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:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.

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Governance – UN Reform

General Assembly Unanimously Adopts Text Creating United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office; Elects 18 Members to Economic and Social Council

15 June 2017

GA/11922

President Hails Action as New Secretary-General's First Major Institutional Reform

...Introducing the Counter-terrorism text (document A/71/L.66), Assembly President Peter Thompson (Fiji) said "This resolution will enhance the United Nations capability to assist Member States in implementing the UN's Global Counter-Terrorism strategy across its four pillars by ensuring greater coordination and coherence across the UN system."

Through the resolution, the Assembly welcomed the Secretary-General's initiative to transfer into the new Office the current Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Office and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre, together with their existing staff and all associated regular and extra-budgetary resources, out of the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat. The Assembly emphasized the need to ensure that the new Office, to be headed by an Under-Secretary-General, was provided with adequate resources for the implementation of its mandated activities.

Speaking in explanation of position, several speakers representing major groups took the floor to welcome the adoption, called for the text's swift implementation and adequate resourcing, and stressed the need to focus on preventing violent extremism. They also emphasized the importance of ensuring strong leadership in the form of an Under Secretary-General who had experience in a range of areas and was able to foster a balanced approach that included human rights, gender equality and development...

Secretary-General Welcomes General Assembly Resolution on New Counter-Terrorism Office, Calling Struggle 'One of the Highest Priorities'

15 June 2017

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UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs in 2018

23rd Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement

GENEVA, 12-14 June 2017

84 pages

Press Release

Match resettlement commitments with action: UN Refugee Chief

12 June 2017

As global resettlement needs grow alongside rising refugee numbers, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi today called for a massive increase in places available for refugees in third countries.

At the opening of UNHCR's annual resettlement consultations with governments and non-governmental organizations in Geneva, Grandi urged governments around the world to step up and deliver places for refugees in line with commitments made in the New York Declaration, signed nine months ago by all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

"The fact is global resettlement needs today far outweigh the places made available by governments by a factor of 13 to one, despite more countries taking part in the programme and an increase in private sector and community involvement," said Grandi.

Close to 1.2 million refugees need resettling globally, but only 93,200 places in resettlement countries are expected to be available this year – 43 per cent fewer than in 2016. For refugees from sub-Saharan Africa the situation is especially acute – with just 18,000 available places for more than half a million refugees.

"The New York Declaration was a milestone in global solidarity with refugees and the mainly developing countries which host almost 9 in 10 of them. But true sharing of responsibility requires places for refugees in third countries on a scale in line with the needs. We need urgent action to get there," Grandi said.

UNHCR's report Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2018 estimates some 1.2 million refugees need a third country solution in the coming year – a slight increase from the previous year. This includes more than 510,000 refugees in 34 different countries across Africa, some 280,000 in the Middle East, 302,000 in Europe (mostly in Turkey), over 100,000 in Asia and some 1,800 in the Americas...

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Human Rights – Persons with Disabilities

ICRC's statement on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Statement

13 June 2017

*Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
United Nations, New York 13-15 June 2017*

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Armed conflict is a major cause of disability around the world. The weapons of war inflict new physical and psychosocial impairments on thousands of people every year.

The conditions created by armed conflict impose multiple new barriers around people with pre-existing physical, mental and intellectual impairments to disable them even more.

The ICRC would like to call States Parties attention to three challenges from armed conflict: increasing impairment; rising barriers, and concern for detainees with disabilities.

An Epidemic of Impairment

Every day the ICRC works with people coming to terms with new war related impairment: people whose arms and legs have been blown off by explosive weapons; people whose untreated preventable or chronic diseases leave them incapacitated.

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The conduct of hostilities determines the levels of impairment and disability in armed conflicts. Today's conflicts involve high levels of explosive weapons, often in densely populated urban areas.

This is causing an epidemic of impairment across several conflicts.

We call on all parties to armed conflicts to conduct hostilities in conformity with their IHL obligations, and also to avoid the use of explosive weapons with a wide impact area in densely populated areas.

The *provision of rehabilitation services* also determines levels of disability.

The ICRC is working with 34 State authorities to develop modern sustainable rehabilitation services. These meet the needs of newly wounded people and set new standards for people with pre-existing impairments.

We urge States Parties to bring new resources to the needs of people with disabilities during and after armed conflicts to meet rising needs and capitalize on heightened awareness.

Here, the ICRC's Humanitarian Impact Bond is an innovative investment fund to reduce people's disability related limitations.

Rising Barriers

Armed conflict also raises and multiplies disabling barriers for millions of people with pre-existing impairments.

Reasonable accommodations carefully designed by States and local authorities are destroyed by conflict. The accessibility of health services, schooling, information, social networks, water and dignified ablutions are abruptly ended by the collapse of vital services and the degradation of universal design, mobility and assistive technologies.

People with disabilities are frequently excluded from community protection strategies – like flight and concealment – and from humanitarian assessments and distributions.

We urge States to keep a strong focus on the accessibility of basic services in their humanitarian policy and practice to lower barriers and enable greater inclusion.

Detention

Finally, people with disabilities in detention should be treated humanely and equally alongside other detainees. Every effort should be made to enable the mobility, information and assistive technologies they require to ensure non-discrimination and meet people's specific needs.

We call on all detaining authorities in armed conflict to respect provisions of IHL in line with Article 11 of the CRPD.

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Development – ODA, SDGs and Violence Against Children

Counting Pennies – A review of official development assistance to end violence against children

ChildFund Alliance, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages International, World Vision International, and Development Initiatives

May 2017 :: 44 pages

Executive Summary [Excerpt]

...Ending violence against children is now, for the first time, a global development priority. With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the world's governments have set ambitious targets to end violence by 2030, towards a world where all children—girls and boys alike—grow up free from violence and exploitation. All governments have also committed to investing in children through the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), which recognizes that “investing in children and youth is critical to achieving inclusive, equitable and sustainable development for present and future generations.”²

To date, despite the recognition within the SDGs of the human and economic costs and the overall scale of the problem, very little is known about the nature of expenditure targeted at preventing, or responding to, violence against children. In terms of official development assistance (ODA), most donors make no systematic effort to track how much is spent on this issue. In contrast to other issues, such as gender equality and reproductive maternal newborn and child health, there are not yet internationally-agreed methods of tracking and recording expenditures related to ending violence against children.

For the first time in history, we have estimated how much was invested over the course of a year³ through ODA into ending violence against children.

This report is the result of a detailed study of the ODA data available through the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

This report estimates that in 2015, US\$238 million was spent on projects that fully address violence against children – just over 0.1% of total gross ODA. A further US\$837 million - 0.5% of total gross ODA - went to projects only partially addressing violence against children.

The total ODA spending for 2015 was US\$174 billion. Of that, less than 0.6% was allocated to ending violence against children. The 107 recipient countries had 1.66 billion children living in them in the reference year, yielding an average estimate investment of less than US\$0.65 per child in a year.

While no globally agreed benchmarks for investments in ending violence against children exist, this amount of less than US\$0.65 appears small if compared with the average net ODA of US\$53 received per capita in low-income countries (world average around US\$21).⁴

Eighty per cent of spending on ending violence against children was concentrated among six donors. The estimates in this report suggest that Canada is the largest single provider of ODA to end violence against children, followed by the United States of America and Sweden. Even for these donors, however, the ODA investment in ending violence against children was a relatively small part of their overall ODA investment...

...50% of all ODA to end violence against children goes to two geographic regions: Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Countries affected by conflict and displacement, such as Iraq, Syria,

Lebanon, South Sudan, and Democratic Republic of Congo, where some of the most vulnerable children live, receive the bulk of these investments.

...The main recommendation from this study is for individual donors to systematically track spending to end violence against children as a separate category; and for the OECD-Development Assistance Committee database to explore the inclusion of a specific marker. With donors tracking their spending on this issue, it would be possible to monitor the annual contribution of global development assistance to achieving the sustainable development targets to end violence against children...

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Development – Innovation

The Global Innovation Index 2017 - *Innovation Feeding the World*

TENTH EDITION

Soumitra Dutta, Bruno Lanvin, and Sacha Wunsch-Vincent Editors

Cornell University, INSEAD, WIPO |

Publication year: 2017 :: 463 pages

Abstract

The Global Innovation Index provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 127 countries and economies around the world. Its 81 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication. This year's report reviews the state of innovation in agriculture and food systems across sectors and geographies. Chapters of the report provide more details on this year's theme from academic, business, and particular country perspectives from leading experts and decision makers.

Report pdf: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo_pub_gii_2017.pdf

Press Release

Global Innovation Index 2017: Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, USA, UK Top Annual Ranking

Geneva, June 15, 2017

PR/2017/808

Released jointly by WIPO, Cornell University, INSEAD and the 2017 GII Knowledge Partners, the Confederation of Indian Industry, PwC's Strategy& and the National Confederation of Industry (CNI) and Brazilian Micro and Small Business Support Service (Sebrae)

Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the USA and the UK are the world's most-innovative countries, while a group of nations including India, Kenya, and Viet Nam are outperforming their development-level peers, according to the Global Innovation Index 2017 co-authored by Cornell University, INSEAD and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Key findings show the rise of India as an emerging innovation center in Asia, high innovation performance in Sub-Saharan Africa relative to development and an opportunity to improve innovation capacity in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Each year, the GII surveys some 130 economies using dozens of metrics, from patent filings to education spending providing decision makers a high-level look at the innovative activity that increasingly drives economic and social growth. In a new feature for the GII, a special section

looks at “[invention hotspots](#)” [Video](#) around the globe that show the highest density of inventors listed in international patent applications.

Now in its tenth edition, the GII 2017 notes a continued gap in innovative capacity between developed and developing nations and lackluster growth rates for research and development (R&D) activities, both at the government and corporate levels.

Video: Press conference [Video](#) ([Watch on YouTube](#))

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Heritage Stewardship – Human Rights – Penal Systems

[Art for Justice Fund established with \\$100 million gift from philanthropist Agnes Gund](#)

In partnership with the Ford Foundation, the national fund will support organizations addressing mass incarceration across the United States.

NEW YORK / 12 June 2017 —

The Ford Foundation announced today the creation of a national fund that will provide vital new resources to organizations working to address mass incarceration. Initial funding for the Art for Justice Fund will be provided by philanthropist Agnes Gund with a \$100 million donation from the sale of artwork from her personal collection. Over the next five years, the Art for Justice Fund hopes to raise \$100 million of additional private capital from art sales or other donations.

By using artwork to create the Art for Justice Fund, Ms. Gund seeks to show that art can be a powerful force for justice. Inspired by Ms. Gund and with an understanding of how necessary resources are at this critical moment, additional donors have committed gifts of artwork or contributions to the fund as Founding Donors, including Phil and Shelley Fox Aarons, John and Laura Arnold, Clarence Otis Jr. and Jacqueline Bradley, Kenneth and Kathryn Chenault, Tony and Robyn Coles, Pete Peterson and Joan Ganz Cooney, Glenn R. Fuhrman, Pamela Joyner and Alfred Giuffrida, A. C. Hudgins, Jo Carole Lauder, Marguerite Steed Hoffman and Tom Lentz, Daniel S. Loeb, Donald Marron, Raymond J. McGuire and Crystal McCrary, Brooke and Dan Neidich, Edith Cooper and Robert Taylor, Laurie M. Tisch, and Steve Tisch.

“The criminal justice system in its current state—particularly in its treatment of people of color—is unfair and unjust,” said Ms. Gund. “It is my hope that by supporting organizations working on criminal justice reform with proven track records, the Art for Justice Fund can inspire change and help pave the way for a better, safer future for our communities and the millions of people whose lives are devastated by mass incarceration.”

The United States has 5 percent of the world’s population yet incarcerates 25 percent of the world’s prisoners—more than any other nation. At every stage of the justice system, low-income people of color are most likely to be arrested and confined to jails and prisons. As the repercussions of the War on Drugs and other failed policies become more pronounced, there is broad consensus on the need to address the size, costs, and moral failures of mass incarceration.

A Powerful Partnership

Ms. Gund is partnering with the Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, a nonprofit with a successful record of managing and advising on complex, multimillion-dollar philanthropic projects. RPA will manage donated funds and disburse grants, as well as create

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publications and programs. Ford is providing expertise on program design and covering the operating costs of the fund so that 100 percent of donated dollars go directly to programming and grants.

The Art for Justice Fund will make grants to organizations and leaders doing impactful and cutting-edge work to reform the criminal justice system. Grants will seek to safely reduce jail and prison populations across the country, while strengthening education and employment opportunities for people leaving the system. The fund will also support art-related programs that expose the injustice of mass incarceration and its impact on individuals and communities around the country...

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Editor's Note:

The Trump administration's proposed FY2018 budget will undoubtedly undergo major revisions [and reversals] during the Congressional budgeting process, but we include the analysis on its proposed impacts as developed by the NGOs [see bolded text].

Administration's budget devastating for the world's most vulnerable [U.S.]

