

The Sentinel

***Human Rights Action :: Humanitarian Response :: Health :: Education ::
Heritage Stewardship :: Sustainable Development***

Period ending 29 April 2017

This weekly digest is intended to aggregate and distill key content from a broad spectrum of practice domains and organization types including key agencies/IGOs, NGOs, governments, academic and research institutions, consortiums and collaborations, foundations, and commercial organizations. We also monitor a spectrum of peer-reviewed journals and general media channels. The Sentinel's geographic scope is global/regional but selected country-level content is included. We recognize that this spectrum/scope yields an indicative and not an exhaustive product.

The Sentinel is a service of the Center for Governance, Evidence, Ethics, Policy & Practice, a program of the GE2P2 Global Foundation, which is solely responsible for its content. Comments and suggestions should be directed to:

*David R. Curry
Editor, The Sentinel
President, GE2P2 Global Foundation
david.r.curry@ge2p2center.net*

***The Sentinel is also available as a pdf document
linked from this page:
<http://ge2p2-center.net/>***

Support this knowledge-sharing service:

Your financial support helps us cover our costs and address a current shortfall in our annual operating budget. Click [here](#) to donate and thank you in advance for your contribution.

Contents [click on link below to move to associated content]

- :: [Week in Review](#)***
- :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) - Selected Updates from 30+ entities***
- :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) - Media Releases, Major Initiatives, Research***
- :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) - Selected Updates***
- :: [Journal Watch](#) - Key articles and abstracts from 100+ peer-reviewed journals***

:: 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.

.....
.....

DPRK – UN Security Council

Editor's Note:

In yet another extraordinary Security Council meeting – chaired by US Secretary of State Tillerson – the status and potential responses to DPRK's nuclear weapons and ballistic missile testing and presumed capability was engaged. The video record of this SC meeting [link just below] is as compelling as it is disquieting.

Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea - Security Council, 7932nd meeting - 28 Apr 2017

[Video: 2:04:56]

Conflict in North-East Asia Would Have Global Implications, Secretary-General Warns, as Security Council Considers Democratic People's Republic of Korea

28 April 2017

SG/SM/18505-SC/12805-DC/3702

[Excerpt]

The situation on the Korean Peninsula is one of the longest-standing and most serious issues before the United Nations. The Security Council first adopted a resolution on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea nuclear issue in 1993, when it urged the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] not to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Twenty-four years later, and despite extensive efforts, the challenge has defied resolution.

In response to the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea's] accelerated nuclear and ballistic-missile activities, the Security Council has adopted two sanctions resolutions and met 11 times in emergency consultations since January 2016. During this period, the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] conducted two nuclear tests, more than 30 launches using ballistic-missile technology and various other activities relating to the nuclear and ballistic-missile programmes. Its launches using ballistic-missile technology have included tests of short-, medium- [and] intermediate-range and submarine-launched ballistic missiles, as well as the placement of a satellite in orbit.

These tests and launches are clear violations of Security Council resolutions. The absence of coordination and notifications in advance of these launches, other than the space launch on 7 February 2016, is also contrary to internationally accepted regulations and standards adopted by the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization. Aircraft and ships have been prevented from planning their routes to steer clear of these hazardous activities. And adjacent States have been prevented from promulgating danger, restricted or prohibited areas in their areas of responsibility.

The International Atomic Energy Agency remains unable to access the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] to verify the status of its nuclear programme. The Agency continues to

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

monitor developments through satellite imagery and has observed signatures consistent with the operation of the plutonium production reactor and the reported centrifuge enrichment facility. Commercial satellite imagery analysis has also indicated continued activity of the [Democratic People's Republic of Korea] nuclear-test site, which is believed to be maintained in a state of readiness to conduct additional nuclear-test explosions...

Lack of Communication with Pyongyang Dangerous, Secretary-General Warns, as Security Council Takes Up Non-Proliferation

28 April 2017

SC/12804

The absence of communication with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, especially military-to-military channels, was dangerous, the Secretary-General warned the Security Council today, emphasizing the need to lower the risk of miscalculation or misunderstanding.

.....

Letter dated 18 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2017/337)

<http://undocs.org/S/2017/337>

Annex to the letter dated 18 April 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Concept note for the Security Council thematic meeting on the denuclearization of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to be held on 28 April 2017

Overview

The pursuit of weapons of mass destruction by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea represents one of the gravest threats to international peace and security that the Security Council faces. Despite six resolutions adopted by the Council since 2006 requiring that the country cease its prohibited activities, its illicit activities have accelerated. In 2016 alone, it conducted two nuclear tests and 24 ballistic missile launches and openly stated that its ballistic missiles are intended to deliver nuclear weapons strikes both regionally and intercontinentally. In 2017, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has continued to pursue the development of an operational nuclear arsenal while publicly declaring that it would conduct pre-emptive strikes using nuclear weapons.

The Security Council has repeatedly made it clear that the international community will not accept the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a nuclear state. However, the Council has also repeatedly called for the resumption of the Six-Party Talks and has reiterated its support for the commitments set forth in the Joint Statement of 19 September 2005, including that the goal of the Talks was the verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula in a peaceful manner.

The most recent actions by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea make it clear that further international pressure is required for the country to change its behaviour if there is to be any hope for meaningful denuclearization talks to resume. The country's accelerated and increasingly dangerous provocations should only serve to strengthen the international community's resolve to counter such prohibited activities, including by implementing all Security Council sanctions. For the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the only peaceful path to a secure, economically prosperous future is to abandon its development of nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles and other weapons of mass destruction.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

It is now time for all Member States to make it clear to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that further provocations are unacceptable and to take steps to show that there are consequences to the country's unlawful conduct. However, there are also incentives: the benefits of responsible membership in the community of nations await those who abide by international obligations, standards and norms, especially Security Council resolutions.

The United States will therefore host a thematic meeting at the ministerial level in a briefing format at 10 a.m. on Friday, 28 April 2017. The meeting will give Security Council members an opportunity to discuss ways to maximize the impact of existing Council measures and show their resolve to respond to further provocations with significant new measures.

Outcome

While no end product is envisaged, we encourage Security Council members to signal the collective intention to take further significant measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the future if it continues to violate its international obligations. Council members could recommit to implementing all existing and future sanctions to maximize pressure on the country to return to meaningful negotiations on denuclearization.

.....
.....
)

Global Governance

Editor's Note:

We provide the full text of a joint letter from nine former US Ambassadors to the United Nations to U.S. Congressional leaders urging Congress to "support U.S. leadership at the UN, including through continued payment of our assessed and voluntary financial contributions to the Organization."

April 24, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell

Majority Leader United States Senate

The Honorable Paul Ryan

Speaker of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Charles Schumer

Minority Leader United States Senate

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi

Minority Leader United States House of Representatives

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

As former U.S. Permanent Representatives to the United Nations who have served under both Republican and Democratic Administrations, we share a deep understanding of the UN's strategic value in advancing U.S. national interests and promoting American leadership. While the UN is imperfect, and many reforms are needed, the UN remains an indispensable instrument for advancing the global stability and prosperity on which U.S. interests and priorities depend. We therefore urge you to support U.S. leadership at the UN, including through continued payment of our assessed and voluntary financial contributions to the Organization.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

The United States and its allies and partners today face grave and interconnected challenges that transcend national borders. These include cascading conflict in the Middle East and South Asia, an emboldened North Korea, the rising threat of violent extremism and organized crime, vulnerability to pandemics, the worst forced displacement crisis since 1945, the prospect of famine in four countries, and the potential for major societal disruptions from climate change. The U.S., despite its wealth and military might, cannot afford to take on these issues alone, nor should it have to. That is exactly why the UN was created in the first place: to harness the resources and commitment of all countries to act on challenges that necessitate collective response.

Since its establishment, the UN has been a cornerstone of the post-World War II international order, serving also to advance U.S. priorities and interests on many fronts. Through its peacekeeping operations, humanitarian relief work, efforts to address international public health emergencies, and development investments, the UN has helped secure core U.S. interests while reinforcing America's long-standing commitment to human rights and human dignity worldwide. By marshalling financial contributions from all UN member states, the UN has also reduced the burden on American taxpayers by leveraging U.S. contributions to the UN four-fold. The whole UN system is built on burden-sharing that ensures the United States does not have to go it alone and that other countries stand up, rather than stand by.

We understand frustration in Congress at what can seem a needlessly slow pace of critical management, budgetary, and accountability reforms at the UN, all of which we have fought hard to advance during our respective tenures at the helm of the U.S. Mission in New York. We fought those battles differently and did not always agree. Nevertheless, in our experience, the U.S. is much more effective in pressing reforms when it stays engaged and pays its dues and bills. Withholding or slashing funding for the UN, by contrast, weakens our hand, alienates allies whose support is critical to our reform priorities, undermines essential UN activities that promote core American interests and values, and costs us more over the long term. It also cedes the agenda to countries that can be hostile to our interests and more than willing to see the U.S. give up its seat at the table.

This January, the UN elected a new Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres of Portugal – and the U.S. Administration fielded a new U.S. Permanent Representative – Nikki Haley, the former Governor of South Carolina. Secretary-General Guterres and Ambassador Haley have both expressed a commitment to work together to create a more efficient, effective, and responsive UN. We urge you to give them the time and space needed to advance this critical work and avoid policies, such as drastically reducing our financial support, that would damage our nation's ability to lead – not just at the United Nations but on the wider world stage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Andrew Young

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1977-1979

Ambassador Donald McHenry

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1979-1981

Ambassador Thomas Pickering

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1989 - 1992

Ambassador Edward Perkins

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1992 - 1993

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Secretary Madeleine Albright

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1993-1997

Ambassador Bill Richardson

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 1997-1998

Ambassador John Negroponte

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 2001-2004

Ambassador Susan Rice

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 2009-2013

Ambassador Samantha Power

Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, 2013-2017

.....
.....

Humanitarian Response

OIC-sponsored Workshop in Uganda on Building Capacity for Responding to Humanitarian Crises

26/04/2017 - Organization of Islamic Cooperation

A five-day workshop to strengthen the capacity of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to effectively respond to humanitarian crises and coordinate within the international humanitarian system is held in Kampala, Uganda at the initiative of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and implemented by International Medical Corps.

Participants in the Kampala workshop, who represent NGOs operating in Uganda, Somalia and the Sudan, are being afforded the opportunity to develop a better understanding of the global humanitarian setting, to familiarize themselves with key actors of the humanitarian world as well as with the principles governing the international humanitarian system.

Following the 5-day workshop, International Medical Corps will deploy subject matter experts in functional areas or domains identified by the participating NGOs to provide onsite support to further strengthen their capacities.

There is an increasing recognition in the international humanitarian community of the vital role that local and national NGOs play in the response to humanitarian emergencies. However, due to the complexities of funding, implementation, and reporting procedures inherent in working with international donors and engaging in international coordination structures, many local and national NGOs face barriers in establishing the institutional knowledge that would enable them to readily meet numerous donor requirements to secure funding of their humanitarian activities.

The workshop is part of a two-year initiative, entitled "Building Better Capacity of National NGOs for Response and Coordination in Humanitarian Crises" targeting local and national NGO partners of the OIC across Africa and the Middle East.

A similar workshop will be held in Tunisia in early May 2017 for the benefit of OIC NGO partners from Yemen, Libya, Jordan and Lebanon, who will also benefit from a post-workshop period of onsite support by subject matter experts.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

.....
.....

Education - Literacy

25 million children out of school in conflict zones - UNICEF

Syrian education activist and refugee Muzoon sees impact of conflict on education during trip to Chad

N'DAMENA, Chad/DAKAR/NEW YORK, 24 April 2017 – More than 25 million children between 6 and 15 years old, or 22 per cent of children in that age group, are missing out on school in conflict zones across 22 countries, UNICEF said today.

"At no time is education more important than in times of war," said UNICEF Chief of Education Josephine Bourne. "Without education, how will children reach their full potential and contribute to the future and stability of their families, communities and economies?"

At the primary school level, South Sudan has the highest rate of out-of-school children with close to 72 per cent of children missing out on education. It is followed by Chad (50 per cent) and Afghanistan (46 per cent). The three countries also have the highest rate of girls who are out of school, at 76 per cent for South Sudan, 55 per cent for Afghanistan, and 53 per cent for Chad.

At the lower-secondary school level, the highest rates of out-of-school children are found in Niger (68 per cent), South Sudan (60 per cent) and the Central African Republic (55 per cent). Out-of-school rates for girls spike for this age group, with nearly three quarters of girls in Niger and two in three in both Afghanistan and the Central African Republic not in school.

UNICEF works in conflict-affected countries to get children back to learning, by providing catch-up education and informal learning opportunities, training teachers, rehabilitating schools and distributing school furniture and supplies...

.....
.....

Heritage Stewardship

UNESCO Director-General welcomes the liberation of Hatra and will send Emergency Assessment mission "as soon as possible"

27.04.2017

Following several reports and discussions with the Iraqi authorities, UNESCO has confirmed the liberation of the archeological site of Hatra, located in the Governorate of Nineveh in Iraq. The Director-General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, has reiterated her support to the government and people of Iraq and expressed the readiness of UNESCO to help protect and promote Iraqi heritage as a force for national cohesion, peace and recovery for the country.

"The liberation of the ancient city of Hatra, a UNESCO world heritage site, is good news for Iraq and beyond. For two years, Hatra has been one of the symbols of the cultural cleansing plaguing the Middle East. The destruction and looting of the remains of the capital of the first

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Arab Kingdom, is an immense loss for the Iraqi people and the world. Its liberation marks a positive turning point and paves the way for ensuring its protection and conservation,” declared the Director-General.

“Violent extremists know the power of heritage to unite, to bring people together and provide them with pride, confidence and dignity – this is why they target and destroy heritage. The protection of heritage has become more than a cultural issue – it is also a security issue, and this is the spirit of the recent resolution 2347 adopted unanimously by the UN Security Council on 24 March, putting culture at the heart of international efforts to build peace” said Irina Bokova. “The deliberate destruction of heritage is a war crime, and UNESCO will do everything in its power to ensure these crimes do not go unpunished. I call on all parties to preserve this unique heritage as an essential condition for peace and the future of the region,” Ms. Bokova added.

Preliminary reports confirm that Hatra has suffered further destruction since the city was taken in 2015. As soon as security conditions allow, UNESCO will send, in cooperation with the Iraqi government, a rapid emergency assessment mission to evaluate damage more precisely and take emergency safeguarding measures. This is essential prior to preparing conservation management plans for the site and to support communities in regaining confidence.

A crossroad of cultures since the dawn of humanity, Hatra represents one of Iraq's most iconic sites. It attests to the wealth and diversity of Iraqi and Arab identity. By the 3rd century BC, it was a fortified Arab principality that later on became the capital of the Kingdom. It comprised a large fortified city that withstood Roman invasions in A.D. 116 and 198 due to its high, thick walls, reinforced by towers. The architecture of Hatra is characterized by a unique blend of Hellenistic and Roman styles, with Eastern decorative features as a testimony to the greatness of Iraqi civilization. The site was inscribed as the first Iraqi UNESCO World Heritage site in 1985. It has been inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger since 2015.

The bulldozing and pillage of its treasures and carved reliefs in 2015 sparked unanimous indignation and strengthened international mobilization in favor of the values and heritage that unite all humanity. On 23-24 February 2017, UNESCO held an International Coordination Conference on the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage in Liberated Areas of Iraq, laying the ground for an emergency, medium and long term action plan to preserve the country's cultural heritage.

.....

General Assembly Adopts 2 Resolutions Establishing Six-Point Framework for Halting Deforestation, Forest Degradation

27 April 2017

GA/11911

The General Assembly today adopted the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030, a wide-reaching six-point framework aimed at halting deforestation and forest degradation, while also designating 21 April “World Creativity and Innovation Day”.

Acting without a vote on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council and its Forum on Forests, the Assembly adopted a draft resolution titled “United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030” (document A/71/L.63), as well as a related text titled “United Nations forest

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

instrument" (document A/71/L.64). In addition, it adopted a draft resolution on "World Creativity and Innovation Day" (document A/71/L.61/Rev.1), also without a vote.

"Forests are essential for poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation, food security, sustainable economic opportunity and much more," said Marc-André Blanchard (Canada), as he introduced the text on the Strategic Plan for Forests. Speaking in his capacity as Chair of the Bureau of the United Nations Forum on Forests, as well as the representative of a country whose economic, social and cultural fabric was closely linked to forests, he said the Strategic Plan represented a "major milestone". It launched a new business model for the Forum which would now be mandated to support the Global Goals on Forests. Indeed, today's adoption would send a strong and positive signal about the powerful role forests could and must play in humans' collective future.

