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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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Editor's Note:

The text below continues a series of messages from Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, concerning the deteriorating situation in Venezuela.

Message from the Secretary General on Venezuela

June 24, 2017

At the national and international level we have established a set of values and principles that define us.

Enormous grief is caused when these principles are not adhered to when and where necessity dictates. It is a story the international community has seen before. Silence allowed for the rise of Hitler and the genocide in Rwanda.

As I have said before, "we have to be strong in order to be consistent". The people draw strength from deep inside.

I know that when I speak out, it cause nightmares for those who murder people in the streets or torture in the deepest dungeons with impunity. I cause distress to those who violate fundamental freedoms and to those who want silence and calm in the face of these crimes.

I know that Venezuelans protesting with dignity in the streets causes nightmares for the Regime that oppresses them. It causes distress to those in the international community who prefer the "peace" brought by intimidation and the violation of the rights of the people.

One day this disquiet will end. That will be a day of joy and freedom.

There is no silence or complicity in the OAS. Twenty countries have called on the Regime to end the violence. Many of them condemned it in their own words at the General Assembly.

They are practically speaking in unison with the people of Venezuela.

They represent more than 90% of the citizens of South, Central and North America and the Caribbean who raised their voices to condemn the Regime and demand solutions. Obviously, we must also respect those who did not make their voices heard, because each country is sovereign and must take the decisions that they believe are pertinent to them.

And also because we all must continue working together to build peace and democracy, without impunity, on the continent.

I was publicly presented with a proposal, my resignation in exchange for Venezuela's return to the OAS.

This is my response: I will resign from the General Secretariat the day that free, fair and transparent national elections are held without impediments and with international observation; when all of the political prisoners named by Foro Penal Venezolano are freed; when all of those in exile are allowed to return home; when the full authority of the National Assembly is returned; when a humanitarian channel is established to help the most vulnerable Venezuelans;

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and when all those responsible for murdering the protesters, including those in the chain of command are brought to justice.

Also when there is an independent Supreme Court; when there is independent National Electoral Council; and when the unconstitutional National Constituent Assembly is halted.

Unfortunately, there are many things necessary to bring freedom to Venezuela. I offer to resign in exchange for freedom in Venezuela.

Because we will never stop, never give up until we have freedom in Venezuela.

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Editor's Note:

We continue to closely monitor official statements from the U.S. Administration addressing human rights.

USAID: [Statement by Acting Administrator Wade Warren on World Refugee Day](#)

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

We remain deeply concerned by the more than 22 million refugees forced from their homes by conflict and persecution. Tragically, half of these refugees are children. In addition, nearly 41 million people are internally displaced within their own borders. As the world faces the largest forced displacement of people since World War II, the United States is committed to ensuring life-saving humanitarian aid reaches those most in need, while also tackling the underlying causes of their flight.

The United States continues to be the largest single donor of humanitarian assistance in the world. USAID works together with the State Department, multilateral organizations, and civil society to provide food, water, shelter, emergency healthcare, and other critical relief supplies to those forced from their homes, while helping to ease the burdens of local communities and countries who have taken in refugees. This assistance represents the best of America's generosity and goodwill.

I am proud of the work that USAID is doing to meet the needs of millions of people displaced around the world. However, addressing the underlying causes of displacement is the only sustainable solution to this great challenge. That is why we will continue striving to make the world safer and more secure through our efforts to build communities' resilience to shocks, support democratic governance and women's empowerment, drive economic opportunity, and combat violent extremism.

On World Refugee Day, we reaffirm our support for people around the world forced from their homes and our commitment to addressing the root causes of displacement to prevent the creation of more refugees tomorrow.

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[Kofi Annan: Why Are Only Poor Countries Taking Refugees?](#)

Kofi Annan

TIME Magazine, Jun 20, 2017

Ideas

Annan served as the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 and is Chair of [The Elders](#).

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It has now been almost two years since the world was confronted with the harrowing image of drowned Syrian toddler Aylan Kurdi washed up on a Turkish beach. At that moment, there was an overwhelming sense of “Enough is enough” — a cry of anguish over the misery endured and lives snuffed out as refugees seek safety. In the time since then, thousands more have lost their lives while trying to traverse the Mediterranean, with 2016 becoming the deadliest year on record. Globally, refugees now number more than 22 million.

Yet the sad truth is that for many, especially in the prosperous Global North, refugees have slipped from the minds of citizens. When they do appear, it’s often because of irresponsible political rhetoric designed to stoke fears rather than foster genuine debate. Citizens of countries witnessing an influx of refugees sometimes feel overwhelmed, concerned that borders are no longer secure and that their jobs and way of life are under threat. Quasi-populist politicians have all too often exploited these fears — when what is needed is responsible leadership shaped by facts, principles and values.

But around the world, the plight of the uprooted is also driving thousands of acts of solidarity, from the Ugandan farmers sharing their land with refugees fleeing famine and violence in South Sudan to the Canadian communities offering a lifeline through sponsored resettlement programs to the teachers, employers, athletes, faith groups and volunteers working to foster the inclusion of refugees in the social, economic and cultural lives of their communities. It is their voices — the voices of compassion and humanity that often struggle to make themselves heard — that should guide our call for action this World Refugee Day.

Today is an opportunity to appeal to what Abraham Lincoln called the “better angels of our nature.” We need leaders to act responsibly and commit to cooperating and sharing the burden, so the world can manage refugees with dignity and respect their human rights.