New analysis from leading humanitarian, development and global health organizations calculates the devastating human costs of cuts to foreign assistance

15 June 2017 Washington, DC—Leading American humanitarian, development and health organizations working around the globe have analyzed the Administration's proposed International Affairs budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY 2018) and have estimated that the impact of the proposed cuts would be devastating for the poorest and most vulnerable women, children, and families around the world, as well as for American interests. The organizations, including **Bread for the World, Catholic Relief Services, CARE USA, the International Rescue Committee, InterAction, Mercy Corps, ONE Campaign, Oxfam, PATH, Save the Children, and World Vision strongly urge Congress to reject the President's foreign affairs budget request and maintain current funding of \$60 billion.**

Congress is considering the FY 2018 budget and the nomination of Ambassador Mark Green to lead the U.S. Agency for International Development in the context of a daunting set of simultaneous and significant global challenges—including famine conditions that threaten the lives of 30 million people, global displacement at an all-time high of 65 million, and more frequent infectious disease outbreaks.

Slashing foreign aid by nearly one-third would shirk America's longstanding bipartisan commitment to help the world's most vulnerable people, and would also put the health, security and prosperity of Americans at risk. The deep and disproportionate cuts proposed in the Administration's FY 2018 International Affairs budget request will have life and death consequences today, and will also undercut America's - and the world's - ability to address tomorrow's global threats.

Sterile statistics on paper are excruciating choices in practice for aid agencies and those we seek to serve in nearly every country around the world. If enacted, the Administration's FY 2018 budget proposal could result in:

: A 50% cut to agricultural development and nutrition, which would in turn deprive 9 million children of life-saving nutrition interventions and treatments and abandon 5.25 million farmers working to feed their families;

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:: The complete elimination of (Title II) food aid and of food security programming- during a hunger crisis and famine constituting the most serious humanitarian crisis since World War II- removing access to life-saving food assistance and long-term food security programming from 30 million people;

: A 45% cut to water and sanitation programs, resulting in over 2 million people losing access to drinkable water;

:: A 53% cut to basic education programming - critical to the futures of millions caught in crisis around the world - including the total elimination of basic education funding in Djibouti, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zambia, Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Peru, Barbados and Eastern Caribbean;

:: A 44% cut to international disaster assistance, lessening the ability of USAID and partner agencies to reach tens of millions of vulnerable men, women and children with basic humanitarian aid, including over 3 million Yemenis and nearly 2 million Syrians;

: An 18% cut to migration and refugee assistance, cutting off 3.5 million refugees and internally-displaced persons from basic assistance, leading to increased displacement and instability;

:: A 17% cut to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, resulting in the inability to prevent over 4 million new HIV, TB and malaria infections; an 11% cut to the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS relief (PEPFAR), resulting in over 77,000 AIDS-related deaths; and a 10% cut to the President's Malaria Initiative, putting an additional 40 million people at risk of contracting malaria;

: A nearly 8% cut to maternal, newborn, and child health funding, which would result in more than 30,000 deaths of mothers and children each year;

Zero funding for the USAID Emergency Reserve Fund and a 14% cut to core global health security programs at the Centers for Disease Control that would increase the likelihood of a global pandemic which is capable of claiming twice as many American lives as the total number of US battlefield fatalities since 1776;

: A 55% cut to gender programs, which would prevent nearly 2 million girls from receiving an education.

In addition to the moral defeat inherent in abandoning millions who rely on lifesaving US assistance around the world, this analysis shows that the impact of these cuts to global humanitarian and development assistance as laid out in the Administration's budget request, if enacted, would be swift, devastating, and felt for years to come, imperiling millions of lives and the course of global development, stability, and partnership. The U.S. FY 2018 International Affairs budget should match the scale and nature of the global challenges facing America, and reflect the U.S. government's longstanding bipartisan commitment to shared responsibility and the safeguarding of its own vital interests.

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Featured Journal Content – Governance - Leaders

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

[Accessed 17 June 2017]

Social Sciences - Psychological and Cognitive Sciences:

[When the appeal of a dominant leader is greater than a prestige leader](#)

Hemant Kakkar and Niro Sivanathan

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Significance

We examine why dominant/authoritarian leaders attract support despite the presence of other admired/respected candidates. Although evolutionary psychology supports both dominance and prestige as viable routes for attaining influential leadership positions, extant research lacks theoretical clarity explaining when and why dominant leaders are preferred. Across three large-scale studies we provide robust evidence showing how economic uncertainty affects individuals' psychological feelings of lack of personal control, resulting in a greater preference for dominant leaders. This research offers important theoretical explanations for why, around the globe from the United States and Indian elections to the Brexit campaign, constituents continue to choose authoritarian leaders over other admired/respected leaders.

Abstract

Across the globe we witness the rise of populist authoritarian leaders who are overbearing in their narrative, aggressive in behavior, and often exhibit questionable moral character. Drawing on evolutionary theory of leadership emergence, in which dominance and prestige are seen as dual routes to leadership, we provide a situational and psychological account for when and why dominant leaders are preferred over other respected and admired candidates. We test our hypothesis using three studies, encompassing more than 140,000 participants, across 69 countries and spanning the past two decades. We find robust support for our hypothesis that under a situational threat of economic uncertainty (as exemplified by the poverty rate, the housing vacancy rate, and the unemployment rate) people escalate their support for dominant leaders. Further, we find that this phenomenon is mediated by participants' psychological sense of a lack of personal control. Together, these results provide large-scale, globally representative evidence for the structural and psychological antecedents that increase the preference for dominant leaders over their prestigious counterparts.

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Emergencies

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 17 June 2017]

Iraq

:: Iraq: WHO and health authorities immediately investigate suspected cases of foodborne illness in Hassan Sham U2 camp

Baghdad, 13 June 2017 – The World Health Organization, in coordination with Erbil and Ninewa Directorates of Health, rapidly responded to a suspected foodborne illness outbreak in Hassan Sham U2 camp by conducting an investigation with the aim of identifying the source and cause of the outbreak, treating those who are ill as well as containing and preventing any spread.

The Syrian Arab Republic

:: WHO and health partners provide vital care to displaced people in northern Syria

13 June 2017-- Responding to evacuations and a growing number of displaced people in northern Syria, WHO and its health partners are providing life-saving medical care to thousands of families. In spring 2017, following discussions between the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and other groups, families from formerly besieged areas of the country were evacuated to areas further north.

Yemen

:: [Read the latest situation report on the cholera outbreak in Yemen, 27 April–12 June \[pdf 1.27Mb\]](#)
:: [Epidemiology bulletin 9, 27 April–14 June 2017](#)

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified.*
South Sudan - *No new announcements identified.*

[WHO Grade 2 Emergencies](#) [to 17 June 2017]
Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified. [see UNICEF reports below]*
Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new announcements identified.*
Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*
Libya - *No new announcements identified.*
Myanmar - *No new announcements identified.*
Niger - *No new announcements identified.*
Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*

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[UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies](#)

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

Iraq

:: [Iraq: Mosul Humanitarian Response Situation Report No. 37 \(5 to 11 June 2017\)](#)
...Humanitarian and protection needs remain severe, both among displaced families and vulnerable residents of newly accessible areas. While humanitarian partners continue to respond to the outflow of people providing emergency assistance – including shading, ready-to-eat meals, water, sanitation facilities, and medical and protection services – capacities are being stretched, and funding concerns are being reported in some areas, such as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and health...

Syrian Arab Republic

:: 16 Jun 2017 [Mobile clinics reach far-flung regions of Syria](#)

Yemen

:: [Key messages on cholera \(12 June 2017\)](#)

Current situation

Yemen is in the grip of a fast spreading cholera outbreak of an unprecedented scale. As of 12 June, WHO reports a cumulative total of 124,002 suspected cases and 923 associated deaths. More than half of the suspected cholera cases have been reported from four governorates: Amanat Al Asimah, Hajjah, Amran and Al Hudeidah. *[These figures likely underrepresent the magnitude of the epidemic since only 45% of health facilities in Yemen are effectively functioning and surveillance systems, data collection and verification continues to be a challenge throughout the country. Although rapid test are available, only 2 labs (Sanaa and Aden) are 'authorised' to confirm suspected cases. On 14 May, the MoPHP declared a state of emergency in Sana'a governorate stating that the health system is unable to contain this unprecedented health and environmental disaster.]...*

...The risk of the epidemic spreading further and affecting thousands more is real as the health/wash systems are unable to cope. Congested urban centers where garbage remains uncollected and overcrowded IDP collective centers/ settlements with precarious sanitation are at high risk of contagion.

Malnourished children, malnourished pregnant women and people living with other chronic health conditions are now at greater risk of death as they face the "triple threat" of conflict, famine and cholera. Their vulnerability cannot be overstated...

UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

When the USG/ERC declares a Corporate Emergency Response, all OCHA offices, branches and sections provide their full support to response activities both at HQ and in the field.

Somalia

:: Humanitarian Common Feedback Project for Accountability to Affected People & Communication with Communities in Somalia for Prevention of Famine, June 2017

Published on 16 Jun 2017

The humanitarian situation in Somalia continues to deteriorate and an elevated risk of famine persists in some parts of the country, only six years after the devastating 2011 famine led to the death of over a quarter million people, half of them children. Over 6.7 million people are now estimated to need humanitarian assistance. This is more than half of the population of Somalia.

Led by OCHA, the Common Feedback Project (CFP) was rolled out in March through the Drought Operations Coordination Centres as part of a collective approach to strengthening two-way consultations between relief workers and affected communities. Working with humanitarian partners, the CFP is collecting, collating and analysing feedback from multiple platforms to identify key themes and issues being raised by communities, particularly related to ongoing drought...

:: Somalia: Drought Response - Situation Report No. 12 (as of 13 June 2017)

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia Weekly Humanitarian Bulletin, 12 June 2017

DRC (Kasai crisis) - *No new announcements identified.*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified.*

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UNICEF [to 17 June 2017]

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

Children account for half of all suspected cholera cases in Yemen

SANA'A, 13 June 2017- "The cholera outbreak in Yemen continues to spread at an alarming speed. Over 124,000 cases have been recorded – almost half of them are children.

"Children continue to bear the brunt of the war in Yemen. Many who have become ill or have died from cholera were suffering from malnutrition. At least 923 people have died from the disease since late April. Children account for one quarter of the deaths.

"The cholera outbreak is overwhelming what remains of Yemen's conflict-battered health system. Hospitals and treatment centres are struggling to cope with the large number of patients coming in from across the country. Medicines and intravenous fluids are quickly running out.

"But despite these massive challenges, health workers have spared no effort in responding to the emergency - even when their salaries have not been paid for nearly nine months.

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"Without an urgent solution to pay health workers, more children will die – no matter how much humanitarian aid is delivered to the country.

"With no end in sight to the conflict, the cholera outbreak – and potentially other disease will continue to stalk the lives of children."

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Unicef Steps In to Pay Yemen's Doctors as War and Cholera Rage

New York Times - JUNE 15, 2017

By RICK GLADSTONE

Desperate to halt the cholera crisis afflicting Yemen, Unicef has taken the unusual step of paying the country's doctors and nurses, who have not received salaries in months.

The regional director for Unicef, Geert Cappelaere, said on Thursday that Yemen's health workers are crucial to the effort to combat cholera and that they should not be expected to work for free.

Their normal pay has been disrupted by the civil war that has raged since March 2015 between the Saudi-backed government and the country's Houthi rebels and their allies.

Mr. Cappelaere said Unicef, the United Nations children's agency, started paying the health workers about four weeks ago. The agency is borrowing the money from an emergency fund to provide medical workers with about 70 percent of what they ordinarily would be paid. The money, which he described as daily stipends, has already amounted to millions of dollars.

"It's not a common practice at all," Mr. Cappelaere said in an interview. "That's also a practice I would not want to see sustained."

Still, Mr. Cappelaere said it was necessary because, "We're not going to let kids die." He described the cholera crisis ravaging Yemen as "really a massive, massive outbreak" the magnitude of which the country, the poorest in the Middle East, has never experienced...

Half of the country's health facilities have been destroyed or closed because of the war, which has left roughly 10,000 people dead and millions displaced.

The cholera crisis, Mr. Cappelaere said, "just comes on top of what already was an incredibly daunting situation."

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:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

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SC/12873

Security Council Issues Presidential Statement Calling on Parties in Yemen to Engage Constructively in Good-Faith Effort for Conflict Resolution

Expressing grave concern about the humanitarian situation in Yemen, the Security Council today adopted a presidential statement calling on all parties to engage constructively and in good faith to find a peaceful solution to the conflict in that country.

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GA/11922

[General Assembly Unanimously Adopts Text Creating United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office; Elects 18 Members to Economic and Social Council](#)

In what its President called the first major institutional reform presented by Secretary-General António Guterres, the General Assembly unanimously decided today to establish the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, while also electing 18 members to the Economic and Social Council.

