](#)

NEW DELHI - Grameen Foundation India, an innovator in the use of digital technology to advance financial inclusion, has named Prabhat Labh as its new CEO.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>
No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

IKEA Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>
April 22, 2017

[What Design Can Do Teams Up with IKEA Foundation and Autodesk Foundation for Global Climate Action Challenge](#)

On Earth Day, Amsterdam-based design platform What Design Can Do, along with the IKEA Foundation and the Autodesk Foundation, is announcing a new global design competition to help families cope with the effects of climate change.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 22 April 2017]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

<http://www.wkcf.org/news-and-media#pp=10&p=1&f1=news>
No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

<https://www.moore.org/news>
April 21, 2017

[Partnering for sustainable protected areas in the Andes-Amazon region](#)

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Within the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Environmental Conservation Program, its Andes-Amazon Initiative collaborates with a host of public and private entities who share a common interest in long-term, sustainable conservation in Latin America, across the Amazon biome.

One key approach to securing built-to-last conservation management and financing for national protected areas is known as "project finance for permanence." PFPs can leverage international funding to be matched with funding from in-country sources. In this way, they effectively establish sustainable finance and management mechanisms for large-scale conservation. These arrangements bring together multiple stakeholders—private donors, multi- and bi-laterals, NGOs and governments—around a shared objective and fundraising targets...

April 20, 2017

Indigenous communities use technology to defend the rainforest

Two indigenous communities in Peru have been able to sharply curb deforestation. Through the Andes-Amazon Initiative, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has been supporting the Rainforest Foundation US' work in the Upper Purus region of Peru to defend its protected areas and indigenous lands. "Community monitors" in the region are working closely with government agencies, including The Peruvian National Parks Service (SERNANP), to locate illegal coca fields, measure illegal deforestation and document their findings with the use of technology – smartphone mapping systems and drones.

Even as they face pressure and violence from issues such as illegal coca growing, drug trafficking and logging, communities are continuing to fight for the long-term health of their lands and resources...

April 18, 2017

New institute to focus on supporting family caregivers

Family caregivers and health practitioners nationwide will benefit from a new, first-of-its-kind academic institute dedicated to supporting those caring for family members and loved ones at home. The Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at the University of California, Davis is creating the Family Caregiving Institute, where nurse leaders will develop systems and tools that train and support family caregivers in their role as caregivers, including how best to manage and deliver complex nursing tasks...

Open Society Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

Voices

In the Information Battle with Post-Soviet States, the West Is Losing Ground

April 17, 2017 Adam Hug

A new report examines how propaganda and disinformation are being disseminated across Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, and elsewhere, including across Europe and America—and what can be done about it.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

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Pew Charitable Trusts [to 22 April 2017]

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

April 21, 2017 *Press Release*

Pew Applauds Utah for Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Reform

Utah Governor Gary Herbert (R) today announced the enactment of comprehensive juvenile justice legislation that will promote public safety, hold youth offenders accountable, control costs, reduce recidivism, and improve outcomes for youth, families, and communities.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 22 April 2017]

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

April 20, 2017

Deep Inequities Exist in States' Preparedness for Public Health Emergencies, 2017 Index Shows

RWJF released results of the 2017 National Health Security Preparedness Index, which found that the United States scored a 6.8 on a 10-point scale for preparedness—a 1.5 percent improvement over the last year.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 22 April 2017]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

SDG Philanthropy Platform

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

<https://sloan.org/about/press>

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Wellcome Trust [to 22 April 2017]

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>

News / Published: 20 April 2017 *Infectious disease and the immune system*

New types of blood cells discovered

Scientists have identified new classes of cells in the human immune system.

The cells are new classes of types of white blood cells called dendritic cells and monocytes. Researchers have identified two new dendritic cell subtypes and two monocyte subtypes. They have also discovered a new dendritic cell progenitor.

Wellcome-funded researchers used a technique called single-cell genomics to analyse gene expression patterns in individual human blood cells. Previously, different types of immune cells were investigated and defined by the set of marker proteins that they express on their surface. This new technique is much more powerful and can reveal previously unrecognised and rare cell types that would be otherwise difficult to find.

Dendritic cells display molecules called antigens on their surfaces. These molecules are recognised by T cells which then mount an immune response. Monocytes are the largest type of white blood cell and can develop into macrophages that digest debris in our cells.

Divya Shah, from Wellcome's Infection and Immunobiology team, says: "Two important white blood cell types in our bodies help defend us from infection – dendritic cells and monocytes. In this study, scientists have used cutting-edge technologies to find that there are many more types of cell than we originally thought. The next step is to find out what each of these cell types do in our immune system, both when we're healthy and during disease."...

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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

April 01, 2017 Volume 45, Issue 4, p341-46

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

April 2017 Volume 52, Issue 4, p417-556, e95-e122

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

Volume 107, Issue 4 (April 2017)

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

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[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 96, Issue 4, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

Methodology

[Defining a staged-based process for economic and financial evaluations of mHealth programs](#)

Mobile and wireless technology for health (mHealth) has the potential to improve health outcomes by addressing critical health systems constraints that impede coverage, utilization, and effectiveness of health...