At the moment, the balance is skewed. Most pressure has fallen on neighboring states. Tiny Lebanon, for example, hosts more refugees (1,462,926) than the total number of asylum seekers that arrived in the European Union in 2015, when numbers peaked (1,255,600). This is not an isolated case. Eighty-four percent of refugees are in developing countries, while the countries that account for 57% of global GDP host fewer than 9% of all refugees and asylum seekers.

One of the most important forms of burden-sharing is resettlement, through which refugees find security and stability in a third country. The United Nations’ refugee agency, UNHCR, estimates that 1.2 million especially vulnerable refugees are in need of resettlement in 2017, but places are expected to be available for fewer than one in ten — a drop of around 43% from 2016. Traditionally, the United States has been UNHCR’s largest resettlement partner, but the Executive Order issued by President Donald Trump in January has sought to more than halve the number of refugees that can be settled in the U.S. this year.

Curtailing the U.S. resettlement program — the last lifeline to so many — is deeply regrettable. It undermines the great values of a nation that has always championed humanitarian principles and human rights.

But as long as an isolationist mood prevails in Washington, D.C., other powers have an even greater responsibility to uphold the values and mechanisms of refugee protection — especially the European Union, given the continuing tragic deaths on the shores and waters of the Mediterranean.

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In 2015, many European citizens showed great acts of solidarity and humanity to the influx of refugees. Some European governments took courageous steps, particularly Germany. Yet certain other European states — and in certain respects, the institutions of the European Union — have so far seemed more interested in closing borders and deflecting responsibility elsewhere than championing compassion. Tens of thousands of refugees remain stranded in Greece, some in truly pitiful conditions. Meanwhile, a 2015 E.U. agreement to share responsibility by relocating refugees within Europe remains largely unimplemented.

No one underestimates the challenges of devising a fair and robust shared refugee policy or of balancing humanitarian imperatives with fraught domestic political agendas. Nevertheless, there is a clear need for moral leadership from the E.U., an institution created amidst the rubble of post-war Europe with solidarity at its core.

The current negotiations on an E.U. Resettlement Framework present an opportunity for precisely this leadership. It is imperative that this framework increases the quantity and quality of resettlement places available, without making this conditional upon third country cooperation with the E.U. on migration controls. The March 2016 E.U.-Turkey deal, for example, offered resettlement of Syrian refugees from Turkey, but only in exchange for the forcible return of those arriving on Greek shores. The lives of the world's most vulnerable refugees cannot be allowed to become a political bargaining chip.

In his poem "No Man Is An Island," the English poet John Donne wrote that "Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind." His words ring true today, some four centuries later. They should guide our global efforts to treat refugees with the respect and dignity they deserve.

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Emergencies

Vaccination in acute humanitarian emergencies: a framework for decision making

World Health Organization, Geneva

June, 2017 :: 96 pages

PDF: <http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/255575/1/WHO-IVB-17.03-eng.pdf>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Humanitarian emergencies, regardless of type and cause, have a number of common risk factors for communicable diseases inextricably linked to excess risk of morbidity and mortality which can come from vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs). The reduction of VPDs is a significant aim of public-health interventions during crises.

The WHO Strategic Advisory Group of Experts (SAGE) on Immunization carried out a comprehensive review of evidence on vaccination decision-making processes and considerations in humanitarian emergencies. This review resulted with decision-making framework which provides a transparent, evidence-based, and rigorous methodology for deciding on vaccination options in acute humanitarian emergencies. It consists of three essential steps: 1) assessing the local epidemiological risks of VPDs among the affected population, 2) vaccine selection and characteristics to consider, and 3) local contextual constraints that further assist in effective and timely decisions. The diagram below provides a schematic representation of this three-step approach in decision-making process.

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This framework is intended to guide decision making on vaccination interventions immediately after the onset or during planning in anticipation of a possible or likely acute emergency. It may be applied in emerging humanitarian emergencies, or crisis of short duration, and in long-standing crisis and conflicts resulting in protracted humanitarian emergencies. The concept of "acute" emergency does not imply that the emergency in itself is short-lived, as in a protracted crisis situations can emerge and be considered as "acute". An acute emergency signifies a situation meeting one or more of the following conditions: sudden unplanned displacement of a large proportion of the population, direct exposure of the civilian population to new or exacerbated and sustained episodes of armed conflict, impending or already occurred sudden deterioration of nutritional status, natural or industrial disasters, and/or sudden breakdown of critical administrative and management functions which result in large-scale disruption of public health and related services.

This decision-making framework is intended for senior-level government and partner organization officials who are expected to work together to reach a decision regarding the need of vaccine antigen(s) in a given humanitarian emergency. It makes part of a package which also includes "*Vaccination in Humanitarian Emergencies Implementation Guide*". Both documents are supported with electronic versions to ensure that the most up-to-date vaccine and disease-specific data, and references to additional information and guidance are provided.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 24 June 2017]

Iraq

:: Iraq: Special health situation report on Mosul crisis

17 June 2017 -- WHO in coordination with Erbil and Ninewa Directorates of Health (DOH) on 13 June 2017 rapidly responded to suspected food borne illness outbreak in Hassan Sham U2 camp by conducting an investigation with the aim to identify the source and cause of the outbreak, treat those ill as well as contain and prevent any spread. WHO delivered 500 rapid diagnostic test kits (RDT) to Ninewa DoH and primary health care facilities in Qayyarah, Hammam al'Alil and Salamiyah, to support the response to any future cholera outbreaks in the Governorate of Ninewa including camps and host communities. WHO donated to health partners emergency medical supplies enough to serve the needs of more than 20500 persons in Al Salamiyah camp.