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[Secretary-General Welcomes General Assembly Resolution on New Counter-Terrorism Office, Calling Struggle 'One of the Highest Priorities'](#)

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[Sustaining Intensified Response to Haiti Cholera Outbreak Key to Saving Lives, Deputy Secretary-General Tells General Assembly, as Number of Cases Falls](#)

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SC/12866

[Mine Action Must Extend Beyond Removing Remnants of War to Helping Communities Rebuild, Pursue Sustainable Peace, Speakers Tell Security Council](#)

Mine action must extend beyond only removing those remnants of war to become a part of an effective toolkit for helping communities and countries recover and pursue sustainable peace, speakers told the Security Council today during a briefing on a comprehensive approach to mine action and explosive hazard threat mitigation

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Press briefing note on Thailand](#)

[Qatar diplomatic crisis](#)

[Bahrain must end worsening human rights clampdown, UN experts say](#)

[World community must solve Yemen water crisis to halt spiralling cholera outbreak – UN experts](#)

[Conflict in Ukraine enters its fourth year with no end in sight – UN report](#)

[UN rights expert to assess impact of unilateral sanctions imposed by the European Union](#)

[US student case is reminder of prison conditions in North Korea – UN rights expert](#)

[Right to privacy: UN privacy expert announces first fact-finding visit to the USA \(19-27 June\)](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 17 June 2017]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children
[to 17 June 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 17 June 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 17 June 2017]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Health/Pages/SRRightHealthIndex.aspx>
16 June 2017

[World community must solve Yemen water crisis to halt spiralling cholera outbreak – UN experts](#)

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 17 June 2017]
<http://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/media/press-releases/>
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UN OCHA [to 17 June 2017]
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[Statement by Ali Al-Za'tari, the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria on attack on a joint UN/SARC/ICRC convoy \[EN/AR\]](#)

16 June 2017
[The Communication & Community Engagement Initiative: Towards a collective service for more effective humanitarian responses](#)

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[Humanitarian Common Feedback Project for Accountability to Affected People & Communication with Communities in Somalia for Prevention of Famine, June 2017](#)

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Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien, Statement on Ukraine, 14 June 2017

14 June 2017

Statement by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in the oPt, Robert Piper, on the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza

UNICEF [to 17 June 2017]

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

16 June 2017

More than half of young children deprived of play and early learning activities with their fathers - UNICEF

NEW YORK, – More than half – or 55 per cent - of children aged between 3 and 4 years-old in 74 countries – approximately 40 million – have fathers who do not play or engage in early learning activities with them, according to a new UNICEF analysis.

Myanmar's investments in children's early development are paying dividends

YANGON, Myanmar, 15 June 2017- Investments in the health, nutrition and well-being of the youngest children in Myanmar are yielding dividends, UNICEF said as momentum is building up towards the global celebration of Father's Day on 18 June.

1 in 5 children in rich countries lives in relative income poverty, 1 in 8 faces food insecurity – UNICEF

FLORENCE/NEW YORK, 15 June 2017 – 1 in 5 children in high-income countries lives in relative income poverty and an average of 1 in 8 faces food insecurity, according to the latest Report Card issued by the UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti.

Sachin Tendulkar and UNICEF launch new video to highlight fathers' critical role in children's early development

NEW YORK, 14 June 2017 – Sachin Tendulkar and UNICEF today released a new video to celebrate fatherhood and highlight the importance of love, play, protection and good nutrition for the healthy development of young children's brains.

Children account for half of all suspected cholera cases in Yemen

SANA'A, 13 June 2017- "The cholera outbreak in Yemen continues to spread at an alarming speed. Over 124,000 cases have been recorded – almost half of them are children.

Global leaders unite to bring polio one step closer to eradication

ATLANTA (12 June 2017) – Today, global health leaders gathered at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta to reaffirm their commitment to eradicating polio and pledge US\$ 1.2 billion to finance efforts to end the disease.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 17 June 2017]

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

Briefing Notes

UNHCR appeals for better access as thousands flee Raqqa

13 Jun 2017

Amid ongoing fierce fighting in and around Raqqa city, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency is calling for greater and sustained access so that we can reach tens of thousands of civilians who are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance.

Over 430,000 people are estimated to be in need across Ar-Raqqa governorate. In May alone, over 100,000 people have been displaced. UNHCR's response on the ground is being closely coordinated with sister UN agencies and other humanitarian partners...

Press releases and news comments

[The FC Barcelona Fondation and UNHCR launch campaign in support of refugee children](#) 13 Jun 2017

[Match resettlement commitments with action: UN Refugee Chief](#) 12 Jun 2017
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[US\\$65 million sought to aid DRC refugees in Angola](#) 12 Jun 2017

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 17 June 2017]

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

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[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 77,004 in 2017; 1,828 Deaths](#)

Switzerland - The UN Migration Agency (IOM) reports that 77,004 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 14 June.

[EUR 20 Million EU Project in Support of Turkish Coast Guard Seeks to Save More Migrant Lives](#)

2017-06-16 17:45

Turkey - On 15 June, the Turkish Coastguard (TUR CG) received in Antalya two search and rescue vessels.

[UN Migration Agency Joins Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development](#)

2017-06-16 17:39

United States - More than 300 participants are attending the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID), an initiative organized by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Population Division and the Financing for Development Office...

[IOM, Foreign Trade Association Sign Agreement on Protecting Migrant Workers](#)

2017-06-16 17:21

Belgium - The UN Migration Agency (IOM) and the Foreign Trade Association (FTA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to boost cooperation in promoting ethical recruitment, protecting migrant workers and combating human trafficking in global labour supply chains.

[UN Migration Agency Joins Civil Society and UN Initiative Calling for Global Compacts to Protect Migrant Children](#)

2017-06-13 16:14

Germany - With intergovernmental discussions leading up to the Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees currently taking place, all parties must work together to address the needs of migrant children consistent with their human rights.

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UNAIDS [to 17 June 2017]

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

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Partners come together for gender-responsive change management

Partners from across the United Nations system came together on 30 May in UNAIDS headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss how behavioural, institutional and cultural change can accelerate progress for gender equality.

In her keynote speech, Jan Beagle, Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS, emphasized that if change management is undertaken in a gender-responsive manner, barriers to gender equality in the workplace can be addressed and overcome. She shared the progress that UNAIDS has made in gender equality, including near gender parity among staff, 40% of UNAIDS country directors being female and 100% compliance with the performance indicators of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. She also underlined the need to shift organizational cultures to empower staff everywhere. UNAIDS is taking gender out of isolation and mainstreaming equality and inclusion throughout the Secretariat...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 17 June 2017]

Bhutan, Maldives eliminate measles

13 June 2017 – Bhutan and Maldives have eliminated measles, a highly infectious disease that is a major childhood killer globally. The 2 countries are the first in the WHO South-East Asia Region to be verified for having interrupted endemic measles virus transmission, ahead of the 2020 regional target.

Abuse of older people on the rise – 1 in 6 affected

14 June 2017 – Around 1 in 6 older people experience some form of abuse, a figure higher than previously estimated and predicted to rise as populations age worldwide. Awareness about elder abuse, still largely a taboo topic, has started to increase across the world. It is defined as actions or lack of appropriate action which can cause harm or distress to an older person, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust.

Highlights

WHO and health authorities investigate suspected cases of foodborne illness in Hassan Sham U2 camp

June 2017 – WHO, in coordination with Iraq's Erbil and Ninewa Directorates of Health, rapidly responded to a suspected foodborne illness outbreak in Hassan Sham U2 camp by conducting an investigation with the aim of identifying the source and cause of the outbreak, treating those who are ill as well as containing and preventing any spread.

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

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WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

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:: Caribbean Regulatory System recommends its first generic drugs for sale in the region (06/12/2017)
:: Voluntary blood donors are increasing, but the numbers are not enough to ensure sufficient blood supplies (06/12/2017)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: • Bhutan, Maldives eliminate measles 13 June 2017

WHO European Region EURO

:: Day 3 of Environment and Health Conference: Commitments to advance the agenda in Europe 16-06-2017
:: Day 2 of Environment and Health Conference: Addressing inequalities, good governance, rights and resilience 15-06-2017
:: Day 1 of Environment and Health Conference: Taking stock of the past to transform the future 14-06-2017
:: United Nations agencies urge Europe's action on 1.4 million annual deaths from polluted environments 13-06-2017
:: WHO and health partners provide vital care to displaced people in northern Syria 13-06-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief supports cholera response in Yemen 15 June 2017
:: WHO and health authorities immediately investigate suspected cases of foodborne illness in Hassan Sham U2 camp in Iraq 13 June 2017
:: WHO conducts EWARN evaluation protocol training workshop in Cairo 13 June 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands achieves hepatitis B milestone SAIPAN, 15 June 2017 — The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – a stretch of 14 islands in the northwest Pacific – may be small, but it is scoring big goals in health. This island chain in political union with the United States of America has just been confirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO) as having reduced hepatitis B infection among children to less than 1%.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 17 June 2017]

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

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[UNDP and Cousteau Society join hands to protect and restore the oceans for sustainable development](#)

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Jun 15, 2017

Following the historic Ocean Conference (June 5-9), held to achieve the targets set for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, 'Life Below Water', the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the Cousteau Society signed a Memorandum of Understanding today, to undertake a range of ocean-related joint and coordinated activities at the global, regional and national level. Programmes run by UNDP and the Cousteau Society share a number of geographic areas such as the Black Sea, Red Sea and the Comoros Islands.

Magdy Martínez-Solimán: Statement at the Rule of Law Annual Meeting: Strengthening the Rule of Law for Sustaining Peace and Fostering Development

Jun 14, 2017, United Nations, New York

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 12, 2017

New Report Outlines Role of Science in SDG Policy-Making

On 22 April, 2017, approximately 1.3 million people in over 600 cities worldwide marched in the name of science. Listed first and foremost in their goals, the March for Science aimed to "strengthen the role of science in policymaking." While efforts to keep political and scientific agendas separate have often prevented contamination from competing interests, [...]

"The Contribution of Science in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals."

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 17 June 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 17 June 2017]

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

Press Release / June 12, 2017

G7 throws weight behind sustainable finance movement

Grouping backs UN Environment research on how to engage financial centres and SMEs

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 17 June 2017]

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

15 June 2017, New York

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'All of us can and must be prepared to speak out' to halt abuse of older persons – UN rights expert

Many older persons are at risk of being abused by their own relatives, a United Nations human rights expert has warned, urging greater vigilance and more reporting of suspected cases, especially since many fear on the part of older persons may not speak up for fear of reprisals – or to protect family members from criminal prosecution.

"Older people are afraid to say they are being abused," said Rosa Kornfeld-Matte, the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, speaking to UN News ahead of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, which is marked annually on 15 June...

UNESCO [to 17 June 2017]

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

16 June 2017

Declaration of Quebec Libraries

Libraries are essential tools for the democratization of culture and knowledge. They undeniably favor information, education, development, social integration and success of individuals, while being formidable levers of cultural, social and economic development for the communities they aim to serve. Reflecting on the libraries' essential lifelong contribution, in 2014 the project to prepare the Declaration of Quebec Libraries ([link is external](#)) was born. In accordance with the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, the Declaration first evokes that the purpose of a library is to ensure "free and unlimited access to knowledge, thought, culture and information".

15 June 2017

UNESCO adopts guidelines to protect artists and diversify cultural content on the internet

Representatives from 144 countries, plus the European Union, have approved a set of guidelines on contemporary culture in the digital environment to help countries ensure that artists and producers benefit fully and fairly from the information technologies' potential at the stages of creation, production and distribution.

UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova welcomed this development saying, "This is a major breakthrough to adapt the 2005 UNESCO Convention to the needs of our time. These guidelines are a way of ensuring that the digital environment can fulfil all its promises as a motor for an inclusive and creative society."

The text on the Implementation of the Convention in the Digital Environment was endorsed on 15 June by the Parties to UNESCO's Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions during their biennial meeting at UNESCO Headquarters.

The guidelines also address the need to ensure an inclusive offer of content to the public that will not discriminate against cultural goods on the basis of provenance, language or social factors. They also reaffirm the need to respect human rights in the digital environment, notably freedom of expression, artistic freedom and gender equality...

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23 new sites added to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves

The International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme meeting in Paris has added 23 new sites to the World Network of Biosphere, including four that straddle national boundaries. These additions were made during the MAB Council's meeting in Paris from 12 to 15 June.

The Council also approved extensions to 11 reserves and the renaming of another, as well as the request by Bulgaria and the United States of America to withdraw some of their reserves from the World Network...

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 17 June 2017]

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

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UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 17 June 2017]

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

Posted June 16, 2017

UN-Habitat Deputy Executive Director roots for New Urban Agenda

Brussels, 16 June 2017– With a strong call on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda, UN-Habitat marked its presence at the European Development Days, the major forum on development policies and cooperation in Europe. Urbanization, if...