Amnesty E. LeFevre, Samuel D. Shillcutt, Sean Broomhead, Alain B. Labrique and Tom Jones

Published on: 17 April 2017

BMJ Global Health

January 2017; volume 2, issue 1

<http://gh.bmj.com/content/2/1?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

Study protocol

[Protocole of a controlled before-after evaluation of a national health information technology-based program to improve healthcare coordination and access to information](#)

Improvement of coordination of all health and social care actors in the patient pathways is an important issue in many countries. Health Information (HI) technology has been considered as a potentially effecti...

Florence Saillour-Glénisson, Sylvie Duhamel, Emmanuelle Fourneyron, Laetitia Huiart, Jean Philippe Joseph, Emmanuel Langlois, Stephane Pincemail, Viviane Ramel, Thomas Renaud, Tamara Roberts, Matthieu Sibé, Frantz Thiessard, Jerome Wittwer and Louis Rachid Salmi
BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:297

Published on: 21 April 2017

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

Research article

[Household food insecurity is associated with abdominal but not general obesity among Iranian children](#)

Childhood obesity is increasing all over the world. Food insecurity is mentioned as a possible risk factor; however, previous studies have led to inconsistent results in different societies while data are lack...

Fateme Jafari, Simin Ehsani, Azadeh Nadjarzadeh, Ahmad Esmailzadeh, Mahmood Noori-Shadkam and Amin Salehi-Abargouei

BMC Public Health 2017 17:350

Published on: 21 April 2017

Research article

[Strategies to improve engagement of 'hard to reach' older people in research on health promotion: a systematic review](#)

This systematic review aimed to identify facilitators, barriers and strategies for engaging 'hard to reach' older people in research on health promotion; the oldest old (≥ 80 years), older people from black and...

Ann E. M. Liljas, Kate Walters, Ana Jovicic, Steve Iliffe, Jill Manthorpe, Claire Goodman and Kalpa Kharicha

BMC Public Health 2017 17:349

Published on: 21 April 2017

Research article

[Strengthening the role of Community Health Representatives in the Navajo Nation](#)

Strengthening Community Health Worker systems has been recognized to improve access to chronic disease prevention and management efforts in low-resource communities. The Community Outreach and Patient Empowerm...

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Caroline King, Alex Goldman, Vikas Gampa, Casey Smith, Olivia Musckett, Christian Brown, Jamy Malone, Hannah Sehn, Cameron Curley, Mae-Gilene Begay, Adrianne Katrina Nelson and Sonya Sunhi Shin

BMC Public Health 2017 17:348

Published on: 21 April 2017

Research article

[Child sex tourism – prevalence of and risk factors for its use in a German community sample](#)

To investigate the prevalence of child sex tourism (CST) in a large German community sample, and to compare those who made use of CST with other child sexual abusers regarding established characteristics and r...

Thula Koops, Daniel Turner, Janina Neutze and Peer Briken

BMC Public Health 2017 17:344

Published on: 20 April 2017

Research article

[Inside the nation's largest mental health institution: a prevalence study in a state prison system](#)

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world which has created a public health crisis. Correctional facilities have become a front line for mental health care. Public health research in th...

Tala Al-Rousan, Linda Rubenstein, Bruce Sieleni, Harbans Deol and Robert B. Wallace

BMC Public Health 2017 17:342

Published on: 20 April 2017

Research article

[Progress in vaccination towards hepatitis B control and elimination in the Region of the Americas](#)

Alba Maria Roperó Álvarez, Silvia Pérez-Vilar, Carmelita Pacis-Tirso, Marcela Contreras, Nathalie El Omeiri, Cuauhtémoc Ruiz-Matus and Martha Velandia-González

BMC Public Health 2017 17:325

Published on: 17 April 2017

Abstract

Background

Over recent decades, the Region of the Americas has made significant progress towards hepatitis B elimination. We summarize the countries/territories' efforts in introducing and implementing hepatitis B (HB) vaccination and in evaluating its impact on HB virus seroprevalence.

Methods

We collected information about HB vaccination schedules, coverage estimates, and year of vaccine introduction from countries/territories reporting to the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) through the WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form on Immunization. We obtained additional information regarding countries/territories vaccination recommendations and strategies through communications with Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) managers and national immunization survey reports. We identified vaccine impact studies conducted and published in the Americas.

Results

As of October 2016, all 51 countries/territories have included infant HB vaccination in their official immunization schedule. Twenty countries, whose populations represent over 90% of the

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Region's births, have included nationwide newborn HB vaccination. We estimated at 89% and 75%, the regional three-dose series and the birth dose HB vaccination coverage, respectively, for 2015. The impact evaluations of infant HB immunization programs in the Region have shown substantial reductions in HB surface antigen (HBsAg) seroprevalence.

Conclusion

The achievements of vaccination programs in the Americas suggest that the elimination of perinatal and early childhood HB transmission could be feasible in the short-term. Moreover, the data gathered indicate that the Region may have already achieved the 2020 WHO goal for HB control.