The Syrian Arab Republic

:: More than 12 000 treatments delivered to Ein Issa and Karameh camps in Al-Raqqa governorate

22 June 2017 – The World Health Organization (WHO) has responded to an acute shortage of life saving medicines by dispatching a shipment of more than 12 000 treatments to the 2 main camps for internally displaced persons in rural Al-Raqqa. This shipment will support treatment of patients with chronic conditions, infectious diseases and diarrhoeal diseases who lack adequate access to medical care.

Nigeria

:: Overview of WHO operations in north eastern Nigeria

June 2017 ---WHO has decided to adopt a sub-regional approach across the four Lake Chad basin affected countries, to increase its interventions, which will address the health needs of the displaced populations and host communities alike.

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South Sudan - *No new announcements identified.*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 24 June 2017]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Situation report: 20 June 2017

...On 19 June 2017, no new confirmed, probable cases or suspected have been reported since the last situation update on 15 June. Seven alerts have been reported and investigated and none fulfilled the suspected case definition...

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *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

:: Hundreds of civilians are being killed and injured as fighting intensifies in Mosul's old city

(Baghdad, 24 June 2017) – The United Nations strongly condemns recent incidents resulting in the terrible loss of civilian life including the 23 June attacks in eastern Mosul and in Mushahada in the old city of Mosul where as many as 12 civilians were killed and possibly hundreds injured.

“Killing and wounding civilians violates every humanitarian principle and is contrary in every way to international humanitarian law,” said Lise Grande, Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq.

“We are shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of life that has occurred during the fighting in Mosul and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of all the victims,” said Ms. Grande, the Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq...

Syrian Arab Republic

:: 23 Jun 2017 Syria - Regional: Emergency Dashboard, June 2017

Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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

:: Somalia: Drought Response - Situation Report No. 13 (as of 20 June 2017)

Ethiopia

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:: 20 Jun 2017 Ethiopia Weekly Humanitarian Bulletin, 19 June 2017

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

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified.*

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War-Torn Yemen to Get Cholera Vaccines as Death Toll Mounts

New York Times/ASSOCIATED PRESS

JUNE 21, 2017

GENEVA — The U.N. health agency and some major partners have agreed to send 1 million doses of cholera vaccine to Yemen to help stanch a spiraling and increasingly deadly caseload in the impoverished country, which is already facing war and the risk of famine.

A spokesman for the World Health Organization said Wednesday that it didn't initially want to publicize last week's decision because questions remain about when and how the doses could reach the neediest people in a country sliced up along front lines and grappling with a nearly-collapsed health system.

WHO said the 1 million doses for Yemen were approved on June 15 by the International Coordinating Group, which manages vaccine stocks and includes the Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance along with WHO. Such a shipment would be the largest since 1 million doses were sent to Haiti after Hurricane Matthew last fall — and would amount to about half of the usual world stockpile, which would then be replenished.

...Now, in just over two months, the cholera outbreak has taken over 1,100 lives and the caseload is rising, with peak levels unpredictable, WHO says...

..."The fact that over a thousand people have died during this rapidly spreading cholera outbreak is shocking," said Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, in an e-mail. "We cannot underestimate the huge logistical challenges of delivering vaccines in a warzone where the health system, as well as basic infrastructure, has been all but destroyed."

Berkley said the doses could help slow the spread of the disease as part of a broader strategy to contain it...

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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 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

22 June 2017

SG/SM/18587-REF/1253

Secretary-General Praises Uganda's 'Exemplary' Commitment to Refugees, Calls upon International Community to Follow Suit

21 June 2017

SC/12883

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Security Council Extends, Expands Sanctions against Democratic Republic of Congo to Cover Those Attacking Peacekeepers, Adopting Resolution 2360 (2017)

The Security Council today extended its arms embargo, asset freeze and travel ban on the Democratic Republic of the Congo until 1 July 2018, expanding those sanctions to cover individuals and entities engaging in or providing support for acts that included planning, directing, sponsoring or participating in attacks against the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) peacekeepers or United Nations personnel, including members of the Group of Experts.

21 June 2017

SG/A/1741-BIO/4976

Secretary-General Appoints Vladimir Ivanovich Voronkov of Russian Federation Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Vladimir Ivanovich Voronkov of the Russian Federation as Under-Secretary-General of the newly created United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, as established by General Assembly resolution 71/291 of 15 June 2017.

19 June 2017

SG/SM/18578-OBV/1731

Secretary-General, in Message for International Day, Urges Rededication to Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict, on Behalf of Every Survivor

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

DRC: High Commissioner Zeid welcomes creation of international investigation into Kasais

Press briefing note on Yemen and destruction of Mosul mosque

Egypt must halt executions of six men sentenced after unfair trials – UN experts

Business and human rights: States' duties don't end at the national borders

Comment by UN Human Rights Office spokesperson Liz Throssell on OAS funding for Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Ending torture needs fresh commitment from every UN Member State – UN experts

EU needs greater focus on human rights impact of sanctions – UN expert

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 24 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 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

23 Jun 17

[Myanmar: 849 children and young people released from Tatmadaw since 2012](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 24 June 2017]

<https://www.unocha.org/media-centre/press-releases>

Selected Press Releases

25 June 2017

[The humanitarian impact of the internal Palestinian divide on the Gaza Strip | June 2017](#)

24 June 2017

[Hundreds of civilians are being killed and injured as fighting intensifies in Mosul's old city](#)

23 June 2017

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Closing remarks to the Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the 2017 Economic and Social Council, Geneva, 23 June 2017](#)

23 June 2017

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment side event, 23 June 2017](#)