Peng Youdong, Vice-Minister for State Forestry Administration of China, explained his delegation's position following the adoption, emphasizing that the Strategic Plan represented a new political commitment on the part of the international community on and laid out "new and historic responsibilities" for global sustainable forest management. Describing his country's efforts towards that end, he said the global forest mechanism should be further strengthened to provide new and additional financial resources for the Strategic Plan's implementation, especially by developing countries. Countries should announce voluntary contributions and take concrete actions to achieve the global forest goals, he added, also calling for enhanced cooperation among the forest-related United Nations bodies, conventions and other international organizations.

Russel Singer (United States), reiterating his delegation's position as stated at the Strategic Plan's adoption in both the United Nations Forum on Forests and the recent Economic and Social Council session, emphasized that all actions outlined in the Plan were voluntary and did not alter rights enjoyed under international law. On goal 2.2 of the Plan — which sought to increase the access of small-scale forest enterprises, particularly in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets — he stressed that the World Trade Organization (WTO) was the appropriate forum to deliberate such matters. The Strategic Plan did not alter any aspects of WTO commitments, including on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights. The United States also disassociated itself with the Strategic Plan's language on the transfer of technology, including in paragraphs 15 and 56(b), he said...

.....
.....

Emergencies

Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEIC) [to 29 April 2017]

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Poliomyelitis: Report by the Secretariat

Seventieth World Health Assembly

Provisional Agenda Item 12.3 A70/14

[Excerpts; Editor's text bolding]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

...5. The declaration in 2014 of international spread of wild poliovirus as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the Temporary Recommendations promulgated under the International Health Regulations (2005) remain in effect. National polio emergency action plans continue to be implemented in all countries affected by circulation of either wild poliovirus or vaccine-derived polioviruses, and all countries currently affected by circulation of either type of virus have declared such events to be national public health emergencies.

6. Between 17 April and 1 May 2016, all 155 countries and territories that were still using trivalent oral polio vaccine successfully switched its use to the bivalent oral polio vaccine through a globally-synchronized replacement. It was the first step in the phased removal of oral polio vaccines, which will culminate with the cessation of use of all oral polio vaccines following global certification of eradication of all wild poliovirus types. Since the declaration of eradication of wild poliovirus type 2 in September 2015, Member States are completing efforts to identify facilities holding type 2 polioviruses (wild, vaccine-derived or Sabin), destroy unneeded materials or appropriately contain needed materials in poliovirus-essential facilities.

7. In 2016, acceleration of transition planning continued (see paragraphs 20–25) in order: to ensure effective advance human resource planning at all levels of the Secretariat to reduce the number of polio-funded staff and associated financial liabilities; to understand the consequences of the loss of polio-funded staff and infrastructure on other WHO programme areas, and WHO country offices; and to help to identify opportunities to mainstream or integrate polio functions into other programmes areas or national health system, where feasible.

8. The partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative continue to engage closely with all Member States and the broader international development community in efforts to secure rapidly the additional US\$ 1300 million required to achieve a lasting polio-free world...

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

26. Thanks to the generous continuing support of the international development community, including Member States (especially the countries where poliomyelitis is endemic), multilateral and bilateral organizations, development banks, foundations and Rotary International, the budget for planned activities for 2016 was fully financed. Efforts are under way to mobilize, by mid-2017, the additional US\$ 1300 million required to fully fund the implementation of the Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan and to secure a lasting polio-free world and global certification in 2020. In addition to the significant humanitarian benefits associated with polio eradication, the drive is also associated with substantial economic benefits. **A polio-free world will reap savings of a total of more than US\$ 50 000 million (with US\$ 27 000 million already saved), funds that can be used to address other pressing public health and development needs.** Critical to achieving a lasting polio-free world is the rapid mobilization of the additional funds needed. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative published an investment case² for polio eradication, clearly summarizing the economic and humanitarian rationale for continued investment in the Initiative...

2. Available at <http://polioeradication.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/InvestmentCase.pdf> (accessed 10 April 2017)

.....

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 29 April 2017]

Iraq -

:: Iraq: Special health situation report from Mosul

22 April 2017 -- WHO has supported the health directorates in Erbil, Duhok and Silymania by providing intravenous fluids sufficient for 100 000 people. The Federal Ministry of Health has opened a fully equipped third hospital in Hamam al'Alil (including a maternity unit by UNFPA) managed by ASPEN Medical. More than 16 800 consultations (25% of them children under 5 years) has been managed through the primary health care facilities and WHO supported mobile clinics.

Yemen -

:: Impending famine, ongoing fighting and a failing health system leave millions at risk in Yemen

24 April 2017 -- Two years of intense conflict have left 18.8 million people in need of humanitarian assistance and placed overwhelming strain on the country's health system at a time when it is needed most.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is leading a reprioritization of the response of more than 66 operational partner organizations, aiming to sustain the remnants of the nation's health system and ensure access to life-saving health services for the country's most vulnerable.

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*

.....

WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 29 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.*

.....

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.

[New primary webpage not responding at inquiry]

*

*

*

*

:: 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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: Week in Review :: Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch :: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch::: Foundation/Major Donor Watch :: Journal Watch

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 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

28 April 2017

SG/SM/18505-SC/12805-DC/3702

[Conflict in North-East Asia Would Have Global Implications, Secretary-General Warns, as Security Council Considers Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#)

28 April 2017

SC/12804

[Lack of Communication with Pyongyang Dangerous, Secretary-General Warns, as Security Council Takes Up Non-Proliferation](#)

The absence of communication with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, especially military-to-military channels, was dangerous, the Secretary-General warned the Security Council today, emphasizing the need to lower the risk of miscalculation or misunderstanding.

28 April 2017

HR/5355

[Indigenous Peoples Demand Greater Voice in United Nations Bodies, Push States to Implement Declaration, as Permanent Forum Ends First Week of Session](#)

The very survival of indigenous peoples depended on States taking swift action to rapidly recognize and respect all human rights, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues heard today, concluding the first week of its sixteenth session.

27 April 2017

SC/12803

[Emergency Relief Coordinator Stresses Urgent Need for 'Real Progress' by Security Council to 'Stymie Tide of Death' in Syria](#)

Condemning the latest attacks on civilians in Syria today, the United Nations humanitarian chief told the Security Council that real progress was needed to "stymie the tide of death" in that country.

27 April 2017

GA/11911

[General Assembly Adopts 2 Resolutions Establishing Six-Point Framework for Halting Deforestation, Forest Degradation](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

25 April 2017

SG/SM/18500-IHA/1428

[Hailing Pledging Conference as 'a Remarkable Success', Secretary-General Calls for Unhindered Movement of Humanitarian Aid to Reach Yemeni People in Need](#)

25 April 2017

SG/SM/18499-IHA/1427

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

['Man-Made Crisis' Has Robbed Millions of Hope, Dignity, Secretary-General Tells Yemen Pledging Conference, Stressing Urgent Need For Support](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Press briefing note on Arkansas executions and Cambodia](#)

[Press briefing on South Sudan and Maldives](#)

[Venezuela must allow peaceful protests and investigate killing of demonstrators, say UN experts](#)

[UN Human Rights Chief to visit Ethiopia, meet national and African Union leaders, 2 - 4 May 2017](#)

[Unilateral sanctions against Russia hurt most vulnerable groups with limited impact on international businesses, UN expert finds](#)

[Housing inequality defines Chilean landscape – UN Expert says](#)

["Respect international law" – UN experts urge Iran to stop executions of two men sentenced to death as children](#)

[Honduras needs progressive reform of abortion law to advance women's human rights, say UN experts](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 29 April 2017]

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

28 April 2017

["Respect international law" – UN experts urge Iran to stop executions of two men sentenced to death as children](#)

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

[to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 29 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 29 April 2017]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 29 April 2017]

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

UN OCHA [to 29 April 2017]

<http://www.unocha.org/>
Selected Press Releases

28 Apr 2017

[Humanitarian leadership urges the world not to neglect the Central African Republic](#)

Senior humanitarians today urgently appealed to the world not to neglect the Central African Republic (CAR) where conflict and frequent upsurges of violence has uprooted 884,276 persons - one-fifth of the population - aggravated hunger and malnutrition and prevented aid from reaching people in extreme need.

27 Apr 2017

["Yet another horrendous attack on the exhausted, oppressed people of Syria" - UN Humanitarian Chief](#)

26 Apr 2017

[My motto is "Serving humanity with humility" - Interview with ASG/DERC Ursula Mueller](#)

25 Apr 2017

[Donors pledge \\$1.1 billion to help people in urgent need in Yemen](#)

International donors today pledged nearly US\$1.1 billion to help scale up life-saving aid to millions of people in need in Yemen during a pledging event in Geneva, co-chaired by the United Nations, Sweden and Switzerland.

"At a time when Yemen is experiencing a tragedy of almost unprecedented proportions and the need for humanitarian and protection assistance has never been greater, the generosity shown at this pledging conference helps to reaffirm our common humanity," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres at the close of the high-level event which was attended by more than 70 countries and a large number of regional organisations, UN agencies and non-governmental humanitarian organisations, including from Yemen. Pledges were made by 48 Member States, the European Commission, the Central Emergency Response Fund and four NGO/humanitarian organisations for humanitarian action in Yemen in 2017. "Now we must see the pledges translated into the scaled up action the people of Yemen need and deserve," the Secretary-General said....

24 Apr 2017

[Yemen: We must act now to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe](#)

UNICEF [to 29 April 2017]

https://www.unicef.org/media/media_94367.html
28 April 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[UNICEF welcomes Indonesian Women's Ulema recommendation to avoid child marriage](#)

JAKARTA, - UNICEF welcomes the recommendation issued by the Indonesian Women's Ulema Congress to end child marriage and to raise the legal marriage age for girls from 16 to 18.

[UNICEF Advocate Ishmael Beah helps give a voice to young people affected by the conflict in Syria](#)

AMMAN, 27 April 2017– Ishmael Beah, author, former child soldier and UNICEF Advocate for Children Affected by War, wrapped up a three-day visit to Jordan today to help amplify the voices of vulnerable young people affected by the conflict in Syria.

[UNICEF reaches almost half of the world's children with life-saving vaccines](#)

NEW YORK, 26 April 2017 – UNICEF procured 2.5 billion doses of vaccines to children in nearly 100 countries in 2016, reaching almost half of the world's children under the age of five. The figures, released during World Immunization Week, make UNICEF the largest buyer of vaccines for children in the world.

[In drought-hit Somalia, children also face potentially deadly measles threat](#)

BAIDOA, Somalia, 25 April 2017 – Almost 30,000 young children, many of them displaced by a searing drought, are being vaccinated against measles this week in an emergency campaign in Baidoa, a town at the heart of one of Somalia's hardest-hit areas.

[Race against time to save millions of lives in Yemen](#)

AMMAN/SANA'A, 25 April 2017- The continuing violence in Yemen is fuelling one of the worst hunger crises in the world, with nearly 7 million people not knowing where their next meal will come from and in desperate need of food assistance. Nearly 2.2 million children are malnourished, including half a million who are severely malnourished and at imminent risk of death if they do not receive urgent care and specialized treatment.

[25 million children out of school in conflict zones - UNICEF](#)

N'DAMENA, Chad/DAKAR/NEW YORK, 24 April 2017 – More than 25 million children between 6 and 15 years old, or 22 per cent of children in that age group, are missing out on school in conflict zones across 22 countries, UNICEF said today.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 29 April 2017]

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

Press Releases

[Yusra Mardini appointed UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador](#) 27 Apr 2017

[UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Protection visits Afghanistan, urges for sustainable solutions to displaced Afghans](#) 25 Apr 2017

[Canada's 2016 record high level of resettlement praised by UNHCR](#) 24 Apr 2017

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 29 April 2017]

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

2017-04-28

[IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix: 381,463 Migrants in Libya](#)

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Libya - IOM, the UN Migration Agency has found that the trip to Libya is reportedly costing more for a larger proportion of migrants from Sudan and Nigeria.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals: 43,357 in 2017; Deaths: 1,089](#)

2017-04-28 16:32

Switzerland - IOM, the UN Migration Agency reports that 43,357 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 26 April.

[Humanitarian Catastrophe Looms in Yemen with Over 3.3 Million Displaced Since Crisis Began](#)

2017-04-25 17:18

Yemen - Yemen has become the world's largest humanitarian crisis. In total, 18.8 million people need humanitarian or protection assistance.

[UN Migration Agency, Partners Redouble Efforts to 'End Malaria for Good'](#)

2017-04-25 17:05

Switzerland - Today, IOM, the UN Migration Agency joins the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and other partners to End Malaria for Good.

[Humanitarian Needs Spike for Thousands Displaced in Wau, South Sudan](#)

2017-04-25 16:59

South Sudan - IOM, the UN Migration Agency and partners are responding to an influx of more than 22,000 displaced persons in and around Wau town, South Sudan, since the upsurge of violence on 10 April 2017.

UNAIDS [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Updates

Update

[China–Africa partnership to improve access to health-care](#)

28 April 2017

China and Africa have come together to find new ways of improving access to health care. More than 30 Ministers of Health from across Africa joined the Vice-Premier of China Liu Yandong, and the Chinese Minister of National Health and Family Planning Commission Li Bin at the China-Africa Ministerial Conference on Health Cooperation. The event was held in Pretoria, South Africa on April 24 under the theme China-Africa Health Cooperation, From Commitments to Actions.

The Vice Premier of China talked about the long standing partnership between China and Africa in the field of health care and of China's commitment to help build the health sector in developing countries and boost efforts for a broader future for China-Africa cooperation in health.

In his address, the UNAIDS Executive Director, Michel Sidibé, outlined three critical initiatives that need to be put in place. He said that, together with the African Union, partners should create a workforce of 2 million community health workers for Africa, learning from the Barefoot Doctors of China organization, which trains people on basic medicine to work in rural areas of China. Trilateral cooperation between China, Africa and UNAIDS should focus on disease surveillance for accelerating action to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 3. He added that UNAIDS will continue to support the scale-up of the local production of medicines and health commodities...

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Update

[Campaign to raise HIV awareness among young people in ASEAN region launched](#)

28 April 2017

A new campaign called #Live2LUV aims to promote information on sexual and reproductive health, including HIV, among young people in South-East Asian countries. UNAIDS, along with regional networks of young people, Youth Lead and Youth Voices Count, and the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, launched the campaign during the four-day Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Youth Summit in Manila, Philippines, which ends on 29 April...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 29 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.

[Improving tracking of vaccines in Zambia](#)

26 April 2017 – In search for a solution to track vaccines in real-time, the Zambian Ministry of Health and WHO piloted a logistics management information system in 34 facilities in 2016. Through the web and mobile phones, the system allows supply chain managers in the country's national, district, and provincial vaccine warehouses and stores to monitor vaccine stocks, usage, and expirations by the minute

[Thousands of lives at risk as Gaza public hospitals face fuel and electricity crisis](#)

27 April 2017 – Increasing power cuts and shortages of fuel are creating an impending crisis for Gaza's 14 public hospitals, threatening the closure of essential health services which would leave thousands of people without access to life-saving health care.

Highlights

[WHO Director-General's statement to high-level pledging event for the humanitarian crisis in Yemen](#)

April 2017 – As the international community gathers in Geneva, the humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen continues to unfold. Health partners require US\$ 322 million for response activities in Yemen in 2017, of which WHO is requesting US\$ 126 million.

[Health security: is the world better prepared?](#)

April 2017 – There is no more acute need for a guardian of health than during a disease outbreak. Lessons learned from the West Africa Ebola outbreak in 2014 were the catalyst to creating our new Health Emergencies Programme, enabling a faster, more effective response to outbreaks and emergencies.

[World Report on Health Policy and Systems Research](#)

April 2017 – The first-ever World Report on Health Policy and Systems Research commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. The report describes the evolution of the field and provides figures on publications produced, funding trends, and institutional capacity.

[Mexico eliminates trachoma, leading infectious cause of blindness](#)

April 2017 – Trachoma has been eliminated as a public health problem in Mexico, WHO

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

announced today. Mexico becomes the first country in the Americas and the third in the world after Oman and Morocco to receive validation from WHO for having eliminated this disease.

.....

WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

- :: Improving tracking of vaccines in Zambia 26 April 2017
- :: Treated mosquito nets are safe and effective - 25 April 2017
- :: Ghana, Kenya and Malawi to take part in WHO malaria vaccine pilot programme - 24 April 2017

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: Ministros de Salud de Mesoamérica acuerdan trabajar juntos para atender las necesidades de salud de los migrantes (04/26/2017)
- :: "Malaria Champions of the Americas" contest seeks nominations for best surveillance, universal access to diagnosis and treatment (04/25/2017)
- :: Mexico eliminates trachoma, leading infectious cause of blindness (04/24/2017)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: WHO South-East Asia pledge intensified efforts against neglected tropical diseases 26 April 2017
- :: Malaria prevention works: let's close the gap 24 April 2017

WHO European Region EURO

- :: Hepatitis B vaccination has dramatically reduced infection rates among children in Europe, but more is needed to achieve elimination 28-04-2017
- :: The WHO European Region remains malaria free 25-04-2017
- :: Vaccination – we must not take the benefits for granted 24-04-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: As trauma needs escalate in west Mosul more ambulances are deployed 24 April 2017
- :: Trauma field hospital in Hammam Al-Alil goes 24/7 27 April 2017
- :: WHO support saves lives of people injured in the frontlines of Mosul 23 April 2017
- :: Expanding access to vaccines is crucial for saving thousands of children's lives across Afghanistan 23 April 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

- :: Immunization can save a million and a half more lives in WHO's Western Pacific Region
MANILA, 24 April 2017 — Despite the proven effectiveness of vaccines and the tens of millions of lives they have saved, an estimated 400 000 people die needlessly every year in the World Health Organization's (WHO's) Western Pacific Region from diseases that vaccines could prevent. Vaccines save up to 3 million lives each year worldwide from infectious diseases, such as hepatitis, diphtheria, tetanus, measles and polio. Still, nearly 2.3 million children in the Region each year are not fully immunized against these threats.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 29 April 2017]

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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

28/04/17

[The OIE and the WVA jointly celebrate World Veterinary Day 2017](#)

On World Veterinary Day, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA) pay tribute to the crucial role played by veterinarians in the fight against antimicrobial resistance. This year, the event focuses on the action the profession can take to preserve the efficacy of antimicrobial treatments, which are essential resources to protect human health as well as animal health and welfare. Throughout the day, and all around the world, the many initiatives led by veterinarians to raise awareness on this essential issue in their countries will come under the spotlight.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 29 April 2017]

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

Press Release

25 April 2017

[UNFPA Wins Webby](#)

UNITED NATIONS, New York - UNFPA has won the Webby Award and the Webby People's Voice Award in the category of Best Use of Photography for the web feature, "16 Girls, 16 Stories of Resistance".

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

[UNDP and GSMA partner on mobile technology for global development goals](#)

Apr 27, 2017

UNDP and the GSMA are joining forces to harness the power of mobile technology to accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Also known as the Global Goals, the SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. World leaders committed to achieve the 17 Goals by the year 2030.

[World Malaria Day 2017: millions of bednets reach remote and high-risk areas of Chad as rainy season looms](#)

Apr 25, 2017

13 million people will soon receive long-lasting insecticide treated bednets in some of the hardest to reach and conflict-affected regions of Chad. As regional insecurity continues to affect population movements in the country, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund) launched the massive distribution campaign to help reach the most vulnerable.

[UNDP, Chinese bike-sharing start-up ofo join forces to support innovative solutions to climate change challenges](#)

Apr 25, 2017

UNDP and ofo, a Beijing-based start-up company that has become the world's first and largest bike sharing platform, are joining forces to raise public awareness about climate change. The partnership will also provide financial support to innovative projects that address urban environmental challenges with campaign messages about the adverse effects of climate change and ways all of us can reduce CO2 emissions.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[New EU and UNDP 10 million EUR initiative to help boost citizen engagement across the Western Balkans](#)

Apr 25, 2017

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the European Union (EU) have launched an ambitious programme to substantially increase the involvement of civil society organizations in local development efforts.

[UNDP calls for increased support for resilience in Yemen](#)

Apr 24, 2017

As the international community convenes for a pledging conference on Yemen, UNDP urges strong support to ease the suffering of the people of Yemen. More than two years of war have left nearly 19 million people in need of humanitarian or protection assistance and displaced 3.3 million people. Across the country, 17 million people are currently food insecure, including seven million who are facing starvation.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 29 April 2017]

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

26 April 2017, New York

[Strong partnerships key to unleash full potential of industrialization, senior UN official says](#)

Speaking at the conclusion of a global meeting on importance of agriculture and agro-industries for sustainable and resilient food systems, the President of the United Nations

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) today urged for greater partnerships to ensure that global development agenda brings prosperity to all.

"[We have] to go beyond past and current models, beyond individual areas of expertise, beyond separate locations and beyond institutional frontiers," said the ECOSOC President, Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, at the close of the meeting held at Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

"In doing so, we can unleash the full potential of infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization, including agro-industries, to generate growth and employment while preserving planetary boundaries," he emphasized...

25 April 2017, New York

[Indigenous peoples are 'moral compass of humanity,' special UN General Assembly meeting told](#)

Endorsement of the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples does not equal implementation, speakers told the UN General Assembly today at a special meeting to celebrate the Declaration's tenth anniversary and renew commitment to its tenets as a vital solution towards attaining a just and sustainable world.

Since the Declaration's adoption, global awareness of indigenous peoples had grown. However, progress had been inconsistent within countries and uneven around the world, Durga Prasad Bhattacharai, Vice-President of the General Assembly told the High-level event to mark the 10th anniversary of the landmark UN Declaration.

"To fulfil the commitments made under the Declaration," he said, "stronger partnerships – built on a foundation of trust – must be forged between among Governments, indigenous peoples, the United Nations, civil society, the private sector and other key stakeholders."...

UNESCO [to 29 April 2017]

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

28.04.2017

[Executive Board reinforces UNESCO's work on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity](#)

More than 60 Member States, across all regional groups, have sponsored a draft resolution on Safety of Journalists and the issue of impunity, which was adopted, after two small editorial changes, on Friday 28 April without a vote...

27.04.2017

[UNESCO Director-General welcomes the liberation of Hatra and will send Emergency Assessment mission "as soon as possible"](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

27.04.2017

[UNESCO releases new publication on Protecting Journalism Sources in the Digital Age](#)

28.04.2017

[International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, 25 April: a recent study explores indigenous knowledge and practices in education](#)

25 April 2017

Children and young people of indigenous families remain less likely to be enrolled in school or in training programmes and more likely to underperform than non-indigenous children.

Ensuring the right to education for indigenous peoples is part of the Education 2030 Agenda. This includes monitoring the right to education, ensuring equitable access to lifelong learning and quality and relevance of teaching and learning.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

The recent publication titled "Indigenous Knowledge and practices in Education in Latin America" explores the idea of an 'epistemic otherness' building from the knowledge and values underpinning indigenous social and educational practices. In particular, it looks at how these values and forms of knowledge have been taken up in education policy in three countries of the Andean Region: Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru. For every case, an analysis is made of how indigenous cultures and worldviews have been considered in education policy and to what extent they have entered into dialogue with the conceptions of education that preceded their integration. A number of indigenous cultural practices in education are also analyzed in each country along with their potential to enhance cultural and linguistic pertinence, and to provide insight into the feasibility of extending these practices beyond indigenous communities so as to favour inclusion and cohesion among educational communities. This publication is an invitation to consider indigenous knowledge as a legitimate source of inspiration for education policies that may contribute to the well-being of all and to the sustainability of the planet.

UNESCO Policy on Engaging with Indigenous Peoples commits to promoting lifelong learning for indigenous peoples and ensuring their full inclusion in education, such as, through the Effective Literacy Practices for Indigenous Peoples Platform.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 29 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 29 April 2017]

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

Posted April 28, 2017

[UN-Habitat endorses Bellagio communique](#)

Bellagio, Italy 28 April 2017—Early this year, the African Centre for Cities at the University of Cape Town asked partners including UN-Agencies such as UNECA, WFP and UN-Habitat to participate in a meeting for considering potential impacts of the ESRC/DFID-funded research project Governing Food Systems to Alleviate Poverty in Secondary Cities in Africa Project (Consuming Urban Poverty) on the implementation of the African Union's Agenda 2063, Agenda 2030 and the New Urban Agenda.

The meeting was convened at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center (Italy) and resulted in a joint communiqué: The Bellagio Communiqué.

The Communiqué focuses on "Harnessing urban food systems for sustainable development and human well-being" and acknowledges that food security is a basic human right. It pledges that "urban food insecurity, poverty and dysfunctional urban form and management are inextricably linked and mutually reinforcing;" and also clearly underlines that "spatial/territorial planning and land management has a critical role in affecting the food system"...

Posted April 27, 2017

[Brussels hosts Expert Group Meeting on SDG indicators](#)

Brussels 27 April 2017– The "Expert Group Meeting on Geospatial Definitions for Human Settlements Indicators of the SDGs" organized by UN-Habitat brings together leading experts on the detection of built-up areas and on the identification and classification...

Posted April 26, 2017

Posted April 26, 2017

[UN-Habitat showcases its work at the World Assembly of Islamic Cities](#)

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Qazvin, Iran, 26 April 2017—At the latest World Assembly of Islamic Cities UN-Habitat had the opportunity to brief the delegates present on some of the work it is engaged in globally.

The World Assembly of Islamic Cities (WAIC) summit was convened late April in the Iranian city of Qazvin to discuss sustainable urbanization according to the ideals of Islam. The fifth in a series of conferences, the WAIC seeks to provide a forum for exchange of approaches to sustainable Islamic Cities from technological, scientific, managerial, cultural and spiritual perspectives...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2016/en/>
No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>
World Day for Safety and Health at Work
[Flash mob, toolbox talks rally workplace safety in the Philippines](#)
27 April 2017

Youth rise up against workplace accidents and illnesses through flash mob and toolbox talks to mark the 2017 World Day for Safety and Health at Work in the Philippines.

Blog
[How decent work for indigenous peoples helps advance the fight against climate change](#)
26 April 2017

While indigenous peoples face severe threats from climate change, they are also at the forefront of combating it, say three ILO experts on the basis of a new report.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.icao.int/Newsroom/Pages/default.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>
26/04/2017
[International Maritime University of Panama to host Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for Latin America](#)

UMIP selected to host regional Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC) for Latin America region, under project funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by IMO to help mitigate the harmful effects of climate change

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 29 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)
Publish Date: 28 April 2017
[WMO Update: 50-60% chance of El Niño later this year](#)
Press Release

Publish Date: 26 April 2017

[The Arctic's climate is "shifting to a new state "](#)

News

A new report from the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP) on Snow, Water, Ice and Permafrost in the Arctic highlights the rapid and widespread changes in the Arctic's sensitive climate systems mostly due to rising concentrations of greenhouse gases. One of the key findings of the report by AMAP, which is one of the six working groups of the Arctic Council, is that "the Arctic's climate is shifting to a new state."

[New study highlights benefits and costs of action and inaction on drought](#)

Publish Date: 25 April 2017

News

Significant progress has been made over the past decade in improving understanding of droughts and their impacts. However, several questions remain, including the real costs to a country's economy, and whether the price of preparing for droughts is worth it. A new study released by the World Meteorological Organization and Global Water Partnership seeks to answer these questions.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 29 April 2017]

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

Friday, 28 April 2017

[Big response to call for innovative ideas and technologies in agribusiness](#)

MILAN, Italy, 28 April 2017 - Over 330 entries from 80 countries have been submitted for the international competition, "Innovative Ideas and Technologies in Agribusiness".

[UNIDO and ITU partnership to accelerate the achievement of 2030 Agenda](#)

GENEVA, 26 April 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) today agreed to work together to fast forward the Sustainable Development

[Pacific Community opens regional centre of excellence for renewable energy and energy efficiency](#)

NUKU'ALOFA, 26 April 2017 – The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) has this week opened the first Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency office in Nuku'alofa, Tonga...

[With funding from Finland, UNIDO assesses the competencies of laboratories to support trade facilitation and regional integration in Southern Africa](#)

VIENNA, 25 April 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is strengthening laboratories in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region to offer high quality and reliable testing...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 29 April 2017]

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

28 April 2017

[Moving ahead with ISO 45001 for safety and health at work](#)

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Today is World Day for Safety and Health at Work and the ideal time to consider a new International Standard due out early next year – ISO 45001 – ISO's first standard for occupational health and safety management systems.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 29 April 2017]

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

26 April 2017

[UNWTO Commission for Africa analyses the potential of Chinese tourism in the continent](#)

The capital city of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, has recently hosted the 59th Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa. Held between 18-21 April, the Commission included a High-level Meeting on Chinese Outbound Tourism to Africa, where regional representatives debated the potential that the sector brings to the continent.

25 April 2017

[Tourism key for economic growth and diversification in the MENA region](#)

Tourism can be a key driver of the growth and economic diversification for the Middle East and North Africa region concluded the 2017 Ministerial Forum organized by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Arabian Travel Market (ATM) under the patronage of H.E. Eng. Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansoori, Minister of Economy of the United Arab Emirates. Yet, maximizing the power of the sector requires increased regional cooperation, prioritization of tourism in the national agendas and building resilience and sustainability (Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 24 April, 2017).

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 29 April 2017]

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

Apr 26, 2017

[WIPO - Lead UN Agency for Knowledge Issues, Says United Nations Secretary-General](#)

UN Secretary-General António Guterres joined WIPO Director General Francis Gurry in celebrating World Intellectual Property Day 2017, with Mr. Guterres saying that WIPO is at the frontier of knowledge that will determine the future of the international community.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 29 April 2017]

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

2017-04-26

Statement of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Cristiana Pasca Palmer, on the occasion of the Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, United Nations Headquarters, 24 April to 5 May 2017

.....

USAID [to 29 April 2017]

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

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

[United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Yemen](#)

Today the United States announced nearly \$94 million in additional humanitarian assistance to help the people of Yemen, who have suffered through two years of civil war and are

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

experiencing the largest food security emergency in the world. This additional funding brings the total U.S. humanitarian contribution to nearly \$526 million since the 2016 fiscal year.

DFID [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 29 April 2017]

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

26/04/2017

[A new community centre for refugees and migrants in Greece](#)

Mikri Poli, a new community centre for refugees and migrants opens its doors today in Ioannina. The space, located in the village of Platanos, will offer a range of free educational, cultural and recreational activities for adults and children from...

25/04/2017

[EU announces €116 million for Yemen at pledging conference in Geneva](#)

The European Commission announced today at the United Nations in Geneva its intention to release further support of €116 million for those in need in Yemen. The support includes €46 million of emergency humanitarian aid and €70 million to support...

.....

African Union [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

[Website not responding at inquiry]

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

[ASEAN to strengthen civil service to achieve Vision 2025](#)

MANILA, 29 April 2017 - Today, the Heads of States/Governments of ASEAN Member States signed the "ASEAN Declaration on the Role of Civil Service as A Catalyst for Achieving AC Vision 2025" on the occasion of the 30th ASEAN Summit in Manila

[Remarks Of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte at the Opening Ceremony of the 30th ASEAN Summit, PICC, Manila, Philippines, 29 April 2017](#)

[ASEAN to ensure seamless health cooperation in the region](#)

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 25 April 2017 – "While ASEAN Member States continue to work closely together within the health sector, Senior Officials Meeting on Health Development (SOMHD) recognises that multi-sectoral and inter-pillar cooperation are key to achieving regional improvement of health.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

European Commission [to 29 April 2017]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]

[EU approves €59 million to support peace, stability and job creation in the Horn of Africa](#)

Press release Brussels, 28 April 2017 The EU announced today 4 new actions worth €59 million to improve stability and address the root causes of irregular migration and forced displacement in the Horn of Africa region.

[Commission welcomes European Parliament's backing for European Year of Cultural Heritage](#)

Press release Commission Brussels, 27 April 2017 The 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage will be an opportunity to highlight the role of Europe's cultural heritage in fostering a shared sense of history and identity.

[EU pledges additional €116 million at Yemen Pledging Conference in Geneva for urgent needs of civilians](#)

Press release Brussels, 25 April 2017 The European Commission is announcing today at the United Nations in Geneva its intention to release further support of €116 million for those in need in Yemen. The support includes €46 million of emergency humanitarian aid and €70 million to support resilience and early recovery in 2017...