Urbanization highlighted at the Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum

Saint Petersburg 12 June 2017 — This year's Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) was held over three days with a keynote speech by the President of Russian Federation Vladimir Putin and attended by more than 14,000...

Experts Reach Important Consensus on critical 'Land Indicator'

Washington 13 June 2017– A group of statisticians and land property rights experts recently met at the World Bank offices in Washington D.C., with the objective of developing the preparatory requirements for supporting the reclassification of the Sustainable Development Goal Indicator 1.4.2 from Tier III to Tier II status.

Indicator 1.4.2 – or the "Land Indicator" as it is colloquially referred to in the land rights community – measures the "proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, with legally recognized documentation and who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and by type of tenure." It is just one of 240+ indicators that were proposed to monitor the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Tenure security indicator 1.4.2 is considered by the land community, including policy-makers, development professionals and donors as a crucial indicator for tracking progress on tenure security issues for all, with legally documented and perceived tenure rights.

After a series of intense discussions and negotiations, the group achieved an important step in this direction, by agreeing on a set of household survey questions that will be included in the global and national-level surveys and censuses to measure just how secure peoples' land and property rights are. This agreement will help custodian agencies of this indicator make the argument this October at the Inter-Agency Expert Group meeting on the SDGs that Indicator 1.4.2 deserves to be reclassified from Tier III status, where it is in danger of being dropped from the SDG agenda, to a safer Tier II status that would allow countries to start the global investments in the data collection of monitoring security of tenure. This is one of a series of expert group consultative meetings hosted by the custodian agencies for 1.4.2 to ensure wider consultation with National Statistical Organizations and other stakeholders in the development of a methodology for measuring progress of this indicator..

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

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ILO International Labour Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

ILO Governing Body

[ILO Governing Body elects Luc Cortebeeck as new chairperson](#)

17 June 2017

Luc Cortebeeck, President of the Workers' Group and Vice-President of the ILO Governing Body, will head the International Labour Organization's executive body for the period 2017-2018.

Governing Body

[Catelene Passchier, Workers' delegate from the Netherlands elected President of the Workers' Group](#)

17 June 2017

106th International Labour Conference

[ILO ready to face world of work challenges resulting from crisis, labour migration and green transition](#)

16 June 2017

Conference shows that the ILO is ready and able to update its standards, making them robust and relevant.

World of Work Summit: A better future for women at work

[ILO World of Work Summit calls for a better future for women and men](#)

15 June 2017

Unique Summit brings together three women Presidents and other key actors to promote women at work.

World of Work Summit: A better future for women at work

[President Gurib-Fakim of Mauritius advocates better future for women at work](#)

15 June 2017

President Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, the first woman President of Mauritius, urged African Member States to eliminate gender inequality and empower women to boost the continent's development potential through innovative policies that facilitate women's integration in the workforce.

World of Work Summit: A better future for women at work

[President of Nepal: Women's empowerment underpins equal, just and peaceful societies](#)

15 June 2017

Societies cannot prosper under conditions of gender discrimination and inequality, said Nepal's President Bidya Devi Bhandari at the World of Work Summit of the ILO's 106th International Labour Conference.

World of Work Summit: A better future for women at work

[Malta's President calls on the global community to take urgent action on gender equality](#)

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"The global economy will continue to suffer greatly, if women continue to be excluded," said the President of Malta, H.E. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, at the ILO's World of Work Summit.

World Employment and Social Outlook – Trends for Women

Reducing gender gaps would significantly benefit women, society and the economy

14 June 2017

New ILO report shows closing the gender gaps by 25 per cent by 2025 could add US\$ 5.8 trillion to the global economy and boost tax revenue.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

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IMO International Maritime Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 17 June 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)

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WMO and USAID support regional multi-hazard early warning advisory system for South-East Europe

The first milestone has been reached in developing a multi-hazard early warning advisory system for South-East Europe to improve forecasts and warnings about hazards such as floods, severe storms, droughts and heat-waves, which have caused serious damages in the region in recent years. Representatives of the World Meteorological Organization, development partner USAID, numerous meteorological and hydrological services of South-East Europe and stakeholder organizations gathered in Ljubljana, Slovenia, on 14 to 15 June to discuss the establishment of a South-East European Multi-Hazard Early...

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Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project Expands to Eastern Caribbean

The World Meteorological Organization's Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) has been extended to the Eastern Caribbean. An expert group meeting took place at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami, USA, from 23 to 26 May 2017 to develop the implementation plan for the sub-project.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

Thursday, 15 June 2017

Vienna Talks on the Kigali Amendment concluded today

VIENNA, 15 June – Representatives of 55 countries gathered in Vienna from 13 to 15 June for a special event on the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol to discuss the opportunities, challenges and key actions for the phase-down of powerful greenhouse gases called hydrofluorocarbons, or HFCs. The 'Kigali Amendment – Vienna Talks' was jointly organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the governments of Italy

and Austria and brought together representatives of developing countries, as well as ozone officers and experts from the academic and private sectors.

"This meeting is an excellent opportunity for National Ozone Officers to share experiences, concerns, ideas and suggestions," said Juliet Kabera, National Ozone Officer of Rwanda, at the opening of the event. "I encourage all the countries to proceed with the ratification of the Kigali Amendment and I hope that these days in Vienna will help us move forward."...

Sustained growth in global manufacturing since the beginning of 2017 according to new UNIDO report

VIENNA, 13 June 2017 - World manufacturing has gained strength in 2017 and the prospects for sustained industrial growth are improving in industrialized and developing economies, according to a United Nations Industrial...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 17 June 2017]

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

15 June 2017

New ISO handbook brings environmental management to SMEs

By Sandrine Tranchard

Implementing an environmental management system can be challenging for small businesses. ISO's new handbook has been designed to assist SMEs in improving their environmental performance using ISO 14001.

14 June 2017

ISO 50001 highlighted as key tool for climate action at Clean Energy Ministerial

By Elizabeth Gasiorowski-Denis

With energy one of the most critical challenges facing the international community, the revision of ISO 50001 on energy management systems was given a major boost at the recently concluded Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM8), a high-level global forum working to advance clean energy globally.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

12 June 2017

Prime Minister of Samoa appointed Special Ambassador of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development by UNWTO during the Ocean Conference

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has appointed the Prime Minister of Samoa, Hon. Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, as Special Ambassador of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism 2017. The ceremony took place in New York on 7 June on the side-lines of the UN Ocean Conference, where among other activities the Prime Minister addressed participants on the value of tourism to sustainably advance the blue economy

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 17 June 2017]

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

Jun 15, 2017 PR/2017/808

Global Innovation Index 2017: Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, USA, UK Top Annual Ranking

Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the USA and the UK are the world's most-innovative countries, while a group of nations including India, Kenya, and Viet Nam are outperforming their development-level peers, according to the Global Innovation Index 2017.
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 17 June 2017]

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

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USAID [to 17 June 2017]

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

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DFID [to 17 June 2017]

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

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ECHO [to 17 June 2017]

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

15/06/2017

EU announces €143 million support package for the crisis in North East Nigeria

The European Commission has announced today a support package of €143 million for the early recovery and reconstruction needs in Borno State in Nigeria which is suffering from a worsening humanitarian crisis.

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African Union [to 17 June 2017]

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

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June 15, 2017

African Union Commission pledges continued partnership with WFP

The African Union Commission has reiterated its commitment to working with the World Food Programme (WFP) in enhancing the livelihoods of the African citizenry.

June 15, 2017

International Partners Visit Drought-Hit Horn of Africa, Pledge Support

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 17 June 2017]

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

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ASEAN unites against dengue

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JAKARTA, 15 June 2017 – Simultaneous advocacy and awareness-raising activities at national and community levels are carried out in the ASEAN region today, as the annual ASEAN Dengue Day is commemorated to highlight the critical importance of multi-sector, multi-stakeholder and sustained efforts in the prevention and control of dengue. The theme for this year's ASEAN [...]

ASEAN, EU to boost student mobility in the ASEAN region

MANILA, 14 June 2017 – Today, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Philippines' Commission for Higher Education (CHED), and the European Union (EU) joined forces to organise the First ASEAN Student Mobility Forum in Manila to capture and promote the benefits of student mobility in ASEAN. About 200 students and alumni attended the [...]

European Commission [to 17 June 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 announces €143 million support package for the crisis in North East Nigeria

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 15 June 2017 The European Commission has announced a support package of €143 million today for the early recovery and reconstruction needs in Borno State in Nigeria which is suffering from a worsening humanitarian crisis.

Partnership Framework on Migration: Commission reports on results and lessons learnt one year on

Fact Sheet Brussels, 13 June 2017 What has the College adopted today? Today, the Commission and the High Representative/ Vice-President presented the fourth Progress Report on the Partnership Framework with third countries under the European Agenda on Migration, which takes stock of progress achieved since its launch...

OECD [to 17 June 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]

13 June 2017

Jobs gap closes but recovery remains uneven

The job market continues to improve in the OECD area, with the employment rate finally returning to pre-crisis levels. But people on low and middle incomes have seen their wages stagnate and the share of middle-skilled jobs has fallen, contributing to rising inequality, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 16, 2017

FACT SHEET: Basic information on the 47th OAS General Assembly in Mexico

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 17 June 2017]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Jonathan Viera, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, at final member state **consultation with the High-level Panel to assess and enhance effectiveness of UN-Habitat** \(New York, 14 June 2017\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Andrés Córdova, Second Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations, at the briefing convened by the Co-facilitators to **lead consultations on enhancing synergies and coherence between the work of the General Assembly and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** \(New York, 13 June 2017\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 17 June 2017]

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

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

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Members discuss IP in relation to inclusive innovation and the public interest

The role of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a driver for more inclusive innovation that promotes the participation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in local and global trade, and the relationship between IP and the public interest were discussed by WTO members at the meeting of the Council for Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) on 13 June. WTO members shared experiences on how IP protection fosters innovation and boosts the competitiveness of small businesses, and explored ways to broaden the understanding of how the IP system can be more responsive to public interest considerations.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 17 June 2017]

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

16 JUNE 2017

The IPU condemns attack on US Congressman and staff

The IPU condemns in the strongest terms the recent attack on US Congressman Steve Scalise and three other individuals, including a congressional staff member. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families as they struggle to deal with the tragic consequences...

16 JUNE 2017

The IPU participates at the UN Ocean Conference

Vital to our survival and providing livelihoods for millions of people, the Ocean is severely threatened by climate change, pollution and unsustainable practices. The United Nations held a five-day conference on the Ocean from 5-9 June to begin to address these issues and, at the end of the Conference, Member States adopted a Call to Action to protect the ocean.

In February, the IPU and the United Nations held an Annual Parliamentary Hearing that focused on the ocean. The hearing provided a parliamentary component to the preparatory

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process for the conference; several of its recommendations were included in the Call to Action. The UN document asks parliamentarians, as stakeholders, to help integrate Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) and its interrelated targets into national development plans...

International Court of Justice [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 17 June 2017]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement 13 June 2017 Office of the Prosecutor

ICC Prosecutor calls for the immediate arrest and surrender of the suspects, Mssrs Saif Al-Islam Gaddafi and Al-Tuhamy Mohamed Khaled to the Court

...The arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court ("ICC", or the "Court") against Mr Gaddafi on 27 June 2011 for the crimes against humanity of murder and persecution, allegedly committed in Libya in 2011, remains valid and Libya is obliged to immediately arrest and surrender Mr Gaddafi to the ICC, regardless of any purported amnesty law in Libya. Helping a fugitive to escape justice must not be tolerated, and Mr Gaddafi must be surrendered to the custody of the Court.

I call on Libya and all other States, if in a position to do so, to immediately arrest and surrender Mr Gaddafi to the ICC...

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World Bank [to 17 June 2017]

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

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World Bank Approves Additional US\$80 Million for Haiti's Hurricane Recovery

WASHINGTON, June 15, 2017— The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved three grants totaling US\$80 million for hurricane recovery efforts. The additional financing aims to restore the quality...

Date: June 14, 2017 Type: Press Release

ECOWAS Member States to Agree on Regional Investment Climate Scorecard to Unlock Investment in West Africa

Deepening regional integration through national and regional dialogue

LAGOS, Nigeria, June 13, 2017 — The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the World Bank Group will co-host the ECOWAS...

Date: June 13, 2017 Type: Press Release

Improving Communication with Citizens Can Boost Tax Revenues in Poland, Says World Bank Report

Warsaw, 12 June 2017 – In Poland, the number of compliant taxpayers could increase by as much as 20 percent – if correspondence with citizens was more effective, says a new World Bank report.