23 June 2017

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien: Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment side event on "One Year After the World Humanitarian Summit: Advancing the Agenda for Humanity"](#)

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[New call to 'break the impasse' of decades of internal displacement](#)

23 June 2017

[USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien: Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment High-Level Panel](#)

["Addressing humanitarian challenges linked to disaster and climate change induced mobility"](#)

22 June 2017

[USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment High-Level Panel "Reaching people in need and promoting respect for international humanitarian law and the humanitarian principles"](#)

22 June 2017

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien, Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment side event on humanitarian assistance operations in high risk environments](#)

22 June 2017

[USG for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien, Remarks at the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment side event presenting the Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2017 and the Global Humanitarian Overview 2017 Status Report](#)

22 June 2017

[South Sudan: Humanitarian Response Eases Famine, But Food Insecurity Reaches Unprecedented Levels](#)

22 June 2017

[Few aid groups able to stay in war zones](#)

21 June 2017

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Stephen O'Brien Opening remarks to the Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the 2017 Economic and Social Council](#)

21 June 2017

[Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, on the continued violations of international humanitarian law in Yemen \[EN/AR\]](#)

UNICEF [to 24 June 2017]

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

23 June 2017

[5.6 million children at risk of waterborne diseases as rainy season hits communities affected by Lake Chad crisis](#)

DAKAR/ GENEVA/ABUJA, 23 June 2017 – More than 5.6 million children are at increased risk

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of contracting waterborne diseases, such as cholera and diarrheal infections, as the rainy season begins in conflict-affected areas of countries around Lake Chad, UNICEF warned today. The threat of disease outbreaks in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria coincides with growing regional insecurity and increased population movements particularly in Nigeria's northeast.

Crisis 'far from over' as malnutrition, thirst and disease threaten lives of millions of children in north-east Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen

NEW YORK/DAKAR/NAIROBI/AMMAN, 23 June 2017 – The welcome announcement of an end to famine conditions in South Sudan this week should not distract from the fact that severe food insecurity continues to put the lives of millions of children at risk in north-east Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen, UNICEF warned today.

Nowhere To Go: Children in Iraq trapped in cycles of violence and poverty as conflict reaches unprecedented levels

BAGHDAD/NEW YORK, 22 June 2017 - Three years since the intensification of violence in Iraq, children are trapped in an endless cycle of violence and increasing poverty, according to a UNICEF assessment, *Nowhere to Go*.

South Sudan famine ebbs, but situation still desperate as hunger spreads

ROME/JUBA, South Sudan, 21 June 2017 - Famine has eased in South Sudan after a significant scale up in the humanitarian response, according to new analysis released today. However, the situation remains dire across the country as the number of people struggling to find enough food each day has grown to six million – up from 4.9 million in February – and is the highest level of food insecurity ever experienced in South Sudan.

South Sudan refugee crisis: Over 1,000 children fleeing violence and instability every day

KAMPALA/NAIROBI/NEW YORK, 20 June 2017 – As more than 1,000 children continue to flee South Sudan, on average every day in search of safety, the region's refugee crisis has become a children's crisis, UNICEF said today, on World Refugee Day.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 24 June 2017]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Briefing Notes

World Refugee Day - Reports of three new shipwrecks in the Mediterranean Sea 20 Jun 2017

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR welcomes admission of Syrians by Morocco 22 Jun 2017

Statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, on returns to northeast Nigeria 21 Jun 2017

Statement by UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi on World Refugee Day 2017 20 Jun 2017

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 24 June 2017]
<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>
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UN Migration Agency Publishes In-depth Investigation of Obstacles to IDP Returns in Iraq

Iraq – Three million Iraqis remain internally displaced across the country

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 83,928 in 2017; 2,108 Deaths

2017-06-23 16:16

Switzerland – The UN Migration Agency (IOM) reports that 83,928 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through June 21

UN Migration Agency, Government Partners Discuss Good Migration Governance Practices

2017-06-23 15:55

Switzerland - On 20 June 2017, the UN Migration Agency (IOM) and the Governments of Australia, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) co-hosted an event exploring good practices on migration governance at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

Major Global Brands Commit to Preventing Forced Labour in Supply Chains

2017-06-19 14:12

Germany - The UN Migration Agency (IOM) joins leading global brands, government officials, trade associations, recruiters and other expert organizations in Berlin to tackle forced labour in supply chains.

UNAIDS [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Updates

Feature story – 22 June 2017

New survey finds high levels of HIV discrimination in Republic of Korea

...A new survey conducted by the Korean Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (KNP+) finds that Mr Cho's experience is far too common for people living with HIV in the Republic of Korea. The Korean People Living with HIV Stigma Index, which is the first peer-led survey in the country to detect and measure how HIV-positive people experience stigma and discrimination, was released on 22 June. Its development was supported by the Global Network of People Living with HIV, the International Community of Women Living with HIV and UNAIDS.

The survey, which was conducted from March to June 2016, found that 62% of people questioned reported that they were tested for HIV without their knowledge. This is high compared to other countries in Asia that have conducted similar peer-led surveys. In Viet Nam, 13% of people living with HIV reported similar experiences and in Nepal the figure was 9%. In addition, 17% of people surveyed in the Republic of Korea said their status was disclosed by medical staff to others without their consent.

"For too long, the voices of people living with HIV have been absent in policy-making," said Son Mun Soo of KNP+. "This study documents their experiences and shows that the government, employers, health-care workers and communities must do much more to guarantee the rights of people living with HIV. A comprehensive anti-discrimination law must be enacted to protect their rights."