OECD [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

27-April-2017

[OECD's Gurría signals sharper focus on fixing globalisation to make it work for all](#)

OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría today stressed the OECD's commitment to help governments better address the negative consequences of globalisation while preserving the benefits of open economies and societies worldwide.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 26, 2017

[OAS Permanent Council Agrees to Convene a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to Consider the Situation in Venezuela](#)

The Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) today approved a resolution to convene a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the region to consider the situation facing the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The Resolution was approved by a roll-call vote. The Permanent Missions of Argentina, The Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, United States, Honduras, Jamaica, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia and Uruguay voted in favor.

The representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Dominica, Ecuador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Venezuela voted against, and abstaining were: Belize, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, and Trinidad and Tobago.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Grenada was absent from the meeting. The place and date of the meeting are yet to be determined.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 29 April 2017]

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

[Selected Press Releases, Announcements]

[OIC-sponsored Workshop in Uganda on Building Capacity for Responding to Humanitarian Crises](#)

26/04/2017

[See Week in Review above for additional detail]

Group of 77 [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

.....

UNCTAD [to 29 April 2017]

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

26 Apr 2017

[Dr Kituyi and Jack Ma highlight e-commerce opportunities for the developing world and governments show support](#)

24 Apr 2017

[Global survey reveals the impact of declining trust in the internet on e-commerce](#)

Jointly issued by Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) and UNCTAD

A new global survey reveals that Internet users are increasingly concerned about their online privacy, and that 49 percent of users polled say lack of trust is their main reason for not shopping online.

The survey, conducted by Ipsos and the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Internet Society, comes as data breaches and the reported hacking of elections in several European countries continues to capture international headlines. The survey results suggest that the resulting impact on trust is hindering further development of the digital economy.

Released today at the UNCTAD E-Commerce Week in Geneva, the [2017 CIGI-Ipsos Global Survey on Internet Security & Trust](#) shows that among those worried about their privacy, the top sources of concern were cybercriminals (82%), Internet companies (74%) and governments (65%)...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

28 April 2017

[DG Azevêdo: Global trade challenges are best tackled through the multilateral system](#)

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

The WTO should seek to bolster global economic cooperation in order to leave a strong and well-functioning trading system for future generations, said Director-General Roberto Azevêdo at an event organized in Geneva by the ICTSD and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung on “the future of the WTO and the role of the G20 economies”. “But it is also our responsibility to ensure that we do more to spread the benefits of trade ... to create jobs and support growth and development,” he underlined.

28 April 2017

[Introductory Trade Policy Course for least-developed countries gets under way](#)

The Introductory Trade Policy Course for Least-developed Countries (LDCs) was opened on 24 April 2017 at the WTO by Ms Bridget Chilala, Director of the Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation. Twenty-two participants are attending the course, including four representatives from countries in the process of joining the WTO.

25 April 2017

[DG Azevêdo: E-commerce can help to improve livelihoods and boost development](#)

Speaking at the first Ministerial Meeting of the “Friends of E-Commerce for Development” (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uruguay) on 25 April, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said that many members want to set a path forward for discussions on e-commerce, with a view to ensuring that e-commerce supports growth and development in the years to come. “Engagement is high,” he said, but if members want to make progress, they will have to turn that engagement into “real proposals”.

.....

IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 29 April 2017]

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

28 APRIL 2017

[Global Partnership on Effective Development Cooperation adopts ambitious plan](#)

Improving the quality and quantity of development cooperation is critical to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) was set up in 2011 to coordinate global action on development cooperation. The IPU represents the global parliamentary community on the Steering Committee of the GPEDC, which held its 13th session on 23-24 April in Washington, DC.

The meeting adopted an ambitious programme of work for 2017-2018, which includes more emphasis on implementing development cooperation commitments at the country level and greater engagement with the public sector...

24 APRIL 2017

[MPs visit facilities for adolescents and children in Dhaka](#)

During the 136th IPU Assembly in Dhaka, 40 parliamentarians carried out a field visit to two facilities catering to the needs of adolescents and disadvantaged children. The facilities—the Adolescent Development and Participation (ADP) club and the Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre—were set up by UNICEF in collaboration with Bangladesh’s Ministry of Women and Children Affairs as part of UNICEF’s overall objective to promote the rights of the child. Both centres are located in Baunia Badh, Mirpur (Dhaka)...

International Court of Justice [to 29 April 2017]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 29 April 2017]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

28 April 2017

[The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, visits Niger, addresses National Assembly: we must never forget the victims](#)

26 April 2017

[ICC signs enforcement agreement with Sweden](#)

24 April 2017

[Situation in Libya: ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I unseals a warrant of arrest for Al-Tuhamy Mohamed Khaled charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity](#)

.....

World Bank [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

[World Bank Group President Appoints Pascale Dubois as Vice President of Integrity](#)

WASHINGTON, April 27, 2017 — World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim announced the appointment of Pascale Helene Dubois as World Bank Group Vice President for Integrity.

Date: April 27, 2017 Type: Press Release Language: English

[Statement from World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim on Women's Economic Empowerment](#)

Date: April 26, 2017 Type: Press Release

"Policy leaders, executives, economists, and academics all agree that one of the most powerful ways to grow the global economy is to expand the role of women in business. The World Bank Group is working with partners on the details around creating a facility for women's economic empowerment, specifically through providing access to finance, markets, and networks. Typically, the governance of facilities we manage is decided among donors, and the secretariat sits within and is administered by the World Bank Group. We are very grateful for the leadership Ms. Trump and Chancellor Merkel have demonstrated on this important issue."

[Statement by World Bank Group Senior Vice President Mahmoud Mohieldin at the High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen](#)

Honorable Ministers, Secretary General Guterres, Excellencies. Yemen is facing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis that requires our urgent collective attention and response. The World Bank is particularly...

Date: April 25, 2017 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

[World Bank Group Launches New Program to Support Africa's Top Digital Entrepreneurs](#)

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

WASHINGTON, April 25, 2017 — The World Bank Group launched XL Africa, a five-month business acceleration program designed to support the 20 most promising digital start-ups from Sub-Saharan Africa....

Date: April 25, 2017 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Seeks Applicants for New Initiative on Roma Inclusion](#)

BUCHAREST, April 25, 2017 — Today the World Bank Office in Romania launched a call for applications for civil society organizations interested in strengthening the social inclusion of the Roma under a...

Date: April 25, 2017 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

[Adesina addresses need to end rural poverty at One World conference in Berlin](#)

28/04/2017 - The President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), Akinwumi Adesina, has called for urgent action to end rural poverty in Africa at a conference on the future of the rural world in Berlin.

[The African Development Bank Group Appoints Ms. Hassatou Diop N'Sele as the Acting Vice-President for Finance/Chief Financial Officer](#)

28/04/2017 - President Akinwumi Adesina of the African Development Bank Group is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Hassatou Diop N'Sele, as Acting Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer. She is currently the Treasurer of the African Development Bank Group and will hold the position jointly with her current responsibility as the Treasurer of the Bank Group, until a substantive new Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer is appointed. Ms. N'Sele takes over from Mr. Charles Boamah who has been appointed as Senior Vice-President for the Bank.

[Mr. Charles O. Boamah appointed as Senior Vice-President of the African Development Bank Group](#)

28/04/2017 - The African Development Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Charles O. Boamah as Senior Vice-President of the African Development Bank Group, effective immediately.

Asian Development Bank [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

27 April 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[ADB Sells Record-Breaking \\$4 Billion 3-Year Global Benchmark Bond](#)

ADB returned to the US dollar bond market with the pricing of a \$4 billion 3-year global benchmark bond issue, proceeds of which will be part of ADB's ordinary capital resources.

25 April 2017

[ADB Lending Hits Record High in its 50th Year as Infrastructure Demand Rises](#)

ADB annual operations exceeded the \$30 billion mark for the first time in its 50-year history last year as regional demand for development finance and knowledge — particularly on infrastructure — continues to grow.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 29 April 2017]

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

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

Beijing, April 28, 2017

[Mr. Jan Engström and Mr. Chaly Mah Have Been Appointed as External Members of AIIB's Audit Committee](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank announced today that Mr. Jan Engström and Mr. Chaly Mah have been appointed by President Jin Liqun as external members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The innovative combination of the board directors and the external members as members of the Audit Committee is designed to enhance good governance and accountability within the Bank.

"Both Mr. Jan Engström and Mr. Chaly Mah bring with them decades of highly relevant experience that will serve the Bank well in the years ahead," said President Jin. "Their participation will contribute greatly to the Bank's overall efforts to build a first-class multilateral development institution with the highest standards of 21st century governance."...

Beijing, April 27, 2017

[AIIB Invites the Public to Help Design Its Complaints Handling Mechanism](#)

Independent unit of the Bank to launch stakeholder consultations.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank announced today that its independent Compliance, Effectiveness and Integrity Unit (CEIU) is inviting the public to submit recommendations on the design of the [AIIB Complaints Handling Mechanism](#). The mechanism's objective is to proactively support project compliance and to rapidly solve the problems of people adversely affected by AIIB projects. The mechanism will also help the Bank to continuously learn from its experiences and strengthen its development practice.

"We are taking a very open and collaborative approach to establishing our complaints mechanism because its design needs to be responsive to the people who will use it," said Hamid Sharif, Director General, CEIU. "Great ideas can come from anywhere and we welcome suggestions from any individual, organization or stakeholder to shape and inform the development of the Bank's complaints process."...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

*

*

*

*

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

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

Amref Health Africa_ [to 29 April 2017]

<http://amref.org/news/news/>
26/04/2017

Transition - Sir "Andy" Chande

Amref Health Africa is saddened by the demise of Sir Andy Chande one of the first members of the Amref Health Africa in Tanzania Advisory Council who also chaired the Council from November 1991 until November 2002. Sir Chande was a member of the International Board of Amref Health...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 29 April 2017]

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

BRAC [to 29 April 2017]

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

CARE International [to 29 April 2017]

<http://www.care-international.org/news/press-releases>
No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 29 April 2017]

<http://www.clubhouse-intl.org/news.html>
No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 29 April 2017]

<https://www.drc.dk/news>
No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 29 April 2017]

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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Fountain House [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.fountainhouse.org/about/news-press>
No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 29 April 2017]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases
No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 29 April 2017]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles
28-04-2017 | *Report*

[Sustainable development at the ICRC](#)

The ICRC is striving to mainstream sustainability as part of an appropriate and effective approach to its work to assist the victims of conflict and other situations of violence.

28-04-2017 | *News release*

[Somalia: \\$100 cash grants will help 55,000 families overcome drought](#)

Drought-stricken families in rural Somalia have been given a lifeline via \$100 cash grants to see them through lean times brought on by severe drought.

25-04-2017 | *News release*

[Yemen: As situation deteriorates, ICRC doubles its aid budget](#)

The International Committee of the Red Cross' director for the Middle East, Robert Mardini, has said the humanitarian situation in Yemen is deteriorating fast and a massive international effort is needed to relieve the suffering.

24-04-2017 | *Statement*

[Banning nuclear weapons is our obligation to future generations and a humanitarian imperative](#)

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference on the Prohibition and Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, Nagasaki, Japan. Speech by Christine Beerli, vice president of the ICRC.

IFRC [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/press-releases/>

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 29 April 2017]

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

News 28 Apr 2017

IRCT members across Asia attend DFI seminar in Nepal

Three years since the Data in the Fight Against Impunity (DFI) Project was launched, the IRCT and member centre Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal (TPO) are hosting a three-day DFI workshop in Kathmandu, Nepal this week for IRCT members in Asia...

News 26 Apr 2017

IRCT issues Amicus brief on evaluation of forensic medical evidence of torture in asylum proceedings

The IRCT has issued an amicus curiae brief advising the Swiss Federal Criminal Court on how to ensure that victims of torture receive a fair and effective evaluation of claims of past torture during extradition proceedings. The intervention relates to the case of Ms Nekane Txapartegi who claims that her extradition to Spain is because of a criminal conviction based on evidence extracted through torture in Spain...

Islamic Relief [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 25, 2017

Do more to save lives in Yemen, urges Islamic Relief's CEO

Islamic Relief's Chief Executive urged governments to "find it in your hearts to do more to assist the people of Yemen" when he speaks at a crucial aid pledging conference in Geneva on April 25.

"The scale of the crisis in Yemen cannot be overstated," Naser Haghamed said in his speech at the conference, which was jointly hosted by the UN and the Governments of Switzerland and Sweden. "Unless we all step up to the plate and increase aid, unless we hear the cries of the Yemeni people, tens of thousands of lives could be lost in the coming months."...

Landsea [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 29 April 2017]

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

Press release

Investors Urge Pfizer to Lower Price of Pneumonia Vaccine

April 27, 2017

MSF is bringing individual investors' voices to Pfizer's annual general meeting today in New Jersey.

Press release

South Sudan: Intense Fighting Around Kodok Forces up to 25,000 People to Flee Without Humanitarian Support

April 27, 2017

Over the last three days, close to 25,000 people have been displaced by intense fighting between the South Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Agwelek forces around the town of Kodok.

Press release

Diffa, Niger: Hepatitis E Outbreak Highlights Need for Better Water and Sanitation Conditions Among Displaced People

April 26, 2017

The current outbreak of hepatitis E in Diffa, Niger, highlights the poor water and sanitation conditions in which the vast majority of the displaced people and refugees in the region are living.

Press release

US Department of Defense Announces Decision to Give Pharmaceutical Corporation Exclusive Rights on Taxpayer-Funded Zika Vaccine, Failing to Ensure Affordable and Sustainable Access

April 25, 2017

DoD's plans to grant an exclusive license to pharmaceutical company Sanofi on a vaccine candidate funded by the US government to combat Zika means there's no guarantee that the vaccine will be developed, affordable or made available for those who need it most

Press release

Study: Replacing Existing Vaccines with Heat-Stable Versions Saves Money, Protects More Mothers and Children From Deadly Diseases

NEW YORK, APRIL 26, 2017—Replacing the standard vaccines currently recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO)—most of which require refrigeration—with heat-stable versions would save money and increase protection of women, children and babies from deadly diseases like pneumonia, diarrhea, tetanus, measles and yellow fever, according to a study by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the HERMES Logistics Team (consisting of members from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center at Carnegie Mellon University).

Mercy Corps [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Operation Smile [to 29 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 29 April 2017]
<http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressreleases>
28 April 2017

Oxfam helps Syrians to find safety without risking their lives at sea

60 Syrians, arriving in Italy today to seek asylum as part of a humanitarian visa programme, will be hosted by Oxfam in the Italian region of Tuscany.

27 April 2017

Oxfam rejects the persistent murders and threats against social leaders in Colombia

In the short period of time between January and March of the current year, 20 human rights defenders have been murdered in Colombia. The most recent victim was Gerson Acosta, a defender of territorial and environmental rights, and indigenous leader of the Kite Kiwe Indigenous Reserve who was murdered on the 18th of April

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.nrc.no/>
Published 25 Apr 2017

Escalating fighting and hunger threaten millions in Yemen

Donor governments that are meeting today to discuss Yemen's crisis need to pledge generously to avert famine and massive loss of lives. "The world needs to ramp up aid to Yemen at this critical moment, when millions of people are at risk of dying of hunger," said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Pact [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.pactworld.org/news>
No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 29 April 2017]
<http://www.pih.org/blog>
Apr 27, 2017

Medical Aid and Food to Thousands of Peru Flood Victims

PIH in Peru provided emergency aid to 3,200 people, distributed hundreds of food baskets, and offered counseling to dozens of victims of last month's disastrous floods and mudslides.

Apr 27, 2017

Study Brings Relief to Rwandans with Hepatitis C

PIH and partners are making vital medicine available to Hepatitis C sufferers in Rwanda. Read

PATH [to 29 April 2017]

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

Announcement | April 25, 2017

PATH Statement in Support of New Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Medical Research Institute

"We welcome the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's plans to establish a new nonprofit medical research institute to conduct integrated early-stage research and development (R&D) on key global health disease areas," said Steve Davis, president and CEO of PATH.

"Given the many unmet needs in global health, we commend the Gates Foundation's continued investment in early-stage R&D on vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics for urgent health priorities. We look forward to working together to accelerate the identification and development of new tools to address some of the world's toughest health issues," said Steve Davis.

"PATH has a rich history and robust portfolio of work on vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics. We appreciate the Gates Foundation's continued support for PATH. We look forward to continued discussions with foundation leadership and staff, so that PATH's efforts and expertise align with and complement the new institute's work," said Steve Davis.

Announcement | April 25, 2017

PATH welcomes Zambia's commitment to eliminate malaria by 2021

PATH welcomed today's announcement by Zambia's Minister of Health, Dr. Chitalu Chilufya, speaking on behalf of Edgar Chagwa Lungu, the President of Zambia, commemorating World Malaria Day with the launch of an ambitious national strategy to eliminate malaria by 2021. The strategy demonstrates Zambia's regional leadership in the malaria fight—if successful, it would be the first sub-Saharan country with significant, year-round transmission to eliminate the disease.