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 22 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

April 2017 - Volume 7 - 4

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

Smoking and tobacco

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 95, Number 4, April 2017, 241-312

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/4/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

May 2017 Volume 43, Issue 3 Pages 323–461

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v43.3/issuetoc>

Review Articles

[Ask Me! self-reported features of adolescents experiencing neglect or emotional maltreatment: a rapid systematic review \(pages 348–360\)](#)

A. M. Naughton, L. E. Cowley, V. Tempest, S. A. Maguire, M. K. Mann and A. M. Kemp

Version of Record online: 26 FEB 2017 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12440

Abstract

Background

Neglect is often overlooked in adolescence, due in part to assumptions about autonomy and misinterpretation of behaviors being part of normal adolescent development. Emotional maltreatment (abuse or neglect) has a damaging effect throughout the lifespan, but is rarely recognized amongst adolescents. Our review aims to identify features that adolescents experiencing neglect and/ or emotional maltreatment report.

Method

A rapid review methodology searched 8 databases (1990-2014), supplemented by hand searching journals, and references, identifying 2,568 abstracts. Two independent reviews were undertaken of 279 articles, by trained reviewers, using standardised critical appraisal. Eligible

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studies: primary studies of children aged 13-17 years, with substantiated neglect and/ or emotional maltreatment, containing self-reported features.

Results

19 publications from 13 studies were included, demonstrating associations between both neglect and emotional maltreatment with internalising features (9 studies) including depression, post traumatic symptomatology and anxiety; emotional maltreatment was associated with suicidal ideation, while neglect was not (1 study); neglect was associated with alcohol related problems (3 studies), substance misuse (2 studies), delinquency for boys (1 study), teenage pregnancy (1 study), and general victimization for girls (1 study), while emotionally maltreated girls reported more externalising symptoms (1 study). Dating violence victimization was associated with neglect and emotional maltreatment (2 studies), while emotional abuse of boys, but not neglect, was associated with dating violence perpetration (1 study), and neither neglect nor emotional maltreatment had an association with low self-esteem (2 studies). Neither neglect nor emotional maltreatment had an effect on school performance (1 study), but neglected boys showed greater school engagement than neglected girls (1 study).

Conclusions

If asked, neglected or emotionally maltreated adolescents describe significant difficulties with their mental health, social relationships, and alcohol or substance misuse. Practitioners working with youths who exhibit these features should recognize the detrimental impact of maltreatment at this developmental stage, and identify whether maltreatment is a contributory factor that should be addressed.

Original Articles

[Early childhood development: impact of national human development, family poverty, parenting practices and access to early childhood education \(pages 415–426\)](#)

T. D. Tran, S. Luchters and J. Fisher

Version of Record online: 17 AUG 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/cch.12395

Abstract

Background

This study was to describe and quantify the relationships among family poverty, parents' caregiving practices, access to education and the development of children living in low- and middle-income countries (LAMIC).

Methods

We conducted a secondary analysis of data collected in UNICEF's Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS). Early childhood development was assessed in four domains: language-cognitive, physical, socio-emotional and approaches to learning. Countries were classified into three groups on the basis of the Human Development Index (HDI).

Results

Overall, data from 97 731 children aged 36 to 59 months from 35 LAMIC were included in the after analyses. The mean child development scale score was 4.93 out of a maximum score of 10 (95%CI 4.90 to 4.97) in low-HDI countries and 7.08 (95%CI 7.05 to 7.12) in high-HDI countries. Family poverty was associated with lower child development scores in all countries. The total indirect effect of family poverty on child development score via attending early childhood education, care for the child at home and use of harsh punishments at home was –0.13 SD (77.8% of the total effect) in low-HDI countries, –0.09 SD (23.8% of the total effect) in medium-HDI countries and –0.02 SD (6.9% of the total effect) in high-HDI countries.

Conclusions

Children in the most disadvantaged position in their societies and children living in low-HDI countries are at the greatest risk of failing to reach their developmental potential. Optimizing

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care for child development at home is essential to reduce the adverse effects of poverty on children's early development and subsequent life.

Clinical Therapeutics

March 2017 Volume 39, Issue 3, p451-664

[http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918\(17\)X0003-9](http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918(17)X0003-9)

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Complexity

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Research

[A crisis of protection and safe passage: violence experienced by migrants/refugees travelling along the Western Balkan corridor to Northern Europe](#)

Jovana Arsenijević, Erin Schillberg, Aurelie Ponthieu, Lucio Malvisi, Waeil A. Elrahman Ahmed, Stefano Argenziano, Federica Zamatto, Simon Burroughs, Natalie Severy, Christophe Hebling, Brice de Vingne, Anthony D. Harries and Rony Zachariah

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Abstract

Background

Pushed by ongoing conflicts and pulled by the desire for a better life, over one million migrants/refugees transited Balkan countries and arrived in Europe during 2015 and early 2016. To curb this influx, European countries instituted restrictive migration policies often characterized by building of razor-wire border fences and border closures. Among migrants/refugees who received mental health care in Serbia while travelling through Balkan countries to Northern Europe, we assessed the prevalence and patterns of violent events experienced including physical trauma.