UNAIDS and the World Health Organization strongly recommend that HIV testing only be undertaken with a person's informed consent...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 24 June 2017]

New WHO advisory group launched in Almaty to shape the future of primary health care

20-06-2017

Experts convened in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 20–21 June 2017 for the inaugural meeting of the Primary Health Care Advisory Group. The WHO Regional Director for Europe launched the Advisory Group to advance primary health care in the WHO European Region.

At its first meeting, the Advisory Group engaged in discussions on the readiness and responsiveness of primary health care to embrace future health and social needs...

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Highlights

Inaugural Africa Health Forum in Kigali, Rwanda

June 2017 – For the first time, WHO's Regional Office for Africa is convening global leaders and thinkers to explore Africa's healthcare priorities and challenges and find new ways to achieve better health for all.

More can be done to restrict sunbeds to prevent increasing rates of skin cancer

June 2017 – WHO underscores national actions to limit the use of artificial tanning devices (sunbeds) in a bid to reduce the associated health risks, such as melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. For more than three decades, the deliberate sunbed exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) for cosmetic purposes has been driving up the incidence of skin cancers and driving down the age of their first appearance.

WHO toolkit for the care and support of people affected by complications associated with Zika virus

June 2017 – Zika virus is associated with severe neurological complications, particularly congenital Zika virus syndrome and Guillain Barré syndrome. The associated complications have a marked impact on the people affected and their communities, including both physical and mental health. The toolkit has been developed to serve as a model guide, with the goal of enhancing country preparedness for Zika virus outbreaks.

Paris is 500th member of WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

June 2017 – Today, 19 June, WHO's Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC) welcomed Paris, France, as its 500th member. The Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo and her deputy Dominique Versini - responsible for early childhood, the protection of children and the fight against exclusion and the elderly - formalised their commitment to become an age-friendly city during a presentation of the plan "2017-2021 Seniors in Paris".

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: WHO AFRO to host the inaugural Africa Health Forum in Kigali, Rwanda Brazzaville, 21 June 2017

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: International Day of Yoga 20 June 2017

WHO European Region EURO

:: New WHO advisory group launched in Almaty to shape the future of primary health care 20-06-2017

:: World Refugee Day: WHO training enables Syrian doctors and nurses to provide health care in Turkey 19-06-2017

:: European countries promote #SlowDown campaign for UN Global Road Safety Week 19-06-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO expresses thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, for his generous initiative to fund cholera response activities in Yemen 23 June 2017

:: World Refugee Day: WHO training enables Syrian doctors and nurses to provide health care in Turkey 19 June 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 24 June 2017]

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

21/06/17

OIE to establish US-based liaison office in College Station, Texas

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

UNDP partners with 50 leading newspapers to raise awareness of the Global Goals

Jun 23, 2017

UNDP is partnering with Impact Journalism Day 2017 to raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals, also known as the Global Goals, around the world.

Vulnerable to violence: Empowering women in South Sudan

Jun 22, 2017

It is a violation of women's rights, a major global health problem, and is experienced by approximately one in three women worldwide. Yet the fight to end violence against women is too often overlooked and underfunded. In crisis-affected South Sudan where women and girls have long faced the threat of physical and sexual violence as well as early and forced marriage, Viola, 32, is one of the women working to get survivors the support they need.

Achim Steiner takes office as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Jun 19, 2017

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The UN Development Programme today welcomed Achim Steiner as he begins a four-year term as Administrator of the Organization. Mr. Steiner's appointment as the new head of the UN's lead development agency was confirmed by the UN General Assembly in April this year, following his nomination by Secretary-General António Guterres.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

June 19, 2017

[African governments commit to investing in green innovation to boost continent's development](#)

:: Climate change, healthy oceans, pollution and drought on the agenda of African environment ministers' meeting

:: African governments to invest heavily in innovative solutions to continent's environmental woes

:: Investment in fighting pollution could bring Africa significant savings for development

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 24 June 2017]

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

21 June 2017, New York

[World population projected to reach 9.8 billion in 2050, and 11.2 billion in 2100](#)

The current world population of 7.6 billion is expected to reach 8.6 billion in 2030, 9.8 billion in 2050 and 11.2 billion in 2100, according to a new United Nations report being launched today. With roughly 83 million people being added to the world's population every year, the upward trend in population size is expected to continue, even assuming that fertility levels will continue to decline.

The World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, provides a comprehensive review of global demographic trends

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and prospects for the future. The information is essential to guide policies aimed at achieving the new Sustainable Development Goals...

UNESCO [to 24 June 2017]

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

23 June 2017

New UN Resolution on the Right to Education adopted

The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted yesterday a new Resolution on the right to education within the framework of its 35th session, which stresses UNESCO's lead role for Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4).

The Resolution reaffirms the importance of ensuring the human right to education as defined by international conventions, including notably UNESCO's Convention against Discrimination in Education.

The Resolution calls upon States to give full effect to the right to education, notably by "putting in place a regulatory framework for education providers guided by international human rights obligations", and to promote technical vocational education and training as a means of ensuring the realization of the right to education. The Resolution also encourages States to measure progress in the realization of the right to education, such as by developing national indicators, and to consider justiciability when determining the best way to give domestic legal effect to the right to education.

For years, the Human Rights Council has expressed serious concerns about the situation of millions of children and adults unable to fully enjoy their right to education and has issued an important number of resolutions reaffirming commitments towards making the right to education a concrete reality for all.