Announcement | April 24, 2017

PATH and GSK welcome progress toward RTS,S malaria vaccine pilot implementation with selection of countries

PATH and GSK welcome the World Health Organization's (WHO) announcement of the countries selected to participate in the first pilot implementation of the RTS,S/AS01 malaria vaccine (also known as Mosquirix™). The pilot implementation is due to begin in 2018. The selected countries—Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi—have achieved significant reductions in malaria mortality through the deployment of currently available prevention and control measures, but still face a substantial disease burden from malaria. Each of these countries have experience with RTS,S from the large Phase 3 efficacy and safety trial of the vaccine, which concluded in early 2014.

Plan International [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 29 April 2017]

http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGIpI4E/b.9506653/k.C303/Press_Releases_2017/apps/nl/newsletter2.asp

Selected Press Releases

Large Earthquake Strikes Philippines, Save the Children Ready to Respond if Needed

April 28, 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Children Face Increased Violence and Exploitation as Famine Looms in Drought-Stricken Somalia

April 27, 2017

Save the Children Applauds U.S. House of Representatives for Passing Homeland Security Children Act

April 27, 2017

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Tostan [to 29 April 2017]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 25, 2017 | *Bustle*

The Struggles Of Afghan Women Go Well Beyond U.S. Bombs

Women for Women International President Laurie Adams spoke with Bustle about the impact of war on women in Afghanistan.

.....

Freedom House [to 29 April 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

New Report: Freedom of the Press 2017 - Press Freedom's Dark Horizon

April 28, 2017

Global press freedom declined to its lowest point in 13 years in 2016 due to unprecedented threats to journalists and media outlets in major democracies, intensified crackdowns by authoritarian states, according to *Freedom of the Press 2017*, the latest edition of Freedom House's annual report on media freedom around the world.

Luis Almagro's Defense of Democracy in Venezuela

Apr 27 2017 - 11:25am

Freedom House honors the secretary general of the Organization of American States for his work on behalf of Venezuela's political prisoners and their families.

Testimonies

The Global Echo of Moscow's Repressive Human Rights Practices

April 26, 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

On Wednesday, April 26, 2017, Freedom House Executive Vice President Daniel Calingaert testified before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe on the subject of democracy and human rights abuses in Russia.

Transparency International [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

27 Apr 2017

Corruption risks in Afghanistan's humanitarian sector prevent aid from reaching those in need

Transparency International said today that corruption risks in Afghanistan hamper humanitarian aid from getting where it needs to go, and called on the government of Afghanistan, donor agencies and humanitarian agencies to strengthen transparency and accountability in the humanitarian response to ...

.....

ChildFund Alliance [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 25, 2017

ChildFund alumni wrap up mentorship training

by Diana Quick

ChildFund Alumni Association in The Gambia at the weekend concluded a three-day mentorship training for more than 30 of its members on leadership skills, career development, entrepreneurship and roles of youth in community development.

CONCORD [to 29 April 2017]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Apr 27, 2017

Our 2016 Annual Report is out!

by Claudia Engstrom |

2016 confirmed that solidarity is the only way to effectively tackle the current issues our world is facing. Civil society organisations such as CONCORD Europe have an important role to play as drivers for change.

For a Common Agricultural Policy respecting policy coherence for sustainable development

Apr 26, 2017

The European Commission opened a Consultation on the modernisation of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). CONCORD Europe sent its recommendations and called for policy coherence for sustainable development to be strengthened. Read our reply

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 29 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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 29 April 2017]

www.evidenceaid.org

April 18, 2017

Facilitating continuity across UK Disaster research

Authors: Dr. Maurice Said and Dr. Hayley Watson – Trilateral Research Ltd.

In 2016, the UK Collaborative on Development Sciences (UKCDS) funded a study to map and visualise data on the distribution of disaster research funding in the UK. The data shows funded projects in disaster and crisis studies across UK universities. It detailed who was funded, for what, where and by whom. The data covered various funding agencies and programs but focused predominantly on the three main funders in the UK: Medical Research Council (MRC), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). It was used to populate a visual analytics mapping platform – the UK Disaster Research Map. This will make it easier to gather, search and visualise disaster funding data, mapping academic research knowledge and capacity relevant to disaster research in the UK. The data covers funding awarded between 1976 and 2016 and a total amount of £370,196,882, with the MRC accounting for 53% of the total. However, it should be noted the bulk of funding data comes from 2006 onwards, since digital records are scarce or unavailable prior to this date.

The study is a significant step forward in gathering and making available robust evidence about the status, research objectives and varying foci of disaster research studies in the UK. In this regard...

Gavi [to 29 April 2017]

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

Statement

Partnership supports launch of malaria vaccine pilots in three African countries

Funders hail next step in the development of world's first malaria vaccine.

Geneva, 24 April 2017 - The world's first malaria vaccine, RTS,S, has moved a step closer to a global rollout following WHO's announcement that Ghana, Kenya and Malawi will begin administering the vaccine in 2018.

The three countries will host pilots to evaluate the feasibility of delivering the required four doses of RTS,S in real-life settings, the vaccine's potential role in reducing childhood deaths and its safety in the context of routine use.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and Unitaids are partnering to provide \$49.2 million for the first phase of the pilot programme.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Ministries of Health in Ghana, Kenya and Malawi will implement the pilots, in coordination with WHO.

"The world's first malaria vaccine is a real achievement that has been 30 years in the making," said Dr Seth Berkley, Gavi CEO. "Today's announcement marks an important step towards potentially making it available on a global scale. Malaria places a terrible burden on many of the world's poorest countries, claiming thousands of lives and holding back economies. These pilots are crucial to determining the impact this vaccine could have on reducing this toll."...

Global Fund [to 29 April 2017]

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

Liberia and Global Fund Deepen Partnership in Building Systems for Health

26 April 2017

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf today outlined strategic areas of partnership between Liberia and the Global Fund, stressing the need to accelerate the process of building resilient and sustainable systems for health to prevent disease outbreaks. Liberia was the epicenter of the 2014 Ebola outbreak that claimed more than 11,000 lives across West Africa.

News

New Global Fund Grant Aims for Malaria Elimination in the Mekong

25 April 2017

The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will continue to support five Southeast Asian countries to expand efforts against malaria, and aim to eliminate the most deadly strain of malaria.

News

Partnership Supports Launch of Malaria Vaccine Pilots in Three African Countries

24 April 2017

The world's first malaria vaccine, RTS,S, has moved a step closer to a global rollout following WHO's announcement that Ghana, Kenya and Malawi will begin administering the vaccine in 2018.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 29 April 2017]

<http://prizecoalition.charity.org/>
An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients
Selected News Releases, Content
No new digest content identified.

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 29 April 2017]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

April, 2017

ICVA Annual Report 2016

InterAction [to 29 April 2017]

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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

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

Start Network [to 29 April 2017]

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

25 Apr 17

New report asks "are unethical recruitment practices undermining national capacity?"

The loss of talented staff from national to international organisations is a continued source of frustration for local and national NGOs in many crisis-affected countries.

To look at this issue in-depth, the Transforming Surge Capacity Project commissioned and published a report, led by CAFOD entitled Time to Move On. The report documents and analyses national NGOs' experiences of recruitment practices for surge responses by international NGOs in the Philippines.

The report found that managerial and technical field staff were considered to be the category of staff that were most frequently recruited into international NGOs and UN agencies, both because of the transferability of the skills that they have but also because they are often among the most visible to international organisations. This severely impacts the ability for national NGOs to scale up for humanitarian response.

Beyond the loss of staff, there was considerable concern expressed by national NGOs about unethical recruitment practices, often within established partnerships, such as no references requested and notice periods not being honoured.

The report developed several recommendations for the international NGO community to consider. These included: capacity building of NGOs to lead humanitarian responses including building HR capacity and developing HR systems; establishing prior agreements between international NGOs and national partners regarding the movement of staff; seconding staff from international NGOs to national NGOs to support when there are gaps; financial compensation to national NGOs if a staff member is recruited by an international organisation. A Policy to Practice paper was published which is intended to provide the humanitarian HR community with practical guidance relating to the implementation of the report's main recommendations. The report was presented and discussed at the project's International HR Conference, where participants came together to share, discuss and develop good HR practice that will help transform the way surge is undertaken. Participants recommended the following actions to strengthen locally-led response and to avoid undermining the capacity and effectiveness of local and national humanitarian response:

Establishing an HR network at the beginning of a surge response which includes both international and national organisations, who harmonise salaries and benefits being offered across the whole sector so that the INGOs do not out 'price' local organisations.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Briefing all staff being deployed to a surge response and who represent an international NGO, on ethical recruitment practices. i.e. The need to honour notice periods for staff moving to the INGO, taking out references, not 'poaching' staff etc.

:: [Read full recommendations from the conference.](#)

:: [Read more about Transforming Surge Capacity.](#)

:: [Read the full report](#)

Muslim Charities Forum [to 29 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.

.....

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 29 April 2017]

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

Published on 24/04/2017

Dr. Chesmal Siriwardhana

It is with sadness we inform our R2HC community that Dr Chesmal Siriwardhana died unexpectedly on Sunday April 9. Chesmal held the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Population Health at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and, until November last year, was Senior Lecturer in Public Health at Anglia Ruskin University.

He was the Principal Investigator of the R2HC research grant addressing Post-research ethics analysis: A tool for ethical reflection and sharing lessons-learned from health research in humanitarian crises, which was approved for funding in 2016. Chesmal had also recently updated the R2HC Research Ethics Tool, with Donal O'Mathuna, which is due to launch soon. He also supported some of Humanitarian Innovation Fund's projects on ethical issues related to humanitarian innovation.

We had hoped to work with Chesmal for many years to come so it is with deep regret we learned of his passing. Chesmal was a rising star in the research ethics field, a pleasure to work with and will be sorely missed both as a funded grant lead and professional colleague. We would like to express our condolences to Chesmal's family and friends.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Global Humanitarian Assistance (GHA) [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 29 April 2017]

<https://phap.org/>

26 April 2017

April highlights from the PHAP Member Exchange

The PHAP Member Exchange, the association's new online community launched in February this year, has seen an increased level of interest to share practical information and resources in response to questions that arise in members' day-to-day work. Over the last month, the topics on which...

.....

Center for Global Development

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

Accessed 29 April 2017

4/26/17

IDA Gets a Private Sector Window

Nancy Lee

On April 11, the World Bank's International Development Association broke new ground by establishing a private sector window (PSW) with \$2.5 billion in resources. For the first time, IDA will use public funds to catalyze private investments in poor countries, in addition to concessional lending to their governments.

Annual Report 2016

4/25/17

The Center for Global Development

This annual report marks two milestones in 2016: CGD's 15th anniversary and, at the end of the year, its first leadership transition, with founding president Nancy Birdsall being succeeded by Masood Ahmed.

Some Answers to the Perpetual Question: Does US Foreign Aid Work—and How Should the US Government Move Forward with What We Know?

4/25/17

Sarah Rose

Happily, in the last 25 years, the proportion of people living on less than \$1.25 a day has dropped by two-thirds. Most of this success is due to major global forces such as trade and cross-border labor mobility. And much of the credit goes to the governments and citizens of developing countries themselves for pursuing the policies that have enabled donor, private sector, and (increasingly) their own resources to translate into development outcomes. But development assistance—including US aid—has made important contributions.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

A Note on the Informal Sector

4/25/17

Anna Diofasi , Alan Gelb and Vijaya Ramachandran

This work analyzes fresh data made available by updated, more comprehensive Enterprise Surveys of formal firms of various sizes and, importantly, of informal firms. It concentrates on five countries (the DRC, Ghana, Kenya, Myanmar, and Rwanda) to provide more fine-grained insights into differences in characteristics and productivity levels between formal and informal firms or different sizes in different developing countries.

ODI [to 29 April 2017]

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

Selected Reports and Studies

Public financial management and health services delivery

Research reports and studies | April 2017 | Bryn Welham, Tom Hart, Shakira Mustapha and Sierd Hadley

This report explores the link between public finance management and better healthcare outcomes.

The new deal in Somalia: an independent review of the Somali Compact, 2014-2016

Research reports and studies | April 2017 | Marcus Manuel, Alastair McKechnie, Gregory Wilson and Rima das Pradhan-Blach

This report reviews the successes and failures of the Somali Compact and identifies four other key areas for any new Partnership Agreement.

Providing global public goods: what role for the multilateral development banks?

Research reports and studies | April 2017 | Inge Kaul

This report explores how multilateral development banks address global border-transcending challenges.

An 'age of choice' for infrastructure financing in sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from Ethiopia and Kenya

Research reports and studies | April 2017 | Maria Ana Jalles d'Orey and Annalisa Prizzon

This summary report explores how the Ethiopian and Kenyan governments manage a broader set of financing sources in the infrastructure sector.

An 'age of choice' for infrastructure financing? Evidence from Ethiopia

Research reports and studies | April 2017 | Maria Ana Jalles d'Orey and Annalisa Prizzon

This report explores how the Ethiopian government manages the different sources and providers of finance in the infrastructure sector.

Urban Institute [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 29 April 2017]

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

News 28 Apr 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[Leadership, Inclusiveness to Take Centre Stage at 27th World Economic Forum on Africa](#)

[To Save Healthcare Systems, Focus on Patient Outcomes, Global Health Leaders Urge](#)

News 27 Apr 2017

:: Global leaders from the healthcare sector unite to appeal for a new model of healthcare delivery in response to rising costs and dissatisfactory patient outcomes. The value-based healthcare model would track and pay for healing, instead of treating, patients

:: Signatories include the Chief Executives/Presidents of Kaiser Permanente, Medtronic, Novartis, Qualcomm Life and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, the Minister of Health of the Netherlands, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Service England and Harvard's Michael Porter

:: The model will be implemented in four pilot markets in 2017, beginning in Atlanta, USA, where the start was announced on 25 April, and later in the Netherlands, Singapore and the People's Republic of China.

:: Download the full report [here](#)

[Meet the Social Entrepreneurs Leading Africa's Transformation](#)

News 26 Apr 2017

*

*

*

*

:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Aga Khan Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

27 April 2017

[Aga Khan Foundation receives national sanitation award in India](#)

Delhi, India – The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) was awarded the FICCI- India Sanitation Coalition prize for a model of integrated block-level sanitation that is contributing to the pledge made by India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to eliminate open defecation by October 2019.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

APRIL 25, 2017

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Statement on Intention to Create Non-Profit Medical Research Institute](#)

SEATTLE (April 25, 2017) – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation intends to establish a non-profit medical research institute that will combat diseases that disproportionately impact the poor in low- and middle-income countries by accelerating progress in translational science – the process that translates promising scientific discoveries into potential medical products.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

The foundation anticipates that the initial focus of the institute will be to enhance the product pipeline for malaria, tuberculosis, and enteric and diarrheal diseases. Since 1990, the global health product development pipeline has produced dozens of high-impact interventions that have helped save more than 100 million lives. The institute intends to build on this progress by capitalizing on new strategies that could increase the identification, selection, and optimization of novel candidates for drugs, vaccines, diagnostics, and medical devices.

The foundation intends to transition potentially viable interventions to product development partners, developing country manufacturers, and others to take forward into late-stage development.

It is anticipated that the institute will be co-located in the Seattle and Boston metropolitan regions and that Penny Heaton, who currently leads the foundation's Vaccine Development and Surveillance Program, will take a senior leadership role with the institute.

The foundation is in the early stages of planning and design for the institute, and further details will be provided toward the end of 2017.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 29 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 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 29 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.

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 27, 2017

Reproductive health and rights: 10 reasons for optimism

Women's health, reproductive rights, and economic opportunities are front page news. They're at the heart of debates over whether to roll back the Affordable Care Act's broad coverage of birth control, restrict government reimbursement for services provided by Planned Parenthood, provide paid family leave, and expand child care options. And women around the world will...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 29 April 2017]

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

Apr 26 2017

Science Education

HHMI Awards Medical Research Fellowships to 79 Students

Summary

The HHMI Medical Research Fellows Program allows exceptional MD, DVM, and DDS students to shift course and conduct rigorous research at top institutions throughout the US.

Kellogg Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 28, 2017

Science in Turbulent Times [Scientific American blog]

Robert Kirshner, chief program officer for science at our founding member organization, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, writes about the importance of supporting science....