Methods

A mixed methods study among migrants/refugees attending mobile mental health clinics run by Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) between July 2015 and June 2016, in Serbia – a main transit hub to European countries. Clinics were conducted according to MSF guidelines by experienced psychologists who were supported by cultural mediators. The main outcome measures were violent events and associated physical trauma.

Results

Of 992 migrants/refugees attending MSF mental health clinics, the majority (72%) were from Syria and Afghanistan and included vulnerable groups (14%) such as unaccompanied minors and pregnant women. The most frequent mental health symptoms/signs were anxiety (29%) and adjustment reactions (26%). Of the 992 migrants/refugees, 270 (27%) had experienced violent events during their journey. Signs of physical trauma due to acts of violence were seen in 223(22%) of the 992 individuals, 144 (65%) being perpetrated by State authorities and involving women (11%) and children (13%).

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Border closures along the Balkan route were associated with a dramatic decrease in registered migrants/refugee arrivals in Serbia. Conversely, among those that made it across the borders, an increasing linear trend in reported violent events was observed at MSF mental health clinics (X^2 for linear trend, $P < 0.001$). Qualitative evidence corroborated with quantitative findings.

Conclusions

Nearly one-in-three migrants/refugees seen in MSF clinics experienced violent events including physical trauma along their journey. State authorities, including those in European countries were the perpetrators in over half of such events which were associated with border closures. There is “a crisis of protection and safe passage” which needs to change towards one of respect for the principles of international human rights and refugee law.

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Review

[Operations research in global health: a scoping review with a focus on the themes of health equity and impact](#)

Beverly D. Bradley, Tiffany Jung, Ananya Tandon-Verma, Bassem Khoury, Timothy C. Y. Chan and Yu-Ling Cheng

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Abstract

Background

Operations research (OR) is a discipline that uses advanced analytical methods (e.g. simulation, optimisation, decision analysis) to better understand complex systems and aid in decision-making.

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Summary

Herein, we present a scoping review of the use of OR to analyse issues in global health, with an emphasis on health equity and research impact. A systematic search of five databases was designed to identify relevant published literature. A global overview of 1099 studies highlights the geographic distribution of OR and common OR methods used. From this collection of literature, a narrative description of the use of OR across four main application areas of global health – health systems and operations, clinical medicine, public health and health innovation – is also presented. The theme of health equity is then explored in detail through a subset of 44 studies. Health equity is a critical element of global health that cuts across all four application areas, and is an issue particularly amenable to analysis through OR. Finally, we present seven select cases of OR analyses that have been implemented or have influenced decision-making in global health policy or practice. Based on these cases, we identify three key drivers for success in bridging the gap between OR and global health policy, namely international collaboration with stakeholders, use of contextually appropriate data, and varied communication outlets for research findings. Such cases, however, represent a very small proportion of the literature found.

Conclusion

Poor availability of representative and quality data, and a lack of collaboration between those who develop OR models and stakeholders in the contexts where OR analyses are intended to serve, were found to be common challenges for effective OR modelling in global health.

Opinion

Understanding relevance of health research: considerations in the context of research impact assessment

Mark J. Dobrow, Fiona A. Miller, Cy Frank and Adalsteinn D. Brown

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Abstract

Background

With massive investment in health-related research, above and beyond investments in the management and delivery of healthcare and public health services, there has been increasing focus on the impact of health research to explore and explain the consequences of these investments and inform strategic planning. Relevance is reflected by increased attention to the usability and impact of health research, with research funders increasingly engaging in relevance assessment as an input to decision processes. Yet, it is unclear whether relevance is a synonym for or predictor of impact, a necessary condition or stage in achieving it, or a distinct aim of the research enterprise. The main aim of this paper is to improve our understanding of research relevance, with specific objectives to (1) unpack research relevance from both theoretical and practical perspectives, and (2) outline key considerations for its assessment.

Approach

Our approach involved the scholarly strategy of review and reflection. We prepared a draft paper based on an exploratory review of literature from various fields, and gained from detailed and insightful analysis and critique at a roundtable discussion with a group of key health research stakeholders. We also solicited review and feedback from a small sample of expert reviewers.

Conclusions

Research relevance seems increasingly important in justifying research investments and guiding strategic research planning. However, consideration of relevance has been largely tacit in the health research community, often depending on unexplained interpretations of value, fit and potential for impact. While research relevance seems a necessary condition for impact – a process or component of efforts to make rigorous research usable – ultimately, relevance

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stands apart from research impact. Careful and explicit consideration of research relevance is vital to gauge the overall value and impact of a wide range of individual and collective research efforts and investments. To improve understanding, this paper outlines four key considerations, including how research relevance assessments (1) orientate to, capture and compare research versus non-research sources, (2) consider both instrumental versus non-instrumental uses of research, (3) accommodate dynamic temporal-shifting perspectives on research, and (4) align with an intersubjective understanding of relevance.