Date: June 12, 2017 Type: Press Release

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IMF [to 17 June 2017]

<http://www.imf.org/en/News/Search?DateFrom=2017-01-01&DateTo=2017-12-31>

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June 14, 2017

IMF Executive Board Discusses Building Fiscal Capacity in Fragile States

:: IMF recommends fiscal reforms in fragile states should be incremental and sequenced to take into account country-specific circumstances and conditions

:: The number of countries in post-conflict or fragile situations represent slightly more than twenty percent of the IMF's membership

:: IMF's TA approach to building fiscal capacity in fragile states are not meant to be prescriptive or "one-size-fits-all"

African Development Bank Group [to 17 June 2017]

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

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16/06/2017

AfDB approves US\$ 15 million equity investment in Shore Capital Fund to support inclusive growth in Africa

The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB) has approved a US\$ 15 million investment in Shore Capital Fund III, a multinational Private Equity Fund which promotes financial inclusion by supporting financial institutions serving Africa's low income and emerging middle-class communities.

AfDB, Japan International Cooperation Agency sign US \$300-million loan for Enhanced Private Sector Assistance

15/06/2017 - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a JPY 34.41 billion (about US\$ 300 million) loan agreement with the African Development Bank under the Enhanced Private Sector Assistance (EPSA) initiative which is a component of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Africa.

Adesina: It's time to reboot and boost US-Africa commerce and investments

15/06/2017 - Flagging data showing the steep fall in trade between Africa and the United States of America, AfDB President Akinwumi Adesina called for a reboot and boost of the erstwhile robust economic relations that existed between the two sides.

AfDB President Adesina receives Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition

14/06/2017 - The President of the African Development Bank Group (AfDB), Akinwumi Adesina, was honored with the 2017 Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award by the Global Child Nutrition Foundation (GCNF) in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

G20, African countries explore opportunities to increase investments in Africa at Berlin conference

12/06/2017 - The President of the African Development Bank, Akinwumi Adesina, joined leaders from African countries and G20 members in Berlin on Monday to discuss opportunities to enhance the business environment and increase investment in Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 17 June 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]

14 June 2017

ADB, World Bank Group Ready to Help Pacific Island Countries Maximize Benefits from Increased Trade, Investment

ADB and the World Bank Group are ready to help Pacific island countries maximize benefits from increased trade and investment across the region.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 17 June 2017]

<https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html>

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JEJU ISLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, June 16, 2017

AIIB Approves Membership of Argentina, Madagascar and Tonga

The Bank's approved membership rises to 80

Today, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) announced that its Board of Governors has adopted resolutions approving three applicants to join the Bank, bringing the Bank's total approved membership to 80. This round of approved applicants includes one regional and two non-regional prospective members.

The approved applicants are as follows: Tonga [Regional Prospective Members] and Argentina and Madagascar [on-Regional Prospective Members].

"Well-integrated infrastructure and enhanced connectivity between Asia and the rest of the world has far reaching benefits for the global economy," said Jin Lique, President, AIIB. "Tonga is well known as the Friendly Islands in the South Pacific, while Argentina and Madagascar are important economies in South America and Africa, respectively. I look forward to the role our new members will play once they fully join the Bank."

The three prospective members will officially join AIIB once they complete the required domestic processes and deposit the first installment of capital with the Bank. The shares allocated to the new prospective members come from the Bank's existing pool of unallocated shares...

JEJU, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, June 15, 2017

AIIB Approves its First Equity Investment

Also approves loans to support transport and power projects in Georgia and Tajikistan

Today, the Board of Directors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved two loans and one equity investment totaling US\$324 million to support infrastructure projects in India, Georgia and Tajikistan. These approvals include the Bank's first equity investment of US\$150 million, which will help to attract much needed private investment capital for infrastructure projects in India. Catalyzing private capital is broadly acknowledged as a critical component to addressing the infrastructure gap in Asia. These investments align with the Bank's priorities to support sustainable infrastructure, improve cross-border connectivity and mobilize private capital...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 17 June 2017]

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

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International Day of Family Remittances: IFAD President calls for more support of the families of migrants to help them build a more secure future

14 June 2017

Migrants send home 51 per cent more money than a decade ago lifting millions out of poverty, says new report

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

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

Amref Health Africa [to 17 June 2017]

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

15/06/2017

Amref joins Unilever in Launching "Heroes for Change" Programme

In partnership with Sightsavers, UNFPA and Amref Health Africa, programme aims to reach 10 million Kenyans by 2020

NAIROBI, KENYA – June 6, 2017 – Calling all heroes – Unilever today officially launched Heroes for Change, a social mobilisation volunteer programme anchored on the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan (USLP),...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 17 June 2017]

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

12th Jun 2017

South Sudanese Women and Girls Arriving in Uganda Traumatized from Sexual Violence

Alarming health and safety risks for refugee women and girls fleeing South Sudan; urgent assistance needed

Clubhouse International [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles

15-06-2017 | News release

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Two Red Cross members released

Kinshasa (ICRC) – The two members of a team from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) who were abducted in the morning of Wednesday, 7 June, between Kirumba and Beni, near Lubero, in North Kivu province, were released this morning.

Marawi Operations Update No.4

The fighting between government forces and the Maute group in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur province, in southern Philippines has entered its fourth week.

15-06-2017 | Article

Yemen: Health system at breaking point as cholera spreads at unprecedented rate

Geneva/Sana'a—As the number of suspected cholera cases in Yemen reaches unprecedented levels, with one in every 200 Yemenis suspected of having been infected with the disease, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is stepping up its res
13-06-2017 | News release

ICRC's statement on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
13-06-2017 | Statement
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IFRC [to 17 June 2017]

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

Asia Pacific, Bangladesh

IFRC calls for support as extreme monsoon weather triggers consecutive disasters in Bangladesh

Dhaka/Kuala Lumpur, 13 June 2017 – Southeast Bangladesh is reeling from the effects of the monsoon season as days of severe rains have triggered landslides in the Chittagong Hills, reportedly killing more than 40 people and leaving dozens missing. This ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

Administration's budget devastating for the world's most vulnerable

June 15, 2017

Statement

The International Rescue Committee responds to the earthquake on Lesbos

June 13, 2017

Press Release

After Appeals Court ruling, IRC urges Trump administration to drop Travel Ban

June 12, 2017

IRCT [to 17 June 2017]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

Islamic Relief [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 17 June 2017]

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

Website not responding at inquiry

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 17 June 2017]

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

Press release

Doctors Without Borders Statement on Conference on Prosperity and Security in Central America

June 15, 2017

This week in Miami, the United States and Mexico are co-hosting a high-level Conference on Prosperity and Security in Central America to address some of the issues driving mass migration from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, also known as the Northern Triangle of Central America.

Mercy Corps [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 15, 2017

Administration's Budget Devastating For The World's Most Vulnerable

New analysis from leading humanitarian, development and global health organizations calculates the devastating human costs of cuts to foreign assistance

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Operation Smile [to 17 June 2017]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 17 June 2017]

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

15 June 2017

AIIB faces expectations in Korea to translate its "clean, green" aspirations into good development lending

The energy investment decisions of the new \$100bn Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank could signal a dramatic, positive new direction in the fight against global poverty and climate change.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 17 June 2017]

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

16. Jun 2017

Uganda: Inadequate response for women and girls

Ida Sem Fossvik|Published 14. Jun 2017|Edited

Ahead of the 'Uganda Solidarity Summit on Refugees' on June 22-23, NORCAP experts stress the urgent need for more funding to Uganda's refugee situation. The humanitarian response particularly fails to address the needs of women and girls.

15. Jun 2017

Using satellite technology for humanitarian relief

Ida Sem Fossvik|Published 14. Jun 2017|Edited

With the assistance of satellite technology, NORCAP deploys to UNOSAT in Geneva develop new tools and initiatives in disaster risk reduction and climate services.

14. Jun 2017

Walter Kälin: New NRC board member

Eirik Brigg|Published

"We welcome new board member Walter Kälin to the Norwegian Refugee Council's Board of Directors. His extensive and long international expertise and tireless commitment to displaced people will undoubtedly strengthen our work," says NRC's Secretary General, Jan Egeland.

Pact [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 17 June 2017]

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

Jun 14, 2017

Community Health Worker Program Expands in Chiapas

More than 30 newly trained community health workers are connecting their neighbors in rural villages with care.

Jun 14, 2017

This Week: CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta Interviews Dr. Paul Farmer

Tune in to watch Dr. Sanjay Gupta's interview with Dr. Paul Farmer about PIH's work.

PATH [to 17 June 2017]

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

Announcement | June 15, 2017

Administration's budget devastating for the world's most vulnerable

New analysis from leading humanitarian, development and global health organizations calculates the devastating human costs of cuts to foreign assistance

[See Reports section below for full text]

Press release | June 12, 2017

United States and Vietnam launch oral HIV pre-exposure option to reduce new infections

Oral HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) is a powerful tool for HIV prevention, especially for those most at risk

Plan International [to 17 June 2017]

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<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources/media-centre>
No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

June 14, 2017

[Yemen Cholera Epidemic Infecting One Child Every Minute](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 17 June 2017]

<http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases>
16.06.2017

[International Day of the African Child](#)

Children in Africa are particularly vulnerable to falling behind in the global development agenda laid out by the Sustainable Development Goals. If global inequality is not urgently addressed and the rights of children in Africa are not upheld and guaranteed, the lives and the future of these children are at risk.

14.06.2017

[International Annual Report 2016](#)

Roughly one out of ten children is facing life's challenges without adequate care and support. The International Annual Report 2016 describes how SOS Children's Villages supported children and families in 135 countries and territories worldwide, working with communities and partners towards ensuring that no child grows up alone.

Tostan [to 17 June 2017]

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

Women for Women International [to 17 June 2017]

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

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Freedom House [to 17 June 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>
Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases

[Venezuela: Authorities Tighten Restrictions on Journalists](#)

June 15, 2017

Freedom House issued a statement following the detention of journalists in Venezuela.

Press Releases

[Hungary Adopts Law Stigmatizing Civil Society Organizations](#)

June 13, 2017

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Freedom House issued a statement on Hungary's new "foreign agents" law, which aims to suppress civil society and silence dissent.

Transparency International [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

15 Jun 2017

Strengthen integrity of aid response in Lebanon to ensure it reaches Syrian refugees most in need

Transparency International called today on the government of Lebanon, donor agencies and humanitarian agencies operating in the country to strengthen transparency and accountability in their humanitarian response to the Syrian crisis in order to ensure that the aid benefits those who need it most.

13 Jun 2017

NGOs: We're here to stay and to continue our work

On Tuesday, 13 June, after two postponed votes, the Hungarian Parliament adopted the Law on the Transparency of Foreign Funded Organisations. The community of civil society organisations united in the Civilizáció campaign continue to believe that the law is unnecessary, stigmatising and harmful.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 16, 2017

Q&A: Richard Geeves on the challenges and possibilities for education in Myanmar

by Diana Quick

During its long history of political upheaval and conflict, Myanmar didn't prioritize education — and its effects are still being felt today. In the 2016 Human Development Report, Myanmar ranked 150th among 187 countries for expected years of schooling. Linked to education are ongoing challenges of child labor and poor economic prospects, particularly in rural and remote areas.

June 14, 2017

ChildFund Australia brings direct sponsorship to the community

by Diana Quick

ChildFund Australia was facing a conundrum. For years, the organization had funded much of its development work by linking donors directly to a single beneficiary, through child sponsorship. But the model had come under scrutiny in recent years, with questions over how tightly donor money needed to be linked to individual children. Moreover, a number of countries where ChildFund Australia works simply weren't good fits for individual sponsorship, for legal and cultural reasons.

June 13, 2017

International Aid Towards Ending Violence Against Children Deeply Lacking, First-Ever Study Shows

by ChildFund International

Statements

Richmond, Va. (June 08, 2017) – Out of every dollar the world spends on development assistance, only half a penny supports efforts to end violence against children, according to a new study, Counting Pennies. Commissioned by ChildFund Alliance and others, the study evaluates official development assistance (ODA) — government aid to promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries — targeted towards preventing and responding to violence against children.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

CONCORD [to 17 June 2017]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Jun 15, 2017

Défendre l'espace société civile auprès des Institutions Européennes – un devoir aussi sur notre continent

by Seamus Jeffreson

CONCORD Director, Seamus Jeffreson, has been invited to the General Assembly of Coordination Sud on June 15th to address the following question "Enabling environment for NGOs: What situation in France, Europe and the world?". Here is the speech he delivered to Coordination Sud's membership [text in French].

Jun 13, 2017

Call for Consultants: Research on Global Citizenship Education

by Claudia Engstrom

CONCORD is seeking a consultant to prepare a publication on Global Citizenship Education (GCE) Study of investment in GCE across member states by national governments between 2011 and 2015.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 17 June 2017]

<http://www.dec.org.uk/media-centre>

[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 17 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 17 June 2017]

www.evidenceaid.org

June 8, 2017

Blog – Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and evidence: A worrying trend

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Author: Jeroen Jansen, Director, Evidence Aid

In the coming weeks, many will look back on the recent 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (2017GP) in Cancun, Mexico, and reflect on its potential contribution to the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Some experts on issues related to disaster risk reduction (DRR) will argue that great progress was made, while others will provide a critical voice arguing the opposite. Both sides will most likely refer to the many examples of scientific and technological advances presented, and new policies and strategies shared during the 2017GP. However, those hearing and reading about these examples need to be very wary. Sadly, many of the examples provided during the 2017GP are of questionable value. They often mentioned 'best' or 'good' practices, but provided little or no methodology to substantiate their conclusions, recommendations or activities. We came away asking ourselves: where was the evidence?...