April 26, 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

New map illustrates history of protected areas and indigenous territories in the Amazon

The Amazonian Network of Socio-Environmental Georeferenced Information (RAISG), a grantee of the foundation's Andes-Amazon Initiative, has launched a new "Historical Map of Protected Natural Areas and Indigenous Territories in the Amazon." The map's dynamic analysis reveals the historical processes that led to the formal designation of protected areas and indigenous territories in the region, beginning with the first parks created at the turn of the 20th century. This history is important in understanding the full context of environmental conservation and challenges in the Amazon.

Currently, more than 45 percent of the vast Amazonian biome is deemed "protected." RAISG's website presents thematic maps of the Amazon updated through 2014, spatial statistics and national case studies for Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. And, for the first time, cartographic information layers (or shapefiles) are available to the public for download...

Open Society Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 25, 2017 *Press Release*

Pew: Urgency Grows for Network of Protected Areas Off Antarctica

CCAMLR's 25 member governments called on to fulfil 2002 commitment

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts called today on the 25 member governments of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) to continue their efforts to establish a network of marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Southern Ocean around Antarctica.

In October, the Commission agreed by consensus to designate the Ross Sea Region MPA, at twice the size of Texas the world's largest protected area. As a result, commercial fishing will not be permitted throughout more than 2 million square kilometers (almost 800,000 square miles), including all the area under the Ross Ice Shelf. The MPA will also safeguard habitat for the 1 million pairs of Adélie penguins that breed in the region and thousands of other species.

While this historic example of international cooperation is one of the most significant conservation wins in history for the world's oceans, it is just the first step toward fulfilling a broader network of MPAs to which CCAMLR member governments agreed in 2002...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 29 April 2017]

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

April 27, 2017 *Issue Brief*

The Cost of Not Expanding Medicaid: An Updated Analysis

This Urban Institute brief provides an updated analysis on Medicaid non-expansion in 19 states.

April 26, 2017 *News Release*

RWJF Statement Welcoming Richard Besser, MD, as President and CEO

Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, congratulates Richard Besser, MD, on becoming RWJF's president and CEO.

April 24, 2017 *Blog Post*

New Effort Will Give Researchers Access to Valuable Health Datasets

Katherine Hempstead

Health Data for Action, a signature RWJF research program, creates opportunities for research teams to use data that can help inform policy and improve systems to improve health.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 29 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>

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 29 April 2017]

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

News / Published: 26 April 2017

Innovation stops women dying from severe blood loss after childbirth

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

A Wellcome-funded global trial has found that tranexamic acid (TXA), a drug discovered more than 50 years ago that costs about £2 a dose, reduces maternal death from bleeding by 31% if given within three hours.

The WOMAN Trial study, coordinated by the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, recruited 20,000 mothers in 193 hospitals in 21 countries. It is published today in [The Lancet](#) (opens in a new tab)...

*

*

*

*

:: 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>

[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 29 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#):: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

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 29 April 2017)

Research article

[Workplace violence against nurses in the Gambia: mixed methods design](#)

The aim of this study was to assess the prevalence, perpetrators and factors associated with workplace violence against nurses in public secondary health care facilities from two health regions in the Gambia.

Ebrima J. Sisawo, Saide Yacine Y. Arsène Ouédraogo and Song-Lih Huang

BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:311

Published on: 28 April 2017

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

Debate

[Ethics of health research with prisoners in Canada](#)

Despite the growing recognition for the need to improve the health of prisoners in Canada and the need for health research, there has been little discussion of the ethical issues with regards to health research...

Diego S. Silva, Flora I. Matheson and James V. Lavery

BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:31

Published on: 27 April 2017

Debate

[Core information sets for informed consent to surgical interventions: baseline information of importance to patients and clinicians](#)

Consent remains a crucial, yet challenging, cornerstone of clinical practice. The ethical, legal and professional understandings of this construct have evolved away from a doctor-centred act to a patient-centred...

Barry G. Main, Angus G. K. McNair, Richard Huxtable, Jenny L. Donovan, Steven J. Thomas, Paul Kinnersley and Jane M. Blazeby

BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:29

Published on: 26 April 2017

BMC Medicine

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

Research article

[Effects of unconditional cash transfers on the outcome of treatment for severe acute malnutrition \(SAM\): a cluster-randomised trial in the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

Cash transfer programs (CTPs) aim to strengthen financial security for vulnerable households. This potentially enables improvements in diet, hygiene, health service access and investment in food production or ...

Emmanuel Grellety, Pélagie Babakazo, Amina Bangana, Gustave Mwamba, Ines Lezama, Noël Marie Zagre and Eric-Alain Ategbo

BMC Medicine 2017 15:87

Published on: 26 April 2017

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

Research article

[Findings from a prospective cohort study evaluating the effects of International Health Advisors' work on recently settled migrants' health](#)

Several interventions have been carried out to tackle health inequalities between migrant groups, especially refugees, and native-born European populations. These initiatives are often address language or cult...

Susanne Sundell Lecerof, Martin Stafström, Maria Emmelin, Ragnar Westerling and Per-Olof Östergen

BMC Public Health 2017 17:369

Published on: 28 April 2017

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 29 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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

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>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

April 2017 Volume 39, Issue 4, p665-872
[http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918\(17\)X0004-0](http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918(17)X0004-0)

Review

Postmarketing Surveillance Studies—An Industry Perspective on Changing Global Requirements and Implications

Arshadul Haque, Sajjan Daniel, Tricia Maxwell, Mariette Boerstoele
p675–685

Published online: April 7, 2017

Abstract

Purpose

This article describes postmarketing surveillance (PMS) study regulations and expectations of the regulatory agencies in 5 countries. With a focus on postapproval drug safety, there is a continuous need for understanding the benefit–risk profile of an approved drug. In addition to spontaneous adverse-event reporting, regulatory agencies seem to be more reliant on PMS studies. The opportunity to systematically monitor use in special populations, such as elderly patients and those with comorbid conditions, also presents itself during postmarketing use. Regulatory agencies in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Mexico are requiring such studies as standards or conditions of drug approvals and license renewals. These studies are meant to be observational and noninterventional, over specified time periods. Studies are required specifically for following up treated patients in clinical practice, with the main objective of collecting safety data to further characterize the benefit–risk profile that was established during clinical trials and particularly in the country-specific population.

Methods

We reviewed and compared the published PMS guidelines and requirements in Japan, the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, India, and Mexico. Interpretations of the guidelines and requirements are included and are based on direct interactions with the different regulatory agencies.

Findings

We note that the different country PMS guidelines are at varying points in development. While some countries have more comprehensive guidelines, in others, the guidelines are still evolving. The similarities among guidelines include the requirements of the content and format of protocols, periodic reports, and interim reports of PMS studies. The differences in the requirements of PMS studies, such as sample size and study duration, are noticeable. These protocols are to be submitted, together with the respective risk-management plans, for approval by the regulatory authority prior to implementation of the study.

Implications

Conventional drug discovery and approval processes are well understood, and there are ample regulatory guidelines and International Conference of Harmonisation–based reference

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

documents for understanding the path of the drug-approval process. Limited information is currently available with regard to the regulations and how PMS studies should be developed and evaluated. Some of the country-specific elements included can inform readers while they prepare to develop and implement PMS study protocols.

Complexity

November/December 2016 Volume 21, Issue S2 Pages 1–642
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cplx.v21.S2/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 29 April 2017]
[No new digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2017 - Volume 30 - Issue 2
<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

April 2017 Volume 17, Issue 1 Pages 1–60
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2017.17.issue-1/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 27, Issue 3
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>
Article

[War-child mothers in northern Uganda: the civil war forgotten legacy](#)

Norman Mukasa
Pages: 354-367
Published online: 26 Apr 2017

Article

[Microcredit and development: a multi-level examination of women's participation in microfinance institutions](#)

Karabi Bezboruah & Vijay Pillai
Pages: 328-339
Published online: 26 Apr 2017

Article

[Female entrepreneurs and poverty reduction: hair craft SMEs in Tanzania](#)

Wineaster Anderson & Immakulata Mdemu Komba
Pages: 392-407

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Published online: 26 Apr 2017

Development Policy Review

May 2017 Volume 35, Issue 3 Pages 313–438

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2017.35.issue-3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 12, Issue 4, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 11 - Issue 2 - April 2017

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>

Commentaries

Human Trafficking in Nepal: Post-Earthquake Risk and Response

Published online: 15 September 2016, pp. 153-154

Bishal Gyawali, June Keeling, Per Kallestrup

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.121>

Impact of Gene Editing Tools, Like CRISPR/Cas9, on the Public Health Response to Disease Outbreaks

Published online: 19 September 2016, pp. 155-159

Samuel M. Pope

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.123>

Original Research

Health System Response and Adaptation to the Largest Sandstorm in the Middle East

Published online: 19 August 2016, pp. 227-238

Furqan B. Irfan, Sameer A. Pathan, Zain A. Bhutta, Mohamed E. Abbasy, Amr Elmoheen, Abdallah M. Elsaedy, Tooba Tariq, Charles D. Hugelmeyer, Habib Dardouri, Noor Bibi Khial Bad Shah, Colene Y. Daniel, Ashwin D. Silva, Kaleelullah S. Farook, Yogdutt Sharma, Stephen H. Thomas

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.111>

Report from the Field

Zero Health Worker Infection: Experiences From the China Ebola Treatment Unit During the Ebola Epidemic in Liberia

Published online: 26 September 2016, pp. 262-266

Lei Liu, Huahua Yin, Ding Liu

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.103>

Disasters

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

April 2017 Volume 41, Issue 2 Pages 209–426
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2017.41.issue-2/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 18, Issue 3, 2017
<http://embor.embopress.org/front.current-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

April 2017 - Volume 34 - 4
<http://emj.bmj.com/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 23, Number 4—April 2017
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 18, Pages 1-112 (March 2017)
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/17554365>
Multi-model comparisons for neglected tropical diseases - validation and projection
Edited by Déirdre Hollingsworth and Graham Medley
[Reviewed earlier]

End of Life Journal

2016, Volume 7, Issue 1
<http://eolj.bmj.com/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 145 - Issue 5 - April 2017
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2017 (Issue 31.1)
<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2017/spring-2017-issue-31-1/>
[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Volume 27, Issue 2, 29 April 2017
<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/27/2>
[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 68, In Progress (April 2017)
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192/66>
[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 9, Issue 2, April 2017
<http://link.springer.com/journal/12571/9/1/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 44, Issue 1, 2017
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Volume 10, Issue 1, Spring 2016
<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

Volume 9, Issue 1, March 2017
<http://link.springer.com/journal/12371/9/1/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 10, 2017 - Issue 1
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/10/1?nav=tocList>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

March 24, 2017, 5 (1)
<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 12, 2017 Issue 6
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rqph20/current>

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Special Issue: Maternal and Child Health in Africa for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Beyond 2015

introduction

[Maternal and child health in Africa for sustainable development goals beyond 2015](#)

Pages: 643-647

Published online: 25 Apr 2017

Ezekiel Kalipeni, Juliet Iwelunmor & Diana Grigsby-Toussaint

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

April 2017; Volume 36, Issue 4

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

Issue Focus: Maternity Coverage, Children, Disability & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 18, Issue 2, December 2016

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

Special Section: Universal Health Coverage and Human Rights

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 12 - Issue 2 - April 2017

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

Special Issue: Towards a Global Framework for Health Financing

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 32 Issue 3 April 2017

<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

Opinion

[Evidence-based policymaking is not like evidence-based medicine, so how far should you go to bridge the divide between evidence and policy?](#)

Paul Cairney and Kathryn Oliver

Published on: 26 April 2017

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Abstract

There is extensive health and public health literature on the 'evidence-policy gap', exploring the frustrating experiences of scientists trying to secure a response to the problems and solutions they raise and identifying the need for better evidence to reduce policymaker uncertainty. We offer a new perspective by using policy theory to propose research with greater impact, identifying the need to use persuasion to reduce ambiguity, and to adapt to multi-level policymaking systems.

We identify insights from secondary data, namely systematic reviews, critical analysis and policy theories relevant to evidence-based policymaking. The studies are drawn primarily from countries such as the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. We combine empirical and normative elements to identify the ways in which scientists can, do and could influence policy.

We identify two important dilemmas, for scientists and researchers, that arise from our initial advice. First, effective actors combine evidence with manipulative emotional appeals to influence the policy agenda – should scientists do the same, or would the reputational costs outweigh the policy benefits? Second, when adapting to multi-level policymaking, should scientists prioritise 'evidence-based' policymaking above other factors? The latter includes governance principles such the 'co-production' of policy between local public bodies, interest groups and service users. This process may be based primarily on values and involve actors with no commitment to a hierarchy of evidence.

We conclude that successful engagement in 'evidence-based policymaking' requires pragmatism, combining scientific evidence with governance principles, and persuasion to translate complex evidence into simple stories. To maximise the use of scientific evidence in health and public health policy, researchers should recognise the tendency of policymakers to base judgements on their beliefs, and shortcuts based on their emotions and familiarity with information; learn 'where the action is', and be prepared to engage in long-term strategies to be able to influence policy; and, in both cases, decide how far you are willing to go to persuade policymakers to act and secure a hierarchy of evidence underpinning policy. These are value-driven and political, not just 'evidence-based', choices.

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 39, Number 1, February 2017

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/35792>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 68 January 2017

<http://odihpn.org/magazine/the-crisis-in-south-sudan/>

The crisis in South Sudan

[Reviewed earlier]

IDRiM Journal

Vol 6, No 2 (2016)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/16>

[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Infectious Agents and Cancer

<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content>

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournals.com/content>

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

Scoping Review

Malaria elimination in Lao PDR: the challenges associated with population mobility

Although the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) is comparatively small landlocked country with patterns of both in- and out-migration, its human migration situation has been poorly studied.

Sengchanh Kounnavong, Deyer Gopinath, Bouasy Hongvanthong, Chanthalone Khamkong and Odai Sichanthongthip

Published on: 25 April 2017

International Health

Volume 9, Issue 2 March 2017

<http://inthehealth.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 5, Issue 2, 2016

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/22131035/5/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 4, No 4 (2017) April 2017

<http://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/22>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 20, Pages 1-162 (December 2016)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/22124209/20>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 46, Issue 1 February 2017

<http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

Editorials

Epidemiology in an age of anger and complaint

Stephen Leeder

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Epidemiology in the age of sustainable development

Jeffrey Sachs

Why population-based data are crucial to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Osman Sankoh; on behalf of the INDEPTH Network and partners

Genetics for population and public health

John L Hopper

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 23, Issue 6, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Vol. 10 Issue: 2, pp.-, doi: 10.1108/IJHRH-10-2016-0018

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/ijhrh/10/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

April 2017 Volume 57, p1-150

[http://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(17\)X0002-7](http://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(17)X0002-7)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Sustainable Development & World Ecology

Volume 24, 2017 - Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tsdw20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

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

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/imre.2017.51.issue-1/issuetoc>

HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES

[Reviewed earlier]

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

March 2017 - Volume 15 - Issue 1

<http://journals.lww.com/interventionjnl/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

April 25, 2017, Vol 317, No. 16, Pages 1595-1700

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

Viewpoint

Presidential Immigration Policies - Endangering Health and Well-being?

Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; Katharina Eva Ó Cathaoir, PhD

Abstract

President Trump has issued executive orders transforming US immigration policy, potentially harming patient health and well-being. Are the president's orders lawful and ethical, and what are the effects on the health system?

The president has authorized construction of a barrier along the 2000-mile US-Mexico border, but Congress must first appropriate \$12.6 billion to \$21.6 billion. The executive order envisions Mexico paying for the barrier by reducing foreign assistance or imposing a 20% import tax. The latter is incompatible with international trade rules proscribing discrimination among trading partners. The federal government has constitutional power to appropriate private property with just compensation, but litigation from landowners and Native American tribes will incur major delays.

Enhancing Transparency at the US Food and Drug Administration - Moving Beyond the 21st Century Cures Act

Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD; Michael Stebbins, PhD

JAMA. 2017;317(16):1621-1622. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.2481

This Viewpoint summarizes recommendations made in a 2017 Blueprint for Transparency at the US Food and Drug Administration developed to encourage increased public access to FDA analyses and regulatory decisions

Research Letter

Immunogenicity of 2 vs 3 Doses of the Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine in Girls Aged 9 to 13 Years After 60 Months

Gina Ogilvie, MD, MSc, FCFP, DrPH; Chantal Sauvageau, MD, MSc, FRCPC; Marc Dionne, MD, MPH; et al.