23 June 2017

UNESCO triggers debate on privacy, encryption and source protection at WSIS Forum 2017

21 June 2017

UNESCO Initiates Cultural Projects for IDPs and Returnees

UNESCO Office in Afghanistan—UNESCO has initiated cultural projects for IDP (Internally Displaced Person) and returnee settlements in Herat, Afghanistan. This initiative contributes to the social integration of the Afghan IDPs and returnees by building their social cohesion through common cultural linkages and the promotion of human rights. Pilot activities with participatory theatre for IDPs and returnees and their host communities have started in the Maslakh (Behzad) and Police Station settlements.

19 June 2017

Landmark process to strengthen the World Network of Biosphere Reserves adopted by International Coordinating Council

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 24 June 2017]

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

23/06/2017 –

Message of United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

22/06/2017 –

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Unity of action needed against drug challenges, says UNODC Chief at launch of report on illicit drugs

22/06/2017 –

Remarks of UNODC Executive Director, Yury Fedotov, on the Launch of the World Drug Report

22/06/2017 –

World Drug Report 2017: 29.5 million people globally suffer from drug use disorders, opioids the most harmful

22/06/2017 –

Statement on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

Blog

How workers with disabilities can help multinational enterprises succeed

20 June 2017

In my role as the Corporate Social Responsibility & Solidarity Manager of the Adecco Group in France – a multinational enterprise with operations in 60 countries – I have witnessed the positive impact of employing persons with disabilities at our company.

New report

ILO report highlights Jordanian labour market challenges

20 June 2017

Report looks at three competing groups in Jordan's strained labour market - Jordanians, migrants and Syrian refugees – and possible solutions to resulting political challenges.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 24 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)
Publish Date: 20 June 2017

Records fall amid heatwaves

News

Parts of Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and southwestern USA have seen extremely high May and June temperatures, with a number of records broken.

WMO and FAO strengthen cooperation on climate change, drought

News

Publish Date: 19 June 2017

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Meteorological Organization have signed a memorandum of understanding to deepen cooperation to respond to climate variability and climate change, which, according to the agreement, "represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies, natural ecosystems and food security."

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

Friday, 23 June 2017

UNIDO supports discussion of industrialization and investment in Africa

ST. JULIAN'S, Malta, 19 June 2017 – Parliamentarians, policymakers, public and private investors, and representatives of civil society have discussed investing in the industrialization process of developing countries...

Iraqi nationals receive internationally recognized certification from UNIDO-supported vocational training centre

ERBIL, 8 June 2017 – Four Iraqi vocational training instructors from the Swedish Academy for Training (SAT) in Erbil, Iraq, were awarded, for the first time ever today, Level 3 certificates for the Learning and Development...

UNIDO and OECD to boost policy research into global value chains in the ASEAN region

VIENNA, 21 June 2017 - The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is partnering with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) to study the policies and tools to support global value...

Canadian Minister for International Development visits UNIDO fishery project in South Sudan

JUBA, 16 June 2017 – The Canadian Minister for International Development, Marie-Claude Bibeau, visited the Konyo Konyo fish market in Juba, South Sudan, recently constructed as part of a fisheries development project...

UNIDO project in Armenia helps train hundreds of young entrepreneurs, creates over 100 new jobs

YEREVAN, 15 June 2017 – A total of 117 jobs have been created in Armenia and some 400 young entrepreneurs trained – of which nearly half are women – under a project implemented by the United Nations Industrial...

Increasing digital connectivity between Asian and European countries

QINGDAO, China, 20 June 2017 - The ASEM High-Level Forum on Digital Connectivity with the theme, "Unleashing Potential for Innovative Growth", was held on 19-20 June 2017 in Qingdao, eastern China. With the fast...

Launch of the joint UN Women/UNIDO online training module

VIENNA, 19 June 2017 - The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and UN Women have launched a new online training module, Gender, Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, as part of the I Know Gender...

UNIDO and ITU convene special session on SDG9 at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

GENEVA, 16 July 2017 - Top industry, government and civil society leaders have met to discuss how action-oriented partnerships with country-level programming can help make concrete contributions towards achieving Sustainable...

The challenge of preparing developing countries for Industry 4.0

GENEVA, 16 July 2017 - Top industry, government and civil society leaders have met to discuss how action-oriented partnerships with country-level programming can help make concrete contributions towards assisting

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 24 June 2017]

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

22 June 2017

All aboard: a new standard helps to keep the trains on time

By Clare Naden

Whether it is due to the wrong type of leaf on the tracks, staff on strike or signal problems, train delays are, for many of us, a part of life (except if you live in Switzerland!). However, guidelines just published hope to change all that, by bringing a quality management approach to the rail sector.

21 June 2017

Smart City Concept Model published

By Barnaby Lewis

Ten years ago, the UN announced that the human race had reached a tipping point. 2007 marked the year that more than 50 % of the world's population lived in cities. Today, that proportion is far higher and for billions city-life is the only way imaginable. Fortunately a new ISO/IEC is helping make that...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

19 June 2017

UNWTO condemns US Administration decision to restore travel restrictions with Cuba

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) expresses its firm resentment over the recently-announced decision by the United States Administration to restore travel restrictions with Cuba.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 24 June 2017]

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

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CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 24 June 2017]

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

Latest Press Release

[Statement by Acting Administrator Wade Warren on World Refugee Day](#)

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

[See Week in Review above for full text]

DFID [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Government pledges to help improve access to UK markets for world's poorest countries post-Brexit](#)

24 June 2017 DFID, Number 10 and DIT Press release

[Priti Patel: UK efforts save more lives in Somalia and Ethiopia](#)

19 June 2017 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 24 June 2017]

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

23/06/2017

[EU increases aid to tackle cholera outbreak in Yemen](#)

The European Commission is scaling up its response to an unprecedented cholera outbreak in Yemen with an additional €5 million, bringing total EU support for efforts to tackle the disease to €8.8 million."