Gavi [to 17 June 2017]

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

15 June 2017

[Gavi to help protect millions more children against polio](#)

Gavi Board agrees to extend support for inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) to 2020; new policy on fragile settings, emergencies and refugees also approved

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Global Fund [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 17 June 2017]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 17 June 2017]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

June 2017

[The Global Compact on Refugees Explained: ICVA Briefing Paper](#)

The New York Declaration calls for the development of two new global "compacts" to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in late 2018, one on refugees, the other for safe, orderly and regular migration.

:: [Compact on refugees ICVA BriefingPaper.pdf](#)

InterAction [to 17 June 2017]

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

Jun 15, 2017

[Administration's Budget Devastating For The World's Most Vulnerable](#)

On behalf of our nearly 190 member organizations, InterAction signed on to the following statement in connection to the proposed International Affairs budget for Fiscal Year 2018. New

Analysis from Leading Humanitarian, Development and Global Health Organizations Calculates the Devastating...

Start Network [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 17 June 2017]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 17 June 2017]

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

15/06/2017

[Surging locally; responding to the 2016 Bangladesh floods - report and webinar](#)

The article provides context for the recently published Bangladesh floods 2016: review of surge practices report, which presents the results of the third tracking mechanism on the surge response to the devastation caused by floods in Bangladesh.

14/06/2017

[Two new case studies from GOAL about social auditing and accountability in conflict](#)

These case studies by GOAL give an account of two projects carried out in Honduras, Nicaragua and Ukraine. In Central America, social auditing was used to empower communities to be protagonists in their own development, while in Ukraine, GOAL set up a hotline for appropriate and rapid interventions in line with the CHS commitments for their multi-purpose cash assistance programme.

12/06/2017

[Launching the Core Humanitarian Competency Framework \(CHCF\) Project](#)

Competent and well-managed staff are at the heart of an accountable and effective organisation, therefore they need to be equipped with the right skills and behaviours. The Core Humanitarian Competency Framework explains the link between the organisation's ability to deliver impact, and what it takes to be successful through personal and organisational excellence.

Development Initiatives [to 17 June 2017]

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

EHLRA/R2HC [to 17 June 2017]
<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 17 June 2017]
<http://www.sphereproject.org/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 17 June 2017]
<https://phap.org/>
No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 17 June 2017]
<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
6/14/17

Safer Women, Safer World

Charles Kenny

Having more women peacekeepers is linked with large reductions in sexual misconduct by peacekeepers and more sustainable peace. The UN could potentially raise the proportion of women peacekeepers to 20 percent for around \$75 million. A small multilateral trust fund would offer supplementary payments to troop-contributing countries for each woman peacekeeper provided.

6/13/17

Five Key Findings from Why Forests? Why Now? The Science, Economics, and Politics of Tropical Forests and Climate Change

Frances Seymour

1. Achieving climate stability requires conservation of tropical forests.
2. Protecting tropical forests could lower the overall costs and accelerate the achievement of global climate stability.
3. Forests generate many non-climate goods and services that are essential to meeting sustainable development goals.
4. Advances in technology have made stopping forest loss feasible.
5. Rich countries and international organizations should act now to scale up REDD+ payment-for-performance agreements.

ODI [to 17 June 2017]
<https://www.odi.org/media-hub/press-room>
Selected Reports and Studies

10 policy priorities to transform manufacturing and create jobs in Kenya

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Anzetse Were, Dirk Willem te Velde and Gituro Wainaina

Manufacturing has the potential to transform the Kenyan economy, drive industrialisation and create jobs. This 10-point plan explores how it can be done.

How to reduce inequalities in access to WASH

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Nathaniel Mason, Moizza Binat Sarwar, Beatrice Mosello and Declan O'Leary

These reports identify plausible pathways of change to promote broad-based and equitable access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services.

Global evidence policy units: PEMANDU, Malaysia

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Caroline Cassidy and Josephine Tsui

A snapshot look at Malaysia's performance management and delivery unit, PEMANDU, the largest government delivery unit in the world.

Global evidence policy units: Poliitiikka-analyysiyksikkö, Finland

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Caroline Cassidy and Josephine Tsui

A snapshot look at Finland's government policy analysis unit, working to support evidence-informed economic policy.

Global evidence policy units: Department for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, South Africa

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Caroline Cassidy and Josephine Tsui

A snapshot look at South Africa's Department for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME).

Global evidence policy units: SINERGIA, Colombia

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Caroline Cassidy and Josephine Tsui

A snapshot look at Colombia's monitoring and evaluation unit, responsible for tracking the implementation and performance of key government policies.

A weaker US dollar could support sub-Saharan Africa's economic transformation

Briefing papers | June 2017 | Phyllis Papadavid

With US growth forecasts slowing and the dollar weakening, sub-Saharan African economies look to benefit from greater investment flows to the region.

Enhancing climate change development programmes in Uganda

Working and discussion papers | June 2017 | Elizabeth Carabine, Shuaib Lwasa, Ambrose Buyinza and Benon Nabaasa

Investment in the livestock sector can leverage development, employment opportunities and other socioeconomic benefits for both Karamoja and Uganda.

Urban Institute [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Aga Khan Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

<http://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

Posted June 13, 2017

Casey Foundation to Policymakers: Don't Backtrack on Gains for U.S. Children

In its 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book, the Casey Foundation urged state and federal policymakers not to back away from targeted investments that are proving to help U.S. children become healthier, more likely to complete high school and better positioned to contribute to the nation's economy as adults.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 17 June 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 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

News — 12 June 2017

Art for Justice Fund established with \$100 million gift from philanthropist Agnes Gund

In partnership with the Ford Foundation, the national fund will support organizations addressing mass incarceration across the United States.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

GHIT Fund [to 17 June 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 • No No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 16, 2017

[Decoding deeper learning in the classroom](#)

In May 2017, the Hewlett Foundation published a guide about deeper learning for the Education Writers Association conference. It's intended to help reporters and parents and anyone else who is trying to understand what 21st century learning looks like, and whether it's working. If you've ever walked into a classroom where the noise levels are...

June 13, 2017

[Q&A with TJ Bliss: It's an exciting time for open educational resources](#)

About a month ago, Hewlett Foundation's open educational resources grantees gathered in Canada to reflect on progress in the OER field and how equity plays a role. Coming out of the conference, we asked education program officer TJ Bliss what trends he's keeping an eye on in the OER space. Where are we in the ...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 12, 2017

Ocean warming may lead to changes in commercial fishing

A report was recently published as part of a foundation-supported joint project between the NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center and the Nature Conservancy. The report, published in *Progress in Oceanography*, suggests ocean temperature will continue to play a major role in where commercially fished marine species find suitable habitat. The findings are important in the overall goal of implementing coastal and marine spatial planning in the Northeast.

The report's findings indicated that commercially important species will continue to change habitat locations as ocean waters warm two to three times faster than the global average through the end of the century. These changes will directly affect fishing communities, as species currently inhabiting Northeast ports move out of range, and new species move in.

:: Marine species distribution shifts will continue under ocean warming.

Open Society Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 12, 2017

Packard Foundation Announces Retirement of Chief Investment Officer

Today the Packard Foundation announced Chief Investment Officer (CIO) John Moehling will retire at the end of this calendar year. Kimberly Sargent will move from her current role as Senior Managing Director to CIO on January 1, 2018.

Moehling joined the Foundation in 2007 as the Foundation's first Chief Investment Officer. During this time, John recruited an Investments team and built an institutional-quality portfolio of select investment managers. "John built our investment function from scratch, hired an exceptional team and delivered outstanding results," said Ned Barnholt, Trustee and Chair of the Investment Committee...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 15, 2017

Pew Awards 22 Promising Biomedical Researchers Funding to Advance Human Health

Press Release

The Pew Charitable Trusts announces 22 exceptional early-career researchers as Pew scholars in the biomedical sciences. Each scholar will receive four years of flexible funding to pursue foundational research.

June 15, 2017

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Pew Applauds Louisiana Leaders for Comprehensive Sentencing and Corrections Reforms

Press Release

The Pew Charitable Trusts today lauded Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards (D) for signing a comprehensive package of bipartisan criminal justice legislation intended to protect public safety, control corrections costs, and hold people accountable for their crimes.

June 13, 2017

Pew Supports 10 Latin American Scientists Conducting Innovative Research

Press Release

Ten pioneering postdoctoral scientists from Latin America will each be awarded two years of funding to conduct research at laboratories and academic institutions in the United States. The 2017 fellows are from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and Mexico, and their research interests range from the design of mosquito control tools to combat the spread of malaria to how obesity, cancer...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/news-media/>

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 17 June 2017]

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

June 16, 2017 *Issue Brief*

The Impact of the AHCA on Federal and State Medicaid Spending and Medicaid Coverage

American Health Care Act (AHCA) could cut federal Medicaid spending by more than \$900 billion over a decade.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 17 June 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..."

June 16, 2017

Rita Allen Foundation: Grants for Science Research

The Rita Allen Foundation focuses its science research grantmaking on early-career scientists studying cancer, immunology, and neuroscience.

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 17 June 2017]

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

News / Published: 17 June 2017

MBE for Beth Thompson in Queen's Birthday Honours

Beth Thompson, Wellcome's Head of Policy (UK and EU), has been awarded an MBE for her work on the EU Data Protection Regulation.

Jeremy Farrar, Wellcome's Director, says: "I am thrilled that Beth Thompson's outstanding leadership in policy has been recognised today in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Beth's determination to bring policy makers, researchers and patients together during negotiations about EU Data Protection Regulation resulted in a solution that allows vital cross-border research to take place while protecting individuals' privacy.

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

American Journal of Infection Control

June 01, 2017 Volume 45, Issue 6, p583-702, e53-e68

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

107(6), June 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 96, Issue 6, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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Annals of Internal Medicine

6 June 2017 Vol: 166, Issue 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

Research

[Cost-effectiveness analysis of the diarrhea alleviation through zinc and oral rehydration therapy \(DAZT\) program in rural Gujarat India: an application of the net-benefit regression framework](#)

This study evaluates the cost-effectiveness of the DAZT program for scaling up treatment of acute child diarrhea in Gujarat India using a net-benefit regression framework.

Samuel D. Shillcutt, Amnesty E. LeFevre, Christa L. Fischer-Walker, Sunita Taneja, Robert E. Black and Sarmila Mazumder

Published on: 8 June 2017

BMJ Global Health

January 2017; volume 2, issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

Research article

[Making HIV testing work at the point of care in South Africa: a qualitative study of diagnostic practices](#)

...little is known about the strategies of providers and clients to make HIV testing successful in settings short of equipment, human resources and space. We aimed at examining these strategies.

Nora Engel, Malika Davids, Nadine Blankvoort, Keertan Dheda, Nitika Pant Pai and Madhukar Pai

Published on: 17 June 2017

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

Research article

[Assessing the knowledge of expectant mothers on mother-to-child transmission of viral hepatitis B in Upper West region of Ghana](#)

Viral Hepatitis B is of a major public health concern globally, especially in developing countries. Expectant mothers' knowledge of Mother-To-Child Transmission (MTCT) of the disease is significant in preventi...

Frederick Dun-Dery, Martin Nyaaba Adokiya, Williams Walana, Ernestina Yirkyio and Juventus B. Ziem

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BMC Infectious Diseases 2017 17:416

Published on: 12 June 2017

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

Research article

[Unmet need for contraception and its association with unintended pregnancy in Bangladesh](#)

Unmet need for contraception and unintended pregnancy are important public health concerns both in developing and developed countries. Previous researches have attempted to study the factors that influence uni...

Ghose Bishwajit, Shangfeng Tang, Sanni Yaya and Zhanchun Feng

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2017 17:186

Published on: 12 June 2017

Research article

[Non-malarial infectious diseases of antenatal care in pregnant women in Franceville, Gabon](#)

In sub-tropical countries, infectious diseases remain one of the main causes of mortality. Because of their lack of active immunity, pregnant women and their unborn children represent the most susceptible peop...

Irene Pegha Moukandja, Edgard Brice Ngoungou, Guy Joseph Lemamy, Ulrick Bisvigou, Antoine Gessain, Fousseyni S. Toure Ndouo, Mirdad Kazanji and Jean Bernard Lekana-Douki

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2017 17:185

Published on: 12 June 2017

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

Research article

[Social determinants of depression and suicidal behaviour in the Caribbean: a systematic review](#)

Depressive disorder is the largest contributor to years lived with disability in the Caribbean, adding 948 per 100,000 in 2013. Depression is also a major risk factor for suicidal behaviour. Social inequalities...