JAMA. 2017;317(16):1687-1688. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.1840

This study uses long-term follow-up clinical trial data to compare antibody response 60 months after girls younger than 15 years were randomized to 2 vs 3 doses of quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine.

JAMA Pediatrics

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

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

April 2017 - Volume 15 - Issue 4

<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 42, Issue 2, April 2017

<http://link.springer.com/journal/10900/42/2/page/1>

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 24, Pages e1-e2, 1-206 (March–April 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/12962074>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2017: Volume 7 Issue 2

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/7/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 126, Pages 1-242 (May 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03043878/126>

[No new digest content identified]

Journal of Environmental Management

Volume 190, Pages 1-302 (29 April 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03014797/190>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

April 2017 - Volume 71 - 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 12, Issue 3, 2016

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

Theme Issue: Refugee Crisis: The Borders of Human Mobility

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Global Infectious Diseases (JGID)

January – March 2017 Vol 9 Issue 1 Pages 1-37

<http://www.jgid.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)

Volume 28, Number 2 Supplement, May 2017

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/36192>

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

The Power of Prevention: Reaching At-Risk Emerging Adults to Reduce Substance Abuse and HIV

Guest Editors: Lorece Edwards, DrPH, MHS, Morgan State University and Ronald L. Braithwaite, PhD, Morehouse School of Medicine

Preface

[HIV/AIDS and Academic Research Institutions—Consider a New Era](#)

pp. vi-ix

Kim Dobson Sydnor

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 3, Issue 1, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

Resolving Data Wars: New Thoughts About Establishing Trafficking Prevalence Introduction to the Special Issue

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 7 Issue 1

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jhlscm/7/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 19, Issue 2, April 2017

<http://link.springer.com/journal/10903/19/2/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 15, Issue 1, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 215, Issue 5 1 March 2017

<http://jid.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of International Development

April 2017 Volume 29, Issue 3 Pages 285–403

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jid.v29.3/issuetoc>

Research Articles

[Multinational Oil Firms' CSR Initiatives in Nigeria: The Need of Rural Farmers in Host Communities \(pages 308–329\)](#)

Joseph Ikechukwu Uduji and Elda Nduka Okolo-Obasi

Version of Record online: 24 AUG 2016 | DOI: 10.1002/jid.3243

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Review Article

Rethinking Spatial Inequality in Development: The Primacy of Power Relations (pages 386–403)

Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai

Version of Record online: 22 DEC 2016 | DOI: 10.1002/jid.3265

Journal of Medical Ethics

April 2017 - Volume 43 - 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Operations Management

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

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02726963>

Special Issue: Competitive Manufacturing in a High-Cost Environment

Edited by Suzanne de Treville, Mikko Ketokivi and Vinod Singhal

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 4, Issue 1 (2017)

<http://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS)

Volume 6 Issue 1, March 2017

<http://jpids.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Pediatrics

April 2017 Volume 183, p1-206

<http://www.jpeds.com/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 38, Issue 1, February 2017

<http://link.springer.com/journal/41271/38/1/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

01 April 2017; volume 14, issue 129

<http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/current>

Life Sciences–Mathematics interface

[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 24, Issue 2, March/April 2017

<https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/24/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Apr 29, 2017 Volume 389 Number 10080 p1669-1770

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

Better understanding of youth mental health

The Lancet

Mental health issues are the leading cause of disability in adolescents aged 15–19 years in all the world's regions, contributing 45% of their overall burden of disease. Early intervention to prevent mental health disorders is crucial to suicide prevention and to improve lifelong wellbeing. On April 18, the charity Mission Australia, in association with the Black Dog Institute, a research institute based in New South Wales, published the [5th Youth Mental Health Report](#). From a survey of 21 000 Australian adolescents emerges a grim picture of mental health, with 22·8% of young Australians meeting the criteria for probable serious mental illness (PSMI), as assessed by the Kessler 6 measure of non-specific psychological distress. Alarming, the rate has increased by about 4% since 2012.

Adolescent girls were almost twice as likely than boys to meet the criteria for PSMI, consistent with data reported in other countries. Importantly, a significantly higher proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander responders in the Australian survey met the criteria for PSMI (31·6%), and respondents reported higher rates of concern about issues relating to substance use than non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Early intervention, the report states, is key and must be personalised, taking into account factors such as gender and community. Successful intervention might include support for family and friends, technology complementing or providing an alternative to face-to-face care, or evidence-based prevention and intervention in schools. The community is also important, especially in Australia's Indigenous populations, who deserve special recognition. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Indigenous children under 14 are nearly eight times more likely to die by suicide than their non-Indigenous peers.

In the [WHO 2013–20 plan for comprehensive mental health action](#), which 194 member states agreed to, it was noted that, “The early stages of life present a particularly important opportunity to promote mental health and prevent mental disorders...Children and adolescents with mental disorders should be provided with early intervention”. Unlike many other countries, Australia has a wealth of information concerning young people's mental health. If this new report is any indication, stronger action must be taken to reach the targets for 2020.

Lancet Global Health

Apr 2017 Volume 5 Number 4 e370-e466

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Lancet Infectious Diseases

Apr 2017 Volume 17 Number 4 p349-460 e107-e127
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Lancet Public Health

Apr 2017 Volume 2 Number 4 e157-e201
<http://thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/issue/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Apr 2017 Volume 5 Number 4 p235-360
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 21, Issue 4, April 2017
<http://link.springer.com/journal/10995/21/4/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 37, Issue 3, April 2017
<http://mdm.sagepub.com/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy
March 2017 Volume 95, Issue 1 Pages 1–209
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/milq.2017.95.issue-1/issuetoc>
[Reviewed earlier]

Nature

Volume 544 Number 7650 pp269-386 20 April 2017
http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Specials

Outlook - Food security

Richard Hodson

Nutrition: A world of insecurity

Julie Gould

Agrobiodiversity: The living library

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Karl Gruber

Bioengineering: Solar upgrade

Katherine Bourzac

Egypt: Space to grow

Louise Sarant

Perspective: Look beyond production

John Ingram

Sustainability: A meaty issue

Olive Heffernan

Technology: The future of agriculture

Anthony King

New England Journal of Medicine

April 27, 2017 Vol. 376 No. 17

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

Perspective

Preventive Medicine for the Planet and Its Peoples

D.J. Hunter, H. Frumkin, and A. Jha

[Initial text]

“Health is the human face of climate change” was the motivating idea behind the Climate and Health conference held at the Carter Center in Atlanta on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Originally scheduled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which then postponed it indefinitely, the meeting was resurrected by a coalition of nongovernmental organizations and universities and convened by former Vice President Al Gore. More than 300 attendees and a worldwide audience watching the [live stream](#) listened to more than 25 speakers addressing the health effects of climate change, the role of health professionals in adapting to these effects and communicating with the public and policymakers, and the health benefits of climate-change mitigation...

Perspective

Resisting the Suppression of Science

Lisa Rosenbaum, M.D.

N Engl J Med 2017; 376:1607-1609 April 27, 2017 DOI: 10.1056/NEJMp1702362

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 46, Issue 2, April 2017

<http://nvs.sagepub.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

OxMo Vol. 6, No. 2

<http://oxmofm.com/current-issue/>

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

[Reviewed earlier]

Pediatrics

April 2017, VOLUME 139 / ISSUE 4

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/139/3?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

PharmacoEconomics

April 2017, Issue 4, Pages 397-491

<http://link.springer.com/journal/40273/35/3/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

PLOS Currents: Disasters

<http://currents.plos.org/disasters/>

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

[Spatiotemporal Identification of Potential Tsunami Vertical Evacuation Sites: A Case Study of Shizuoka City, Japan](#)

April 24, 2017 · Research Article

Introduction: The city of Shizuoka directly faces the Nankai Trough (known for its tsunamigenic history), and is facing a potential tsunami threat. In this setting vertical evacuation can be of great significance in reducing loss of life.

Methods: We apply a GIS based method in order to identify sites that could be utilized for vertical evacuation within the existing building stock of the city, under two tsunami scenarios of 5 and 10 meters of run-up. For each building, we estimate the volume that is expected to be lost per scenario, as well as the number of people inside and how that number fluctuates over different times of the day.

Results: Using the criteria of 25% or less building volume loss and 6 cubic meters of volume per person, resulted in 2,046 potential sites for the 10 meter scenario and 1,643 potential sites for the 5 meter scenario, with the maximum amount of people that can potentially be accepted in these sites in the morning hours being 873,537 in the 10 meter scenario and 304,734 in the 5 meter scenario.

Discussion: Our approach has shown that there is a temporal aspect in tsunami vertical evacuation due to the movement of the local population throughout the day. the proposed method can be used for preliminary identification of potential vertical evacuation sites, however, it must be followed by further vulnerability and engineering assessments of buildings, in combination with accessibility and evacuation routing in order to reach a viable and complete evacuation plan.

PLoS Currents: Outbreaks

<http://currents.plos.org/outbreaks/>

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

PLoS Medicine

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

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#)::: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

Editorial

Implementation science: Relevance in the real world without sacrificing rigor

Elvin H. Geng, David Peiris, Margaret E. Kruk

| published 25 Apr 2017 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002288>

[Initial text]

The need for implementation science in health is now broadly recognized, and a working understanding of the qualities that make an implementation study “good” is needed more than ever before. As defined by Mittman and Eccles, implementation research “is the scientific study of methods to promote the systematic uptake of research findings and other evidence-based practices into routine practice, and, hence, to improve the quality and effectiveness of health services. It includes the study of influences on healthcare professional and organizational behavior” [1]. The scope of implementation science is broad, ranging from observational studies seeking to characterize and understand evidence-practice gaps, to proof-of-concept studies of efficacy, to large-scale implementation and effectiveness trials of complex interventions. Certainly, if findings in this field are not internally valid (i.e., wrong within the source population), they won’t be of use to anyone. But even if findings are internally valid, to be of value, they must be applicable and useful for implementers (e.g., governments, organizations, health care workers, and communities) in diverse real-world contexts. What kinds of findings in implementation science are most useful? Must a trade-off exist between rigor and relevance? If so, what is the right balance between rigor and applicability in a variety of contexts?

The tension between rigor and relevance across contexts is at the center of two conversations in implementation research. One conversation is among investigators immersed in the traditional scientific principles of rigorous human subject research (e.g., sampling, measurement, and confounding) and who must sometimes be persuaded of the importance of usability, applicability, and, therefore, relevance across varied real-world practice contexts. The second conversation is among implementers and evaluators embedded in real-world programs, settings, and populations. Some from this group must be persuaded that rigorous evaluation is needed and that scientific fundamentals, with accompanying effort and planning, are requisite when implementation research is the goal....

Policy Forum

Governing multisectoral action for health in low- and middle-income countries

Kumanan Rasanathan, Sara Bennett, Vincent Atkins, Robert Beschel, Gabriel Carrasquilla, Jodi Charles, Rajib Dasgupta, Kirk Emerson, Douglas Glandon, Churnrurtai Kanchanachitra, Pete Kingsley, Don Matheson, Rees Murithi Mbabu, Charles Mwansambo, Michael Myers, Jeremias Paul Jr., Thulisile Radebe, James Smith, Orielle Solar, Agnès Soucat, Aloysius Ssenyonjo, Matthias Wismar, Shehla Zaidi

| published 25 Apr 2017 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1002285>

Summary points

:: The focus of the health sector in most countries remains almost exclusively on health care services, and the potential of multisectoral collaboration remains untapped in many low- and middle-income countries.

: Different sectors have different contributions to make towards solving specific health problems. In each case, the profile, interests, incentives, and relationships of key individuals and sectors must be mapped and analysed to inform the design of approaches and systems to tackle a shared problem.

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

:: Collaborative and distributed leadership is key for effective governance of multisectoral action, with a need to build leadership capacity across sectors and levels of government and cultivate champions in different sectors who can agree on common objectives.

:: Important ways forward to support countries to take a multisectoral approach for health include ensuring that the universal health coverage agenda addresses the capacity of the health sector to work with other sectors, learning from multisectoral efforts that do not involve the health sector, improving the capacity of global institutions to support countries in undertaking multisectoral action, and developing a clear implementation research agenda for multisectoral action for health.

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

(Accessed 29 April 2017)

Research Article

[The potential economic burden of Zika in the continental United States](#)

Bruce Y. Lee, Jorge A. Alfaro-Murillo, Alyssa S. Parpia, Lindsey Asti, Patrick T. Wedlock, Peter J. Hotez, Alison P. Galvani

| published 27 Apr 2017 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0005531>

Editorial

[The first "London Declaration": The Commonwealth and its neglected tropical diseases](#)

Peter J. Hotez, Ashish Damania, Aparna Barua, Jeffrey Stanaway

| published 27 Apr 2017 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pntd.0005321>

PLoS One

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

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

Research Article

[Insights into intercontinental spread of Zika virus](#)

Dachao Liang, Ross Ka Kit Leung, Shui Shan Lee, Kai Man Kam

Research Article | published 27 Apr 2017 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0176710>

Research Article

[A population-based approach for implementing change from opt-out to opt-in research permissions](#)

Elizabeth A. Marshall, Jim C. Oates, Azza Shoaibi, Jihad S. Obeid, Melissa L. Habrat, Robert W. Warren, Kathleen T. Brady, Leslie A. Lenert

Research Article | published 25 Apr 2017 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0168223>

Abstract

Due to recently proposed changes in the Common Rule regarding the collection of research preferences, there is an increased need for efficient methods to document opt-in research preferences at a population level. Previously, our institution developed an opt-out paper-based workflow that could not be utilized for research in a scalable fashion. This project was designed

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

to demonstrate the feasibility of implementing an electronic health record (EHR)-based active opt-in research preferences program. The first phase of implementation required creating and disseminating a patient questionnaire through the EHR portal to populate discreet fields within the EHR indicating patients' preferences for future research study contact (contact) and their willingness to allow anonymised use of excess tissue and fluid specimens (biobank). In the second phase, the questionnaire was presented within a clinic nurse intake workflow in an obstetrical clinic. These permissions were tabulated in registries for use by investigators for feasibility studies and recruitment. The registry was also used for research patient contact management using a new EHR encounter type to differentiate research from clinical encounters. The research permissions questionnaire was sent to 59,670 patients via the EHR portal. Within four months, 21,814 responses (75% willing to participate in biobanking, and 72% willing to be contacted for future research) were received. Each response was recorded within a patient portal encounter to enable longitudinal analysis of responses. We obtained a significantly lower positive response from the 264 females who completed the questionnaire in the obstetrical clinic (55% volunteers for biobank and 52% for contact). We demonstrate that it is possible to establish a research permissions registry using the EHR portal and clinic-based workflows. This patient-centric, population-based, opt-in approach documents preferences in the EHR, allowing linkage of these preferences to health record information.

Research Article

Associations of women's position in the household and food insecurity with family planning use in Nepal

Nadia Diamond-Smith, Anita Raj, Ndola Prata, Sheri D. Weiser
Research Article | published 28 Apr 2017 PLOS ONE
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0176127>

PLoS Pathogens

<http://journals.plos.org/plospathogens/>
[Accessed 29 April 2017]
[No new digest content identified]

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>
[Accessed 29 April 2017]

Physical Sciences - Biophysics and Computational Biology - Biological Sciences - Population Biology:

Spread of Zika virus in the Americas

Qian Zhang, Kaiyuan Sun, Matteo Chinazzi, Ana Pastore y Piontti, Natalie E. Dean, Diana Patricia Rojas, Stefano Merler, Dina Mistry, Piero Poletti, Luca Rossi, Margaret Bray, M. Elizabeth Halloran, Ira M. Longini Jr., and Alessandro Vespignani
PNAS 2017 ; published ahead of print April 25, 2017, doi:10.1073/pnas.1620161114

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 32 - Issue 2 - April 2017

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/prehospital-and-disaster-medicine/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Preventive Medicine

Volume 97, Pages 1-108 (April 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00917435/96>

[Reviewed earlier]

Proceedings of the Royal Society B

10 February 2016; volume 283, issue 1824

<http://rspb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/283/1824?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Public Health Ethics

Volume 10, Issue 1 April 2017

<http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Public Health Reports

Volume 132, Issue 2, March/April 2017

<http://phr.sagepub.com/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Qualitative Health Research

Volume 27, Issue 5, April 2017

<http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/current>

Special Issue: End of Life

[Reviewed earlier]

Refugee Survey Quarterly

Volume 36, Issue 1 March 2017

<http://rsq.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

Special Issue: "Undesirable and Unreturnable" Aliens in Asylum and Immigration Law

[Reviewed earlier]

Reproductive Health

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

[Accessed 29 April 2017]

Research

[Determinants of modern contraceptive use among sexually active men in Kenya](#)

Research in Kenya has focussed on family planning from women's perspectives, with the aim of helping reduce the burden of unintended pregnancies. As such, the determinants of modern contraceptive use among sexually active women are well documented. However, the perspectives of men should be considered not only as women's partners, but also as individuals

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

with distinct reproductive histories and desires of their own. This study seeks to understand the determinants of modern contraceptive use among sexually active men, by exploring factors that are correlated with modern contraceptive use.