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Volume 39, Number 1, February 2017

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Volume 20, Pages 1-162 (December 2016)

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Volume 23, Issue 6, 2017

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Article

Contested heritages and cultural tourism

Brendan Murtagh, Philip Boland & Peter Shirlow

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Article

Destruction, mitigation, and reconciliation of cultural heritage

Harold Kalman

Pages: 538-555

Published online: 01 Mar 2017

Abstract

Attacks on built cultural heritage often occur during times of armed conflict. Many such acts are not collateral damage, but rather are deliberate and ideologically driven assaults intended to eradicate the adversary's identity and collective memory. They represent 'urbicide' and 'identicide'. The victims typically attempt to mitigate the loss, frequently by reconstructing the lost historic place and thereby restoring tangible evidence of their identity. Reconstruction, however, is itself an ideological act and a destructive activity, since it erases memories of the violence and removes physical evidence. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation has commemorated several cultural heritage sites that have been destroyed and subsequently reconstructed, by inscribing them on the World Heritage List. Although this ensures the perpetuation of their memory, it may distort the original purpose of the list as a celebration of 'outstanding universal value'. Beyond commemoration, a desired outcome is reconciliation. True reconciliation requires the release of anger and pain, so that memories of the violence may be retained without a desire for retribution. This article looks at a selection of acts intended at destroying cultural heritage, including some that did not occur during war, and examines means and motives for achieving mitigation and reconciliation.

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Article

Rethinking architectural heritage conservation in post-disaster context

Cut Dewi

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Abstract

This paper aims to contribute to the understanding of architectural heritage and its conservation in a post-disaster context by taking into account the interrelationship of form and function. To do this I borrow from the work of Laurajane Smith who argues that heritage is a cultural process linked to activities of remembering and identity formation. This definition requires us to move beyond the idea that heritage is merely tangible and asks us to acknowledge the importance of uses of material culture. Thus, I argue that the relationship between form and function should be central in understanding architectural heritage. The paper examines these issues with particular reference to examples from Banda Aceh post the 2004 Tsunami Disaster and, to do this, borrows some methods from architectural anthropology. The paper argues that the traditional architectural conservation practices, including adaptive reuse, that stress the importance of building forms should be expanded. Thus, the paper offers the idea of adaptive re-form or redesign where function is privileged to the extent that material form may be altered to accommodate the resurrection of traditional uses. This is practically important in post-disaster contexts and Southeast Asian cultural contexts, where materiality is viewed as impermanent

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Perspective

The 17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases workshop on developing infection prevention and control resources for low- and middle-income countries

Sangeeta Sastry, Nadia Masroor, Gonzalo Bearman, Rana Hajjeh, Alison Holmes, Ziad Memish, Britta Lassmann, Didier Pittet, Fiona Macnab, Rachel Kamau, Evelyn Wesangula, Paras Pokharel, Paul Brown, Frances Daily, Fatma Amer, Jaime Torres, Miguel O’Ryan, Revathi Gunturu, Andre Bulabula, Shaheen Mehtar

p138–143

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Summary

Hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) are a major concern to healthcare systems around the world. They are associated with significant morbidity and mortality, in addition to increased hospitalization costs. Recent outbreaks, including those caused by the Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus and Ebola virus, have highlighted the importance of infection control. Moreover, HAIs, especially those caused by multidrug-resistant Gram-negative rods, have become a top global priority. Although adequate approaches and guidelines have been in existence for many years and have often proven effective in some countries, the

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implementation of such approaches in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) is often restricted due to limited resources and underdeveloped infrastructure. While evidence-based infection prevention and control (IPC) principles and practices are universal, studies are needed to evaluate simplified approaches that can be better adapted to LMIC needs, in order to guide IPC in practice. A group of experts from around the world attended a workshop held at the 17th International Congress on Infectious Diseases in Hyderabad, India in March 2016, to discuss the existing IPC practices in LMICs, and how best these can be improved within the local context.

International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology

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Spring 2017 Volume 51, Issue 1 Pages 1–287, e1–e16

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

March 2017 - Volume 15 - Issue 1

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April 18, 2017, Vol 317, No. 15, Pages 1493-1592

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Viewpoint

Revamping the US Federal Common Rule Modernizing Human Participant Research Regulations

James G. Hodge Jr, JD, LL.M.; Lawrence O. Gostin, JD

JAMA. 2017;317(15):1521-1522. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.1633

In this Viewpoint, Hodge and Gostin summarize the most important 2017 updates to the US Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects.

JAMA Pediatrics

April 1, 2017, Vol 171, No. 4, Pages 313-404

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Predicting risk and outcomes for frail older adults: an umbrella review of frailty screening tools

Apóstolo, João; Cooke, Richard; Bobrowicz-Campos, Elzbieta; More

JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports . 15(4):1154-1208, April 2017.

Conclusion: Only a few frailty measures seem to be demonstrably valid, reliable and diagnostically accurate, and have good predictive ability. Among them, the Frailty Index and gait speed emerged as the most useful in routine care and community settings. However, none of the included systematic reviews provided responses that met all of our research questions on their own and there is a need for studies that could fill this gap, covering all these issues within the same study. Nevertheless, it was clear that no suitable tool for assessing frailty appropriately in emergency departments was identified.