Catherine R Brown, Ian R Hambleton, Natasha Sobers-Grannum, Shawn M Hercules, Nigel Unwin, E Nigel Harris, Rainford Wilks, Marlene MacLeish, Louis Sullivan and Madhuvanti M Murphy

BMC Public Health 2017 17:577

Published on: 15 June 2017

Research article

Lessons from implementing mass drug administration for soil transmitted helminths among pre-school aged children during school based deworming program at the Kenyan coast

The 2012 London declaration which committed to "sustaining, expanding and extending drug access programmes to ensure the necessary supply of drugs and other interventions to help control soil-transmitted helmi...

Rosemary M. Musuva, Elizabeth Matey, Janet Masaku, Gladys Odhiambo, Faith Mwende, Isaac Thuita, Jimmy Kihara and Doris Njomo

BMC Public Health 2017 17:575

Published on: 14 June 2017

Research

Opportunities for strengthening infant and young child feeding policies in South Asia: Insights from the SAIFRN policy analysis project

South Asian countries experience some of the highest levels of child undernutrition in the world, strongly linked to poor infant and young child feeding (IYCF) practices. Strong and responsive policy support i...

Anne Marie Thow, Sumit Karn, Madhu Dixit Devkota, Sabrina Rasheed, SK Roy, Yasmeen Suleman, Tabish Hazir, Archana Patel, Abhay Gaidhane, Seema Puri, Sanjeeva Godakandage, Upul Senarath and Michael J. Dibley

BMC Public Health 2017 17(Suppl 2):404

Published on: 13 June 2017

Research

Analysis of stakeholders networks of infant and young child nutrition programmes in Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan

Effective public policies are needed to support appropriate infant and young child feeding (IYCF) to ensure adequate child growth and development, especially in low and middle income countries. The aim of this...

Shahadat Uddin, Hana Mahmood, Upul Senarath, Quazi Zahiruddin, Sumit Karn, Sabrina Rasheed and Michael Dibley

BMC Public Health 2017 17(Suppl 2):405

Published on: 13 June 2017

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 17 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

June 2017 - Volume 7 - 6

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

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[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 95, Number 6, June 2017, 389-480

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/6/en/>

Special theme: measuring quality of care

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

July 2017 Volume 43, Issue 4 Pages 463–625

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v43.4/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

June 2017 Volume 39, Issue 6, p1077-1270

[http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918\(17\)X0006-4](http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918(17)X0006-4)

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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 17 June 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 57, Pages 1-100 (June 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/15517144/57>

Clinical Trial Results

[Public access to clinical trials: Lessons from an organizational implementation of policy](#)

Pages 87-89

Grant D. Huang, Jane K. Altemose, Timothy J. O'Leary

Abstract

Efforts to make clinical trials and their results more publicly available have been increasing in recent years. However, there is a need to better understand ways to achieve these goals aimed at benefiting a diverse set of stakeholders. Since 2005, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development (ORD), part of the nation's largest integrated health care system, has required the clinical trials its funds to be registered in ClinicalTrials.gov as a condition of the award. Furthermore, summary results of studies active since 2007 have been included in the registry. This paper highlights ORD activities, challenges and lessons at investigator, study, and organizational levels. Key factors in ORD's approach include: a mission-

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oriented approach; leadership support; a working group for organizational policies and practices; prioritizing communication; and recognizing the needs of investigators. Making clinical trials available to the public should represent a focal point for groups desiring to maximize the contributions from such research. The ability to do so must involve a commitment by sponsors and a critical evaluation of the reasons, requirements and resources at multiple levels.

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2017 - Volume 30 - Issue 3

<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 4

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>

Article

[Polarised narratives and complex realities in Tanzania's Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor](#)

[Jennifer West](#) & [Ruth Haug](#)

Pages: 418-431

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Article

[Sustainable development and the struggle for LGBTI social inclusion in Africa: opportunities for accelerating change](#)

[Nana K. Poku](#), [Kene Esom](#) & [Russell Armstrong](#)

Pages: 432-443

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Article

[Universities, NGOs, and civil society sustainability: preliminary lessons from Ecuador](#)

[Susan Appe](#) & [Daniel Barragán](#)

Pages: 472-486

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Article

[The anatomy of collaboration in international development practice: comparative insights from Nigeria and Ghana](#)

[Jon Schmid](#) & [Rahul Pathak](#)

Pages: 487-502

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Article

[Aid effectiveness principles, Kenya's agriculture sector, and the challenge of donor compliance](#)

Daniel Borter

Pages: 503-514

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Article

[The implications of the rights-based approach on NGOs' funding](#)

Babatunde Olawoore

Pages: 515-527

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

ABSTRACT

Existing literature suggests that NGOs that adopt the rights-based approach (RBA) may secure more funds from rights-based donors, otherwise they would face funding cuts from such donors. This article investigates the extent to which RBA affects decisions made by ActionAid, intermediate NGOs, and CBOs on accepting certain funding conditions. Research participants from NGOs stated that RBA limits their funding because many donors prefer service delivery. They are also selective about where they apply for funds. For CBO participants, RBA posed fewer problems in terms of their funding decisions. Intermediate NGO and CBO participants claimed that RBA motivates them to locate alternative funding sources locally.

Article

[Beyond patriotic discourse in financing the SDGs: investment-linked diaspora revenue bonds model for sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Emmanuel Frimpong Boamah, Davina Osei & Thomas Yeboah

Pages: 555-574

Published online: 13 Jun 2017

Development Policy Review

July 2017 Volume 35, Issue 4 Pages 439–597

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2017.35.issue-4/issuetoc>

Special Issue: European Union Development Policy: Collective Action in Times of Global Transformation and Domestic Crisis

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 12, Issue 6, 2017

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

Article

[Provision of hearing aids to children in Bangladesh: costs and cost-effectiveness of a community-based and a centre-based approach](#)

Using a community-based approach to deliver hearing aids to children in a resource constrained environment is a cost-effective alternative to the traditional centre-based approach. Further evidence is needed to draw conclusions for scale-up of approaches; rigorous analysis is possible using well-prepared data collection tools and working closely with sector professionals.

Björn Ekman & Johan Borg

Pages: 625-630

Published online: 08 Aug 2016

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

July 2017 Volume 41, Issue 3 Pages 427–627

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2017.41.issue-3/issuetoc>

Papers

[Beyond men and women: a critical perspective on gender and disaster \(pages 429–447\)](#)

J.C. Gaillard, Kristinne Sanz, Benigno C. Balgos, Soledad Natalia M. Dalisay, Andrew Gorman-Murray, Fagalu Smith and Vaito'a Toelupe

Version of Record online: 22 SEP 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12209

[Assessing non-metro recovery across two continents: issues and limitations \(pages 487–504\)](#)

Edward J. Blakely and Peter M.J. Fisher

Version of Record online: 22 SEP 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12212

[Trust, but verify: social media models for disaster management \(pages 549–565\)](#)

Amisha M. Mehta, Axel Bruns and Judith Newton

Version of Record online: 22 SEP 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12218

[Human rights and proactive displacement: determining the appropriate balance between the duty to protect and the right to remain \(pages 587–605\)](#)

Ronan McDermott PhD and Pat Gibbons PhD

Version of Record online: 22 SEP 2016 | DOI: 10.1111/disa.12217

EMBO Reports

01 June 2017; volume 18, issue 6

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/18/6?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

June 2017 - Volume 34 - 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

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Defining epidemics in computer simulation models: How do definitions influence conclusions?

Original Research Article

Pages 24-32

Carolyn Orbann, Lisa Sattenspiel, Erin Miller, Jessica Dimka

Abstract

Computer models have proven to be useful tools in studying epidemic disease in human populations. Such models are being used by a broader base of researchers, and it has become more important to ensure that descriptions of model construction and data analyses are clear and communicate important features of model structure. Papers describing computer models of infectious disease often lack a clear description of how the data are aggregated and whether or not non-epidemic runs are excluded from analyses. Given that there is no concrete quantitative definition of what constitutes an epidemic within the public health literature, each modeler must decide on a strategy for identifying epidemics during simulation runs. Here, an SEIR model was used to test the effects of how varying the cutoff for considering a run an epidemic changes potential interpretations of simulation outcomes. Varying the cutoff from 0% to 15% of the model population ever infected with the illness generated significant differences in numbers of dead and timing variables. These results are important for those who use models to form public health policy, in which questions of timing or implementation of interventions might be answered using findings from computer simulation models.

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Monitoring the impact of trade agreements on national food environments: trade imports and population nutrition risks in Fiji

Trade agreements are increasingly recognised as playing an influential role in shaping national food environments and the availability and nutritional quality of the food supply. Global monitoring of food envi...

Amerita Ravuvu, Sharon Friel, Anne-Marie Thow, Wendy Snowdon and Jillian Wate

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In post-conflict settings, many state and non-state actors interact at the sub-national levels in rebuilding health systems by providing funds, delivering vital interventions and building capacity of local gov...

Freddie Ssengooba, Justine Namakula, Vincent Kawooya and Suzanne Fustukian

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National Human Rights Institutions and Their Sub-National Counterparts

Author: Andrew Wolman

pp.: 1–29 (29)

Abstract

This article outlines and explores the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the establishment of sub-national human rights institutions (such as state and local human rights commissions, ombudsmen and the like) in nations that already possess national human rights institutions. This analysis will be based on an application of prior research findings in the broader field of administrative decentralisation as tailored to the particularities of human rights implementation. Where relevant, the article also examines the implications of institutional type for decentralisation, as well as the implication of different attributes of the relevant jurisdiction. The article concludes by setting out the circumstances under which the establishment of sub-national human rights institutions will be more or less advantageous.

Research Article

Completing the Institutional Mechanism of the Arab Human Rights System

Author: Konstantinos D Magliveras

pp.: 30–52 (23)

Abstract

In September 2014, the Member States of the League of Arab States approved the Statute of the Arab Court of Human Rights finalising a 20-year process to put in place a human rights protection mechanism which resembles mechanisms operating in other regions. This article examines the defunct Arab Charter on Human Rights of 1994, the revised Human Rights Charter of 2004 as well as the mandate and the activities of the Arab Human Rights Committee. It then explains the drafting of the Court's Statute, analyses the salient features of its Statute, which was concluded indepe

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Comment

[A global research agenda on migration, mobility, and health](#)

Johanna Hanefeld, Johanna Hanefeld, Jo Vearey, Neil Luntton behalf of the
Researchers on Migration, Mobility and Health Group

Summary

With 1 billion people on the move globally—more than 244 million of whom have crossed international borders¹—and a recognised need to strengthen efforts towards universal health coverage,² developing a better understanding of how to respond to the complex interactions between migration, mobility, and health is vital. At the 2nd Global Consultation on Migrant Health in Sri Lanka earlier this year, a group of global experts in health and migration discussed the progress and shortfalls in attaining the actions set out in the 2008 World Health Assembly (WHA) Resolution on the Health of Migrants.

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Damming the rivers of the Amazon basin

Edgardo M. Latrubesse, Eugenio Y. Arima, Thomas Dunne, Edward Park, Victor R. Baker+ [et al.](#)

The current and expected environmental consequences of built dams and proposed dam constructions in the Amazon basin are explored with the help of a Dam Environmental Vulnerability Index.

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Genomic epidemiology reveals multiple introductions of Zika virus into the United States

Nathan D. Grubaugh, Jason T. Ladner, Moritz U. G. Kraemer, Gytis Dudas, Amanda L. Tan+ [et al.](#)

Genome sequencing of Zika virus samples from infected patients and Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in Florida shows that the virus was probably introduced into the United States on multiple occasions, and that the Caribbean is the most likely source.

Establishment and cryptic transmission of Zika virus in Brazil and the Americas

N. R. Faria, J. Quick, I.M. Claro, J. Thézé, J. G. de Jesus

+ [et al.](#)

Virus genomes reveal the establishment of Zika virus in Brazil and the Americas, and provide an appropriate timeframe for baseline (pre-Zika) microcephaly in different regions.

Zika virus evolution and spread in the Americas

Hayden C. Metsky, Christian B. Matranga, Shirlee Wohl, Stephen F. Schaffner, Catherine A.

Freije+ [et al.](#)

One hundred and ten Zika virus genomes from ten countries and territories involved in the Zika virus epidemic reveal rapid expansion of the epidemic within Brazil and multiple introductions to other regions.

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Perspective

Separating Families at the Border — Consequences for Children’s Health and Well-Being

Michael J. MacKenzie, Ph.D., M.S.W., Emily Bosk, Ph.D., L.M.S.W., and Charles H. Zeanah, M.D.

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Eran Bendavid

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Research Article

[Increasing prevalence of infectious diseases in asylum seekers at a tertiary care hospital in Switzerland](#)

he increasing number of refugees seeking asylum in Europe in recent years poses new challenges for the healthcare systems in the destination countries. The goal of the study was to describe the evolution of medical problems of asylum seekers at a tertiary care centre in Switzerland.