[EU announces €85 million as Uganda faces world's fastest growing refugee crisis](#)

22/06/2017

Uganda is now facing the world's fastest growing refugee crisis, due to a continuous and unprecedented influx of people fleeing conflict in neighbouring South Sudan among others. The country is now hosting over 1.27 million refugees and asylum...

[EU takes over leadership of 'Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies'](#)

21/06/2017

Today the European Union (EU) formally takes over the leadership of the global initiative 'Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies', from Sweden, at a handover event organised at the 2017 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs...

[World Refugee Day 2017](#)

20/06/2017

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On the occasion of World Refugee Day, Frans Timmermans, First Vice President, Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

19/06/2017

On the occasion of International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, the following statement has been adopted by the European Commission, co-signed by Christos Stylianides, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis...

EU channels extra support for Portugal to help with forest fires

19/06/2017

The European Commission has responded swiftly to Portugal's request for assistance in order to tackle the deadly forest fires. President Juncker and Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides immediately offered...

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African Union [to 24 June 2017]

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

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June 21, 2017

High Level Dialogue and Think Tank Forum Learning from the experience of Poverty alleviation in China and Africa China-Africa Forum

June 20, 2017

Africa's new strategy to respond to disease threats a game changer in global health security

June 20, 2017

8 key takeaways from the first Africa CDC scientific symposium

June 20, 2017

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention's launches networks to fight health threats

June 20, 2017

Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and partners plan new approach to detect and respond to outbreaks

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 24 June 2017]

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

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ASEAN to further empower persons with disabilities

PHUKET, 23 June 2017 - The 3rd ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Regional Dialogue on the Mainstreaming of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the ASEAN Community was held on 19-21 June 2017 in Phuket, Thailand. The dialogue focused on the issues pertaining to access to justice, persons with disabilities as entrepreneurs [...]

Special Meeting of the AICHR

PHUKET, 19 June 2017 - The ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) convened its Special Meeting on 17-18 June in Phuket, Thailand. It was chaired by Leo Herrera-Lim, Representative of the Philippines to the AICHR. As part of the preparations to meet with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) in August 2017, the Special [...]

European Commission [to 24 June 2017]

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

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EU scales up its assistance against cholera outbreak in Yemen

Press release Brussels, 23 June 2017 EU humanitarian aid boosts funding against cholera outbreak in Yemen The European Commission is scaling up its response to an unprecedented cholera outbreak in Yemen with an additional €5 million, bringing total EU support for efforts to tackle the disease to...

EU announces €85 million as Uganda faces world's fastest growing refugee crisis

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 22 June 2017 The EU funding will help meet the needs of the rapidly surging number of South Sudanese fleeing to Uganda. Uganda is now facing the world's fastest growing refugee crisis, due to a continuous and unprecedented influx of people fleeing conflict in...

Opening speech by President Juncker at the High Level Conference on Migration Management

21/06/2017 - JUNCKER Jean-Claude European Commission - Speech -

EU Syria Trust Fund: new assistance package to support Syrian refugees and host communities crosses €1 billion mark

20/06/2017 - Today, the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis adopted new projects totalling €275 million. These projects will support refugees and their overstretched host communities in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, the Western Balkans, and Armenia. European Commission - Press release Brussels, 20 June 2017 Today, the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis adopted new projects totalling €275 million. These projects will support refugees and their overstretched host communities in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, the Western Balkans, and Armenia.

Joint Statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict

19/06/2017 European Commission - Statement Brussels, 19 June 2017 On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Federica Mogherini, High Representative/ Vice-President, Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Christos Stylianides, Commissioner for...

OECD [to 24 June 2017]

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

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21 June 2017

Improve early education and care to help more children get ahead and boost social mobility

Countries should step up their efforts to provide affordable and high-quality early childhood education and care (ECEC) to improve social mobility and give all children the chance to fulfil their potential, according to a new OECD report.

21 June 2017

Agricultural policies should shift from price support to greater emphasis on encouraging a resilient and sustainable food sector

Countries should continue shifting farm policy away from direct support for the market price of agricultural products toward programmes that promote sustainable productivity growth and improve resilience to climate change and market-related shocks, according to a new report from the OECD.

20 June 2017

Countries are progressing too slowly on green growth

Many countries have become more efficient in using natural resources and the services provided by the environment, generating more economic output per unit of carbon emitted and of energy or raw materials consumed. Yet progress is too slow, and if emissions embodied in international trade are included, advances in environmental productivity are more modest, a new OECD report shows.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 24 June 2017]

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

June 24, 2017

Message from the Secretary General on Venezuela

[See Week in Review above for full text]

June 24, 2017

47th OAS General Assembly Concludes

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 24 June 2017]

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

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Group of 77 [to 24 June 2017]

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

[Statement on behalf of Group of 77 and China by H.E. Arturo Cabrera, Charge d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations in Geneva, during the general discussion of the 2017 session of the humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council \(Geneva, 21 June 2017\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 24 June 2017]

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

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21 June 2017

Solid progress in talks on Australia's accession to the Government Procurement Agreement

Work to complete Australia's accession to the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) has intensified and is nearing final stages. The accessions of the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan to the Agreement are advancing steadily as well, informal discussions in the Committee on Government Procurement on 21 June 2017 have confirmed. The accession negotiations of Russia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia kicked off at the meeting.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 24 June 2017]

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

22 JUNE 2017

Implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in Uganda

Dealing with gender inequalities in the economy and family; improving the health of women and girls; and encouraging bills by private members to tackle sexual offences and amend discriminatory legislation: these were some of the priorities identified during a seminar on Uganda's implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The focus of the seminar—organized by the Parliament of Uganda and the IPU and held from 14 to 15 June—was parliament's role in the implementation of CEDAW...