Rhouné Ochako, Marleen Temmerman, Mwende Mbondo and Ian Askew

Reproductive Health 2017 14:56

Published on: 27 April 2017

Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)

http://www.paho.org/journal/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=101

Recently Published Articles -

[No new digest content identified]

Risk Analysis

March 2017 Volume 37, Issue 3 Pages 399–597

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/risa.2017.37.issue-3/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

Volume 10, 2017

<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

[No new digest content identified]

Science

28 April 2017 Vol 356, Issue 6336

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Editorial

[Syria, slums, and health security](#)

By Seth Berkley

Science 28 Apr 2017 : 353 Full Access

In Depth

[An unprecedented march for science](#)

By Tim Appenzeller, Science News Staff

Science 28 Apr 2017 : 356-357 Restricted Access

As hundreds of thousands joined some 600 gatherings around the globe, local concerns blended with a unifying message of support for science.

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 178, Pages 1-220 (April 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02779536/178>

[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

[accessed 29 April 2017]

Research Article

Stabilisation in the Congo: Opportunities and Challenges

26 Apr 2017 Randi Solhjell, Madel Rosland

Abstract

Stabilisation is often interpreted as a matter of military interventions in so-called 'fragile states', and/or as technical and development solutions to what we argue are political problems. However, an often poorly understood stabilisation strategy is the revised International Security and Stabilisation Support Strategy for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). This strategy engages communities and authorities at local and national levels in dialogues, in order to identify causes of and develop solutions to conflicts. Stabilisation in the DRC, we argue, becomes a matter of targeting deep-rooted political and economic manipulations in the country's eastern region. This strategy, if fully endorsed, provides the first coherent and thorough approach to stabilisation in the DRC, an exit strategy for the UN mission (MONUSCO) and an opportunity for learning for other UN operations.

Stanford Social Innovation Review

Winter 2017 Volume 15, Number 1

https://ssir.org/issue/winter_2017

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 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.

[Reviewed earlier]

Sustainability

Volume 9, Issue 4 (April 2017)

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/9/4>

Article

E-Waste Supply Chain in Mexico: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Management

by Samantha E. Cruz-Sotelo, Sara Ojeda-Benítez, Jorge Jáuregui Sesma, Karla I. Velázquez-Victorica, Néstor Santillán-Soto, O. Rafael García-Cueto, Víctor Alcántara Concepción and Camilo Alcántara

Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 503; doi:[10.3390/su9040503](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040503)

Received: 22 February 2017 / Revised: 19 March 2017 / Accepted: 22 March 2017 / Published: 27 March 2017

Abstract

Electronic waste is a widespread environmental problem. From all waste streams, e-waste is registering one of the largest growing rates (between 3% and 5%). In Mexico, the e-waste recovery system comprises a mix of formal and informal sectors not well known to date. The goal of this article was to analyze electronic waste in Mexico through the active actors in the recovery chain. This article presents the evolution of studies on electronic waste in Mexico. The legal regulations and public policies were analyzed, as were the existing practices of electronic waste handling, and some challenges facing this country for waste flow management. A

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

management model is proposed which highlights components that must be considered in the model and the opportunities and challenges to transition from an unbundled handling, which still has practices that lack environmental and technical support, to sustainable management

Towards Sustainable Public Health Surveillance in India: Using Routinely Collected Electronic Emergency Medical Service Data for Early Warning of Infectious Diseases

by Eva Pilot, Ramana Roa, Biranchi Jena, Boris Kauh, Thomas Krafft and GVS Murthy
Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 604; doi:[10.3390/su9040604](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040604)

Received: 26 February 2017 / Revised: 5 April 2017 / Accepted: 7 April 2017 / Published: 13 April 2017

Abstract

Infectious disease surveillance, timely detection and early warning of outbreaks present a complex challenge to health authorities in India. Approaches based on the use of unexplored data sources, like emergency medical services (EMS) data, can contribute to the further advancement of public health surveillance capacities in India and support and strengthen the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) strategy. This research followed a mixed method approach including a series of semi-structured interviews and further data analysis of the EMS operating dispatch system in Andhra Pradesh, India. In this paper, we explore whether routinely collected EMS health data can improve sustainable infectious disease surveillance and early warning capacity. The result highlights the need for improved surveillance systems for early warning of infectious diseases in India. The data availability at the EMS dispatch centre includes patient data and spatial information and can be used for near real-time analysis. Routine data relevant for health surveillance can be extracted to provide timely health information that supplements and enhances more traditional surveillance mechanisms and thus provides a cost-efficient, near real-time early warning system for the operating states. The designed intervention is sustainable and can improve infectious disease surveillance to potentially help the government officials to appropriately prioritize timely interventions to prevent infectious disease spread.

Household Livelihood Strategies and Implication for Poverty Reduction in Rural Areas of Central Nepal

by Shanta Paudel Khatriwada, Wei Deng, Bikash Paudel, Janak Raj Khatriwada, Jifei Zhang and Yi Su

Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 612; doi:[10.3390/su9040612](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040612)

Received: 1 March 2017 / Revised: 11 April 2017 / Accepted: 13 April 2017 / Published: 14 April 2017

Abstract

Understanding household livelihood strategies is pivotal to minimize rural poverty in the least developed countries like Nepal. This study is an attempt to assess livelihood strategies pursued by rural households, investigate the most remunerative strategy, and identify the factors that influence a household's choice of better strategies in rural Nepal. Primary data collected in 453 households from three villages of central Nepal are analyzed quantitatively within a sustainable livelihood framework. This study categorized households into five main livelihood strategy groups. The results showed that the majority (61%) of the households diversified their income to non-farm sources. Livelihood diversification to business/enterprise strategies adopted by 16% of the households is the most remunerative strategy followed by commercial farming that includes 13% of the sample and are more relevant to poverty reduction. Land holding, education, agriculture and skill training, access to credit, and proximity to the road and market center are the major influencing factors on the adoption of higher returning livelihood strategies. Stimulating poor households to follow market-oriented farm and non-farm activities

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

by improving access to education, vocational training, rural credit, and rural infrastructures is momentous for reducing poverty in the rural areas of central Nepal

Screening Indicators for the Sustainable Child Development Index (SCDI)

by Ya-Ju Chang, Annekatriin Lehmann and Matthias Finkbeiner

Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 518; doi:[10.3390/su9040518](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040518)

Received: 21 December 2016 / Revised: 22 March 2017 / Accepted: 24 March 2017 / Published: 29 March 2017

Abstract

Since children are the key stakeholders supporting and being affected by sustainable development, the framework for the Sustainable Child Development Index (SCDI) was proposed. It addresses social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development by considering seven relevant themes of child development, i.e., health, education, safety, economic status, relationship, environmental aspects and participation. However, an indicator set for initiating the SCDI is still missing. In this study, indicators for the themes, subthemes and criteria of SCDI are identified from literature and then analyzed regarding data availability. Sixty-six indicators with statistical data covering at least 100 countries are selected as the indicator set for the SCDI. The results indicate that data availability is best for indicators describing the themes of health and education, and worst for indicators addressing the themes of relationship and participation. Furthermore, 21 subthemes and 50 criteria described by indicators with limited data availability are identified for future indicator and data development. By providing an initial indicator set and screening the indicators with regard to data availability, the practicality of the SCDI framework is expected. Furthermore, the indicator set can serve as a potential indicator pool for other child and sustainable development related studies

Understanding household livelihood strategies is pivotal to minimize rural poverty in the least developed countries like Nepal. This study is an attempt to assess livelihood strategies pursued by rural households, investigate the most remunerative strategy, and identify the factors that influence a household's choice of better strategies in rural Nepal. Primary data collected in 453 households from three villages of central Nepal are analyzed quantitatively within a sustainable livelihood framework. This study categorized households into five main livelihood strategy groups. The results showed that the majority (61%) of the households diversified their income to non-farm sources. Livelihood diversification to business/enterprise strategies adopted by 16% of the households is the most remunerative strategy followed by commercial farming that includes 13% of the sample and are more relevant to poverty reduction. Land holding, education, agriculture and skill training, access to credit, and proximity to the road and market center are the major influencing factors on the adoption of higher returning livelihood strategies. Stimulating poor households to follow market-oriented farm and non-farm activities by improving access to education, vocational training, rural credit, and rural infrastructures is momentous for reducing poverty in the rural areas of central Nepal.

A System-of-Systems Framework for Improved Human, Ecologic and Economic Well-Being

by Ash M. Genaidy, Ronald L. Huston, Dionysios D. Dionysiou and Waldemar Karwowski

Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 616; doi:[10.3390/su9040616](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040616)

Received: 12 February 2017 / Revised: 4 April 2017 / Accepted: 12 April 2017 / Published: 15 April 2017

Abstract

"Advances in technology and management not keeping pace with the ever-increasing urban problems" is attributed in this research to the poor understanding of person-focused

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

governance of societal, environmental and economic entities. The objective of this paper is to present an adaptive institutional model of person-driven effectiveness and ineffectiveness. The model proposes that human, ecologic and economic outcomes are heavily influenced by a complex system of systems, spanning from individually unique “non-physical influencers” to a broader set of social and environmental influencers that have a common impact on the larger society-environment-economy (SEE) system. At the heart of the model is an analytic formulation that explains the phenomena of non-physical blocker, enhancer and indifferent, which are responsible for the adaptation and maladaptation of social agents and, accordingly, for the sustainability and unsustainability of SEE systems. Examples are provided to illustrate the model applications: (a) the non-physical and maladaptive syndromes as antecedents of multi-morbidity; and (b) the broadened and narrowed minds as sources of sustainability and unsustainability at the SEE system level within the context of emerging technologies such as engineered nanomaterials.

A Holistic Sustainability Assessment Method for Urban Food System Governance

by Jan Landert, Christian Schader, Heidrun Moschitz and Matthias Stolze

Sustainability 2017, 9(4), 490; doi:[10.3390/su9040490](https://doi.org/10.3390/su9040490)

Received: 30 January 2017 / Revised: 6 March 2017 / Accepted: 20 March 2017 / Published: 24 March 2017

Abstract

A growing number of people live in cities. Urban food systems and their impacts on ecosystems and socio-economic conditions are becoming increasingly important. To address the challenge of making urban food systems more sustainable, a rising number of assessments of urban food systems have been published. Some used large quantitative datasets while others were descriptive in nature and/or do not address the whole thematic spectrum of sustainability. In this study, an indicator set was developed, which uses widely available data to address all dimensions of sustainability. The indicators focus on policies and measures of public administration and local politics and are based on the guidelines for Sustainability Assessment of Food and Agriculture Systems (SAFA) by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). To operationalize the SAFA-Guidelines, we developed, in a participatory process, a multi-criteria assessment method with 97 indicators for evaluating 51 of the 58 SAFA subthemes, which were deemed relevant for the context of an urban food system. The first application of this method in the city of Basel, Switzerland, revealed concrete areas of improvement relating to the sustainability of the food system. In combination with cost-effectiveness analysis, stakeholder consultation, and monitoring measures, the results of the assessment method can be used to initiate the process of moving towards more sustainable urban food systems

Torture Journal

Volume 27 - Issue No. 1

<http://www.irct.org/publications/torture-journal/128>

[Reviewed earlier]

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 18, Issue 2, April 2017

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tvaa/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

March-April, 2017 - Volume 16

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

Editorials

Yellow fever vaccination – Once in a lifetime?

Martin P. Grobusch, Mariëlle van Aalst, Abraham Goorhuis

Vol. 15, p1–2

Published online: December 22, 2016

Reviews

Refugees and antimicrobial resistance: A systematic review

Allard Willem de Smalen, Hatem Ghorab, Moataz Abd El Ghany, Grant A. Hill-Cawthorne

Vol. 15, p23–28

Published online: December 2, 2016

Abstract

Background

There is a large increase in the numbers of refugees and asylum seekers worldwide and a lack of data on the carriage of antimicrobial resistance in refugee/asylum seeking groups.

Methods

This article aims to identify the impact of refugees and asylum seekers on the acquisition and transmission of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through a literature search. The databases Embase, Medline, Pubmed, and Web of Science Core Collection were utilised and covered all articles before the 1st of October 2016. In total, 577 articles were identified, and studies were eligible if they met the selection criteria, including observational study design, English language, and AMR strains reported in absolute numbers. In total, 17 articles met the criteria, the majority were from the European region.

Results

Articles fitting the selection criteria exclusively reported AMR in bacterial species including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *K. oxytoca*, *Shigella* spp., *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecium*, and *Acinetobacter baumannii*. The analyses indicated that a high percentage of AMR strains, have been circulating among refugees and asylum seekers.

Conclusion

The displacement of refugees and asylum seekers seem to play a key role in the transmission of AMR. Therefore, improved AMR control measures are essential. A knowledge gap was identified; further research is strongly recommended.

Tropical Medicine & International Health

April 2017 Volume 22, Issue 4 Pages 371–512

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/tmi.2017.22.issue-4/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

UN Chronicle

Vol. LIII No. 4 2 December 2016

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

Human Rights

This issue assesses progress in promoting and protecting human rights throughout the world. Prepared in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the International Covenant on Civil and

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections: :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, both adopted in 1966, the articles examine, among other things, the responsibility of the United Nations to protect vulnerable populations from genocide, the evolving role of the Human Rights Council, the global problem of digital bullying, and advancing the rights of women in the aftermath of the Arab Spring.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 12, Issue 2, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

World Heritage Review

n°82 - December 2016

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/82/>

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.

From Google Scholar & other sources

Infection

2017, vol. 45, no2, pp. 157-164 [8 page(s) (article)]

Tetanus and diphtheria immunity in refugees in Europe in 2015

ISSN 1439-0973

Auteur(s) / Author(s)

Jablonka Alexandra (1 2) ; Behrens Georg M. N. (1 2) ; Stange Marcus (3) ; Dopfer Christian (4 5) ; Grote Ulrike (6) ; Hansen Gesine (4 5) ; Schmidt Reinhold Ernst (1 2) ; Happle Christine (4 5)

Affiliation(s) du ou des auteurs / Author(s) Affiliation(s)

(1) Department of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology, Hannover Medical School, 30625, Hannover, Germany

(2) German Center for Infection Research, Hannover, Germany

(3) Department of Paediatric Kidney, Liver and Metabolic Diseases, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany

(4) Department of Pediatric Pneumology, Allergology and Neonatology, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany

(5) German Center for Lung Research, BREATH, Hannover, Germany

(6) Department of Hematology, Hemostasis, Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation, Hannover Medical School, Hannover, Germany

Abstract

Background

Current political crises in the Middle East and economic discrepancies led millions of people to leave their home countries and to flee to Western Europe. This development raises unexpected challenges for receiving health care systems. Although pan-European initiatives strive for

:

Note: Navigation to Main Sections :: [Week in Review](#) :: [Key Agency/IGO/Governments Watch](#) :: [INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch](#) :: [Foundation/Major Donor Watch](#) :: [Journal Watch](#)

updated and optimized vaccination strategies, little data on immunity against vaccine-preventable diseases in the current refugee population exist.

Methods

We quantified serum IgG against tetanus and diphtheria (TD) in n = 678 refugees currently seeking shelter in six German refugee centers.

Findings

Reflecting current migration statistics in Europe, the median age within the cohort was 26 years, with only 23.9 % of female subjects. Insufficient IgG levels without long-term protection against tetanus were found in 56.3 % of all refugees. 76.1 % of refugees had no long-term protection against diphtheria. 47.7 % of subjects needed immediate vaccination against tetanus, and 47.7 % against diphtheria. For both diseases, an age-dependent decline in protective immunity occurred.

Interpretation

We observed a considerably low rate of tetanus-protected refugees, and the frequency of diphtheria-immune refugees was far from sufficient to provide herd immunity. These findings strongly support recent intentions to implement and enforce stringent guidelines for refugee vaccination in the current crisis.

#

The Sentinel is an open access publication, subject to the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/>). Copyright is retained by the ge2p2 global foundation.

#