Constantine Bloch-Infanger, Veronika Bättig, Jürg Kremo, Andreas F. Widmer, Adrian Egli, Roland Bingisser, Manuel Battegay, Stefan Erb

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Social Sciences - Psychological and Cognitive Sciences - Biological Sciences - Immunology and Inflammation:

Socioeconomic disadvantage, gestational immune activity, and neurodevelopment in early childhood

Stephen E. Gilman, Mady Hornig, Akhgar Ghassabian, Jill Hahn, Sara Cherkerzian, Paul S. Albert, Stephen L. Buka, and Jill M. Goldstein

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Significance

Children raised in economically disadvantaged households face increased risks of poor health in adulthood, suggesting early origins of socioeconomic inequalities in health. In fact, maternal immune activity in response to stressful conditions during pregnancy has been found to play a key role in fetal brain development. Here we show that socioeconomic disadvantage is associated with lower concentrations of the pro-inflammatory cytokine IL-8 during the third trimester of pregnancy and, in turn, with offspring's neurologic abnormalities during the first year of life. These results suggest stress-immune mechanisms as one potential pathophysiologic pathway involved in the early origins of population health inequalities.

Abstract

Children raised in economically disadvantaged households face increased risks of poor health in adulthood, suggesting that inequalities in health have early origins. From the child's perspective, exposure to economic hardship may begin as early as conception, potentially via maternal neuroendocrine-immune responses to prenatal stressors, which adversely impact neurodevelopment. Here we investigate whether socioeconomic disadvantage is associated with gestational immune activity and whether such activity is associated with abnormalities among offspring during infancy. We analyzed concentrations of five immune markers (IL-1beta, IL-6, IL-8, IL-10, and TNF-alpha) in maternal serum from 1,494 participants in the New England Family Study in relation to the level of maternal socioeconomic disadvantage and their involvement in offspring neurologic abnormalities at 4 mo and 1 y of age. Median concentrations of IL-8 were lower in the most disadvantaged pregnancies [$-1.53 \log(\text{pg/mL})$; 95% CI: $-1.81, -1.25$]. Offspring of these pregnancies had significantly higher risk of neurologic abnormalities at 4 mo [odds ratio (OR)=4.61; CI=2.84, 7.48] and 1 y (OR=2.05; CI=1.08, 3.90). This higher risk was accounted for in part by fetal exposure to lower maternal IL-8, which also predicted higher risks of neurologic abnormalities at 4 mo (OR=7.67; CI=4.05, 14.49) and 1 y (OR=2.92; CI=1.46, 5.87). Findings support the role of maternal immune activity in fetal neurodevelopment, exacerbated in part by socioeconomic disadvantage. This finding reveals a potential pathophysiologic pathway involved in the intergenerational transmission of socioeconomic inequalities in health.

Social Sciences - Psychological and Cognitive Sciences:

When the appeal of a dominant leader is greater than a prestige leader

Hemant Kakkar and Niro Sivanathan

PNAS 2017 ; published ahead of print June 12, 2017, doi:10.1073/pnas.1617711114

Significance

We examine why dominant/authoritarian leaders attract support despite the presence of other admired/respected candidates. Although evolutionary psychology supports both dominance and prestige as viable routes for attaining influential leadership positions, extant research lacks theoretical clarity explaining when and why dominant leaders are preferred. Across three large-scale studies we provide robust evidence showing how economic uncertainty affects individuals'

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psychological feelings of lack of personal control, resulting in a greater preference for dominant leaders. This research offers important theoretical explanations for why, around the globe from the United States and Indian elections to the Brexit campaign, constituents continue to choose authoritarian leaders over other admired/respected leaders.

Abstract

Across the globe we witness the rise of populist authoritarian leaders who are overbearing in their narrative, aggressive in behavior, and often exhibit questionable moral character. Drawing on evolutionary theory of leadership emergence, in which dominance and prestige are seen as dual routes to leadership, we provide a situational and psychological account for when and why dominant leaders are preferred over other respected and admired candidates. We test our hypothesis using three studies, encompassing more than 140,000 participants, across 69 countries and spanning the past two decades. We find robust support for our hypothesis that under a situational threat of economic uncertainty (as exemplified by the poverty rate, the housing vacancy rate, and the unemployment rate) people escalate their support for dominant leaders. Further, we find that this phenomenon is mediated by participants' psychological sense of a lack of personal control. Together, these results provide large-scale, globally representative evidence for the structural and psychological antecedents that increase the preference for dominant leaders over their prestigious counterparts.

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Original Research

Experiences of Ebola Survivors: Causes of Distress and Sources of Resilience

Patricia M. Schwerdtle, Veronique De Clerck, Virginia Plummer

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Abstract

An appreciation of the experience of Ebola survivors is critical for community engagement and an effective outbreak response. Few qualitative, descriptive studies have been conducted to date that concentrate on the voices of Ebola survivors.

This study aimed to explore the experiences of Ebola survivors following the West African epidemic of 2014.

An interpretive, qualitative design was selected using semi-structured interviews as the method of data collection. Data were collected in August 2015 by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Belgium, for the purposes of internal evaluation. Data collection occurred at three sites in Liberia and Sierra Leone and involved 25 participants who had recovered from Ebola. Verbal consent was obtained, audio recordings were de-identified, and ethics approval was provided by Monash University (Melbourne, Australia).

Two major themes emerged from the study: "causes of distress" and "sources of resilience." Two further sub-themes were identified from each major theme: the "multiplicity of death," "abandonment," "self and community protection and care," and "coping resources and activities." The two major themes were dominant across all three sample groups, though each survivor experienced infection, treatment, and recovery differently.

By identifying and mobilizing the inherent capacity of communities and acknowledging the importance of incorporating the social model of health into culturally competent outbreak responses, there is an opportunity to transcend the victimization effect of Ebola and empower communities, ultimately strengthening the response.

The State of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems in Africa

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Abstract

Little is known about the existence, distribution, and characteristics of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems in Africa, or the corresponding epidemiology of prehospital illness and injury.

A survey was conducted between 2013 and 2014 by distributing a detailed EMS system questionnaire to experts in paper and electronic versions. The questionnaire ascertained EMS systems' jurisdiction, operations, finance, clinical care, resources, and regulatory environment. The discovery of respondents with requisite expertise occurred in multiple phases, including snowball sampling, a review of published scientific literature, and a rigorous search of the Internet.

The survey response rate was 46%, and data represented 49 of 54 (91%) African countries. Twenty-five EMS systems were identified and distributed among 16 countries (30% of African countries). There was no evidence of EMS systems in 33 (61%) countries. A total of 98,574,731 (8.7%) of the African population were serviced by at least one EMS system in 2012. The leading causes of EMS transport were (in order of decreasing frequency): injury, obstetric, respiratory, cardiovascular, and gastrointestinal complaints. Nineteen percent of African countries had government-financed EMS systems and 26% had a toll-free public access telephone number. Basic emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and Basic Life Support (BLS)-equipped ambulances were the most common cadre of provider and ambulance level, respectively (84% each).

Emergency Medical Services systems exist in one-third of African countries. Injury and obstetric complaints are the leading African prehospital conditions. Only a minority (<9.0%) of Africans have coverage by an EMS system. Most systems were predominantly BLS, government operated, and fee-for-service.

Comprehensive Review

Disaster Preparedness among Health Professionals and Support Staff: What is Effective? An Integrative Literature Review

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Abstract

It is important that health professionals and support staff are prepared for disasters to safeguard themselves and the community during disasters. There has been a significantly heightened focus on disasters since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York (USA); however, despite this, it is evident that health professionals and support staff may not be adequately prepared for disasters.

An integrative literature review was performed based on a keyword search of the major health databases for primary research evaluating preparedness of health professionals and support staff. The literature was quality appraised using a mixed-methods appraisal tool (MMAT), and a thematic analysis was completed to identify current knowledge and gaps.

The main themes identified were: health professionals and support staff may not be fully prepared for disasters; the most effective content and methods for disaster preparedness is unknown; and the willingness of health professionals and support staff to attend work and perform during disasters needs further evaluation. Gaps were identified to guide further research and the creation of new knowledge to best prepare for disasters. These included the need for: high-quality research to evaluate the best content and methods of disaster

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preparedness; inclusion of the multi-disciplinary health care team as participants; preparation for internal disasters; the development of validated competencies for preparedness; validated tools for measurement; and the importance of performance in actual disasters to evaluate preparation.

The literature identified that all types of disaster preparedness activities lead to improvements in knowledge, skills, or attitude preparedness for disasters. Most studies focused on external disasters and the preparedness of medical, nursing, public health, or paramedic professionals. There needs to be a greater focus on the whole health care team, including allied health professionals and support staff, for both internal and external disasters. Evaluation during real disasters and the use of validated competencies and tools to deliver and evaluate disaster preparedness will enhance knowledge of best practice preparedness. However, of the 36 research articles included in this review, only five were rated at 100% using the MMAT. Due to methodological weakness of the research reviewed, the findings cannot be generalized, nor can the most effective method be determined.

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Design and initial implementation of the WHO FP umbrella project- to strengthen contraceptive services in the sub Saharan Africa

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Original Research Article

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Abstract

Due to persistent and serious threats from natural disasters around the globe, many have turned to resilience and vulnerability research to guide disaster preparation, recovery, and adaptation decisions. In response, scholars and practitioners have put forth a variety of disaster indices, based on quantifiable metrics, to gauge levels of resilience and vulnerability. However, few indices are empirically validated using observed disaster impacts and, as a result, it is often unclear which index should be preferred for each decision at hand. Thus, we compare and empirically validate five of the top U.S. disaster indices, including three resilience indices and two vulnerability indices. We use observed disaster losses, fatalities, and disaster declarations from the southeastern United States to empirically validate each index. We find that disaster indices, though thoughtfully substantiated by literature and theoretically persuasive, are not all created equal. While four of the five indices perform as predicted in explaining damages, only three explain fatalities and only two explain disaster declarations as expected by theory. These results highlight the need for disaster indices to clearly state index objectives and structure underlying metrics to support validation of the results based on these goals. Further, policymakers should use index results carefully when developing regional policy or investing in resilience and vulnerability improvement projects.

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[Linking job loss, inequality, mental health, and education](#)

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Job destruction knocks many youth off the path to college

Summary

National politics in the United States, Great Britain, France, and elsewhere have focused attention on the struggles of people in regions where jobs have been destroyed by globalization and technology. Many residents of these areas report anger and frustration, whether or not they have actually suffered job loss, fearing that their children will not do as well as they have. When researchers began to identify these forces increasing economic inequality (1), labor economists argued that intergenerational upward mobility should increase hand-in-hand with increasing inequality. This claim was predicated on the notion that working-class youth, rather than following their parents' footsteps to the now-closed factory, would pursue higher education and join the "knowledge economy." Our work integrating economics and developmental psychology, however, suggests that local job losses can both worsen adolescent mental health and lower academic performance and, thus, can increase income inequality in college attendance, particularly among African-American students and those from the poorest families.

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All too often people use intuition, along with trial and error, to devise social programs. But we now have a large and growing body of knowledge about how people interact with their environment and with each other. The cover story in the spring 2017 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, "The New Science of Designing for Humans," discusses how the social sector can draw on behavioral science to design more effective programs.

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Review Manuscripts

Perpetrators' and Victims' Attributions for IPV: A Critical Review of the Literature

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Permanency and Safety Among Children in Foster Family and Kinship Care: A Scoping Review

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Abstract

Over the past 25 years, kinship care placements have risen dramatically, such that when a child enters into care, child welfare agencies must first attempt to identify safe living arrangements with relatives or individuals known to the child before searching for alternatives. Despite the growing emphasis on kinship care, little is known about its impact on child outcomes in comparison to other placement types (e.g., foster family). Therefore, the aim of this scoping review was to evaluate quantitative research on children in out-of-home care from 2007 to 2014 with regard to the following outcomes: (1) permanency (i.e., reunification, reentry, placement stability, and adoption/guardianship) and (2) safety (e.g., additional reports to child welfare). Based on these objectives, the review identified 54 studies that examined permanency and safety among children in two major placement types, namely foster family and kinship care. Across studies, children in kinship care experienced greater permanency in terms of a lower rate of reentry, greater placement stability, and more guardianship placements in comparison to children living with foster families. Children in kinship care, however, had lower rates of adoption and reunification. The findings also indicated that differences in these variables diminish over time. Findings for safety outcomes were mixed. Study methodological limitations and recommendations for future research are considered.

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Our Ocean, Our World

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Museums and visitor centres

Thousands of museums are located in and around World Heritage sites. Site museums preserve the integrity of the sites through conservation efforts, but also enhance interpretation and visitor education. Experts, tourists and local communities all have a role in these activities. Museums can also help bolster the local and regional economy, and provide platforms for debate and discussion as a forum for tackling complex social and intergenerational issues.

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