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Volume 42, Issue 2, April 2017

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Volume 19, Issue 2, April 2017

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Volume 215, Issue 5 1 March 2017

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Volumes 49–51, Pages 1-88 (March 2017)

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Special Issue: Competitive Manufacturing in a High-Cost Environment

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Volume 4, Issue 1 (2017)

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Apr 22, 2017 Volume 389 Number 10079 p1581-1668

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[Achieving progress on ending the death penalty](#)

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Apr 2017 Volume 5 Number 4 e370-e466

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Apr 2017 Volume 2 Number 4 e157-e201

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Apr 2017 Volume 5 Number 4 p235-360

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Articles

[Virus genomes reveal factors that spread and sustained the Ebola epidemic](#)

Gytis Dudas, mLuiz Max Carvalho, rewor Bedford, Andrew J. Tatem, Guy Baele+ [et al.](#)

Frequent dispersal and short-lived local transmission clusters fuelled the 2013–2016 Ebola virus epidemic in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Abstract

The 2013–2016 West African epidemic caused by the Ebola virus was of unprecedented magnitude, duration and impact. Here we reconstruct the dispersal, proliferation and decline of Ebola virus throughout the region by analysing 1,610 Ebola virus genomes, which represent over 5% of the known cases. We test the association of geography, climate and demography with viral movement among administrative regions, inferring a classic 'gravity' model, with intense dispersal between larger and closer populations. Despite attenuation of international dispersal after border closures, cross-border transmission had already sown the seeds for an international epidemic, rendering these measures ineffective at curbing the epidemic. We address why the epidemic did not spread into neighbouring countries, showing that these countries were susceptible to substantial outbreaks but at lower risk of introductions. Finally, we reveal that this large epidemic was a heterogeneous and spatially dissociated collection of transmission clusters of varying size, duration and connectivity. These insights will help to inform interventions in future epidemics.

New England Journal of Medicine

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[PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases: Ten years of progress in neglected tropical disease control and elimination ... More or less](#)

Peter Hotez, Serap Aksoy

Editorial | published 20 Apr 2017 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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Abstract

This year PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases (PLOS NTDs) celebrates its tenth anniversary following the publication of the first issue in 2007 [1]. When PLOS NTDs was founded, the framework of the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) as an alternative to “other diseases” (as they were then referred to in the Millennium Development Goals) was just getting started—especially for Africa [2, 3]. In the decade since, PLOS NTDs has overseen enormous successes in NTD control and elimination. Here, we want to briefly review the ten year progress made towards the control or elimination of the diseases now identified by the WHO as NTDs. Many of the details are highlighted in PLOS NTDs papers cited here, but the summary information is based on the recently released Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study 2015 (also launched with Gates Foundation support) that summarized past-decade changes in disease prevalence, mortality, or disability rates (from the years 2005 to 2015) [4–6], as well as the GBD Study

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2013 that summarizes disease prevalence changes over a longer time horizon from 1990 to 2013 [7].

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Research Article

The coexistence of traditional medicine and biomedicine: A study with local health experts in two Brazilian regions

Sofia Zank, Natalia Hanazaki

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Abstract

This study investigated the combined use of traditional medicine and biomedicine by local experts in Chapada do Araripe communities (Ceará State) and maroon communities (Santa Catarina State), Brazil. The objective was to understand the perception of local health specialists regarding the number of healers, demand for healers and use of medicinal plants, and the dependence of different environments to obtain such plants. We also aimed to understand the role of medicinal plants to treat different categories of diseases and if there is a complementary use of medicinal plants and allopathic biomedicine, according to the context of each group. The research was conducted with local health specialists that answered structured interviews, created free lists and participated in guided tours to collect cited plants. Sixty-six local health specialists were identified in the Araripe communities and 22 specialists in the maroon communities. In the maroon communities, a greater number of specialists thought there was a decrease in the number and demand for healers, as well as the use of medicinal plants, due to changes in traditional livelihoods, since they are located in a region where the effects of the modernization were more intense. In the Chapada do Araripe communities the specialists knew more plants extracted from native vegetation, whereas in the maroon communities cultivated plants were better known, which may reflect the environmental conditions and the history of each region. Medicinal plants are preferred to treat simpler health problems that do not require medical care, such as gastrointestinal problems, general pain, flues and colds. The biomedicine is used principally for problems with blood pressure, general pains and endocrine and nutritional diseases. Even with the particularities of each region, in general the use of medicinal plants and biomedicines occurred in a complementary form in both regions; however, this coexistence may result from these different contexts. This study also found that there was knowledge and appreciation for traditional health practices in both regions.

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Perspective:

[Adapt to more wildfire in western North American forests as climate changes](#)

Tania Schoennagel, Jennifer K. Balch, Hannah Brenkert-Smith, Philip E. Dennison, Brian J. Harvey, Meg A. Krawchuk, Nathan Mietkiewicz, Penelope Morgan, Max A. Moritz, Ray Rasker, Monica G. Turner, and Cathy Whitlock

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Abstract

Wildfires across western North America have increased in number and size over the past three decades, and this trend will continue in response to further warming. As a consequence, the wildland–urban interface is projected to experience substantially higher risk of climate-driven fires in the coming decades. Although many plants, animals, and ecosystem services benefit from fire, it is unknown how ecosystems will respond to increased burning and warming. Policy and management have focused primarily on specified resilience approaches aimed at resistance to wildfire and restoration of areas burned by wildfire through fire suppression and fuels management. These strategies are inadequate to address a new era of western wildfires. In contrast, policies that promote adaptive resilience to wildfire, by which people and ecosystems adjust and reorganize in response to changing fire regimes to reduce future vulnerability, are needed. Key aspects of an adaptive resilience approach are (i) recognizing that fuels reduction cannot alter regional wildfire trends; (ii) targeting fuels reduction to increase adaptation by some ecosystems and residential communities to more frequent fire; (iii) actively managing more wild and prescribed fires with a range of severities; and (iv) incentivizing and planning residential development to withstand inevitable wildfire. These strategies represent a shift in policy and management from restoring ecosystems based on historical baselines to adapting to changing fire regimes and from unsustainable defense of the wildland–urban interface to developing fire-adapted communities. We propose an approach that accepts wildfire as an inevitable catalyst of change and that promotes adaptive responses by ecosystems and residential communities to more warming and wildfire.

Social Sciences - Psychological and Cognitive Sciences:

[Economic inequality increases risk taking](#)

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Significance

Income inequality is rising around the world. Increased income inequality has been linked with higher rates of crime, greater debt, and poorer health, but the mechanisms linking inequality to poor outcomes among individuals are poorly understood. This research tested a behavioral account linking inequality to individual decision making. The account suggests that more unequal outcomes lead people to perceive that they need more resources to be satisfied. Higher perceived needs, in turn, motivate greater risk taking to meet those needs. Results of three experiments and an analysis of large-scale internet search data supported the proposed account. Results suggest that inequality may promote a range of poor outcomes, in part, by increasing risky behavior.

Abstract

Rising income inequality is a global trend. Increased income inequality has been associated with higher rates of crime, greater consumer debt, and poorer health outcomes. The mechanisms linking inequality to poor outcomes among individuals are poorly understood. This research tested a behavioral account linking inequality to individual decision making. In three experiments (n = 811), we found that higher inequality in the outcomes of an economic game led participants to take greater risks to try to achieve higher outcomes. This effect of unequal

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distributions on risk taking was driven by upward social comparisons. Next, we estimated economic risk taking in daily life using large-scale data from internet searches. Risk taking was higher in states with greater income inequality, an effect driven by inequality at the upper end of the income distribution. Results suggest that inequality may promote poor outcomes, in part, by increasing risky behavior.

Biological Sciences - Ecology:

[Experimental dispersal reveals characteristic scales of biodiversity in a natural landscape](#)

Rachel M. Germain, Sharon Y. Strauss, and Benjamin Gilbert

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Etienne V. Langlois, Nhan T. Tran, Abdul Ghaffar, Ludovic Reveiz and Francisco Becerra-Posada
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Special Report

[Embedding research to improve program implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) [Incorporación de las investigaciones para mejorar la ejecución de programas en América Latina y el Caribe]

Nhan Tran, Etienne V. Langlois, Ludovic Reveiz, Ilona Varallyay, Vanessa Elias, Arielle Mancuso, Francisco Becerra-Posada, and Abdul Ghaffar
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ABSTRACT

In the last 10 years, implementation research has come to play a critical role in improving the implementation of already-proven health interventions by promoting the systematic uptake of research findings and other evidence-based strategies into routine practice. The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research and the Pan American Health Organization implemented a program of embedded implementation research to support health programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in 2014–2015. A total of 234 applications were received from 28 countries in the Americas. The Improving Program Implementation through Embedded Research (iPIER) scheme supported 12 implementation research projects led by health program implementers from nine LAC countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, and Saint Lucia. Through this experience, we learned that the “insider” perspective, which implementers bring to the research proposal, is particularly important in identifying research questions that focus on the systems failures that often manifest in barriers to implementation. This paper documents the experience of and highlights key conclusions about the conduct of embedded implementation research. The iPIER experience has shown great promise for embedded research models that place implementers at the helm of implementation research initiatives.

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Original Research

Evolution and complexity of government policies to protect the health of undocumented/illegal migrants in Thailand – the unsolved challenges

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Abstract

Background: Of the 65 million residents in Thailand, >1.5 million are undocumented/illegal migrants from neighboring countries. Despite several policies being launched to improve access to care for these migrants, policy implementation has always faced numerous challenges. This study aimed to investigate the policy makers' views on the challenges of implementing policies to protect the health of undocumented/illegal migrants in light of the dynamics of all of the migrant policies in Thailand.

Methods: This study used a qualitative approach. Data were collected by document review, from related laws/regulations concerning migration policy over the past 40 years, and from in-depth interviews with seven key policy-level officials. Thematic analysis was applied.

Results: Three critical themes emerged, namely, national security, economic necessity, and health protection. The national security discourse played a dominant role from the early 1900s up to the 1980s as Thailand attempted to defend itself from the threats of colonialism and communism. The economic boom of the 1990s created a pronounced labor shortage, which required a large migrant labor force to drive the growing economy. The first significant attempt to protect the health of migrants materialized in the early 2000s, after Thailand achieved universal health coverage. During that period, public insurance for undocumented/illegal migrants was introduced. The insurance used premium-based financing. However, the majority of migrants remained uninsured. Recently, the government attempted to overhaul the entire migrant registry system by introducing a new measure, namely the One Stop Service. In principle, the One Stop Service aimed to integrate the functions of all responsible authorities, but several challenges still remained; these included ambiguous policy messages and the slow progress of the nationality verification process.

Conclusion: The root causes of the challenges in migrant health policy are incoherent policy direction and objectives across government authorities and unclear policy messages. In addition, the health sector, especially the Ministry of Public Health, has been de facto powerless and, due to its outdated bureaucracy, has lacked the capacity to keep pace with the problems regarding human mobility.

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By Sacha Vignieri, Julia Fahrenkamp-Uppenbrink
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An ecosystem consists of communities of interacting species and the physical environment on which they depend. Although it is well accepted that Earth consists of many different ecosystems, human societies much less readily recognize that Earth itself is an ecosystem, dependent on interacting species and consisting of finite resources. As the human population has grown and increasingly dominated available resources, "ecosystem Earth" has begun to show increasing signs of stress. Loss of biodiversity, environmental degradation, and conflict over resources among the dominant species are typical signs that a biological system is nearing a state change, which could range from collapse of the dominant species, to development of alternative biological communities, to collapse of the entire system. In this special issue, we identify our impacts on ecosystem Earth, seek to understand the barriers to change, and explore potential solutions. Decades of research on ecosystem dynamics can help to guide our thinking about a sustainable future. Bottom-up reductions in human population growth and resource consumption, changes to how we think about our place in the system, and a willingness to prioritize persistence of the other species within our biological community will lead to a healthier planetary ecosystem. It is essential that humanity begins to better appreciate our role as just one part of a large and interdependent biological community. Our ability to dominate the planet's resources makes us directly responsible for determining the future of the ecosystem on which we, and all other forms of life, depend.

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By Jonathan Foley

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How can human societies thrive within Earth's physical and biological limits?

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Original Research Article

Accepted monitoring or endured quarantine? Ebola contacts' perceptions in Senegal

Pages 38-45

Alice Desclaux, Dioumel Badji, Albert Gautier Ndione, Khoudia Sow

Abstract

During the 2014–2016 West Africa Ebola epidemic, transmission chains were controlled through contact tracing, i.e., identification and follow-up of people exposed to Ebola cases. WHO recommendations for daily check-ups of physical symptoms with social distancing for 21 days were unevenly applied and sometimes interpreted as quarantine. Criticisms arose regarding the use of coercion and questioned contact tracing on ethical grounds. This article aims to analyze contact cases' perceptions and acceptance of contact monitoring at the field level. In Senegal, an imported case of Ebola virus disease in September 2014 resulted in placing 74 contact cases in home containment with daily visits by volunteers. An ethnographic study based on in-depth interviews with all stakeholders performed in September–October 2014 showed four main perceptions of monitoring: a biosecurity preventive measure, suspension of professional activity, stigma attached to Ebola, and a social obligation. Contacts demonstrated diverse attitudes. Initially, most contacts agreed to comply because they feared being infected. They adhered to the national Ebola response measures and appreciated the empathy shown by volunteers. Later, acceptance was improved by the provision of moral, economic, and social support, and by the final lack of any new contamination. But it was limited by the socio-economic impact on fulfilling basic needs, the fear of being infected, how contacts' family members interpreted monitoring, conflation of contacts as Ebola cases, and challenging the rationale for containment. Acceptance was also related to individual aspects, such as the professional status of women and health workers who had been exposed, and contextual aspects, such as the media's role in the social production of stigma. Ethnographic results show that, even when contacts adhere rather than comply to containment through coercion, contact monitoring raises several ethical issues. These insights should contribute to the ethics debate about individual rights versus crisis public health measures.

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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Laws and programs designed to benefit vulnerable groups, such as the disabled or people of color, often end up benefiting all of society. From affirmative action to wheelchair friendly

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sidewalks, examples all around us show that investing in equity isn't a zero-sum game. That's the message of the cover story in the winter 2017 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, "The Curb-Cut Effect," by Angela Glover Blackwell.

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Human Rights

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African Heritage and its sustainable development

In this issue, we are pleased to focus on the heritage of Africa and its sustainable development. The diversity and wealth of African heritage is extraordinary, from its large-scale ecosystems to modern architecture; from the memory of slavery and colonial heritage to cultural landscapes and sacred sites.

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