19 JUNE 2017

Making laws work to end violence against women and girls

Participants at the Regional Conference. © Parliament of Romania/Violina Cracana
Preventing violence against women and girls (VAWG) requires more than adopting laws—they need to be effectively implemented. Parliamentarians, NGOs and legal officers met to discuss the issue at a regional conference for Eastern and Central Europe on Making Laws Work to End Violence against Women and Girls. The conference, held from 12 to 14 June, was co-organized by the IPU, Vital Voices, Global Rights for Women and the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, with the support of the Senate of Romania....

International Court of Justice [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 24 June 2017]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 24 June 2017]

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

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New World Bank Project to Give Impetus to India's Skill's Agenda – to provide over 8 mn Youth with Market-Relevant Training

WASHINGTON, June 23, 2017 – The World Bank will support the Government of India's efforts to better equip its young workforce with employable skills so that youth who enter the labor market every...

Date: June 23, 2017 Type: Press Release

The Platform for Collaboration on Tax delivers a Toolkit to Provide Guidance to Developing Countries to Better Protect Tax Bases

June 22, 2017 – The Platform for Collaboration on Tax (PCT) – a joint initiative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), United Nations...

Date: June 22, 2017 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 24 June 2017]

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

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June 22, 2017

Working Together to Fight Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing

Speech by Christine Lagarde, IMF Managing Director
FATF Plenary Meeting, Valencia

African Development Bank Group [to 24 June 2017]

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

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23/06/2017

Zimbabwe launches Beef and Leather Value Chain Technical Assistance Project

The official launch of Zimbabwe's Support to Beef and Leather Value Chain Technical Assistance Project took place on June 15th, 2017 in Harare, attracting more than 100 participants.

19/06/2017

The African Development Bank announces the appointment of Vanessa Mounzar as Director for Gender, Women and Civil Society

The African Development Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Vanessa Mounzar as Director of Gender, Women and Civil Society with effect from 1st July 2017.

Asian Development Bank [to 24 June 2017]

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

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23 June 2017

Emerging East Asian Bond Yields Fall as Global Economic Prospects Improve

Bond yields in emerging East Asian markets continued their downward trend between 1 March and mid-May as optimism in global economic prospects gained pace, ADB's Asia Bond Monitor said.

22 June 2017

ADB to Help 200,000 Indian Youths Develop Skills for Better Jobs, Income

ADB has approved a loan of \$102 million to help India train around 200,000 youths aged 15-34 in Odisha — in the eastern part of India — to develop their skills and prepare them for better work and higher-paying jobs.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 24 June 2017]

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

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

Jeju, Republic of Korea, June 19, 2017

AIIB, Georgia Sign Loan Agreement for Batumi Bypass Road Project

Jin Liqun, President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and Dimitry Kumsishvili, First Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Republic of Georgia, signed a loan agreement during the second annual meeting of Board of Governors for a US\$114 million loan for the construction of approximately 14.3 kilometer modern highway bypassing Batumi port city on the Black Sea coast.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 24 June 2017]

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

19 June 2017

Post offices are key to scaling up remittances and financial inclusion in Uganda

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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 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 24 June 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 24 June 2017]

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

21st Jun 2017

[South Sudan: Highest number of people facing food gaps ever recorded](#)

South Sudan is experiencing the most alarming levels of food insecurity in its history.

20th Jun 2017

[New CARE study: Syrian refugees, cash-strapped and without work, struggle in seventh year of crisis](#)

CARE International releases "Seven Years into Exile: The challenges and coping strategies of urban Syrian refugees in Jordan and their host communities"

19th Jun 2017

[Iraq: Humanitarian Needs Greater Than Ever As Temperatures Rise](#)

As temperatures rise up to 50 degrees Celsius this Summer, emergency relief is urgently needed.

Clubhouse International [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 24 June 2017]

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

21.06.2017

[Migration Policy is Not Working, says co-alition of NGOs on the eve of EU Council Meeting on Migration](#)

As EU Ministers gather to take new steps on the Migration Partnership Framework – a policy agreed a year ago in response to increased migration to Europe - 18 civil society organisations, including Save the Children, Care International and Danish Refugee Council (DRC), believe that the policy is failing migrants, including migrant children. In a statement, they have outlined their recommendations for a migration policy that works.

20.06.2017

[Searching for solutions as more South Sudanese refugees arrive every day](#)

South Sudan faces a humanitarian disaster fuelled by three and a half years of civil war. In February 2017, famine was declared in one part of the country, with 5 million people facing extreme food insecurity. More than 1 million South Sudanese have been forced to flee to neighbouring countries such as Ethiopia, in search of protection and vital support.

20.06.2017

[Joint solutions is the only answer to the growing numbers of displaced](#)

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In light of yet another sad record number of people forced to leave their homes, it is essential that we stand together in the struggle for global, sustainable solutions instead of turning to isolation and makeshift, short-term, national solutions. Without a joint strategy the world's growing number of refugees faces a dire future – as do we all. This is the message from our Secretary General, Andreas Kamm, at the World Refugee Day.

ECPAT [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles

[Raqqa and Mosul: humanity under attack](#)

Statement by Robert Mardini, Regional Director for the Near and Middle East at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)As fighting rages in Raqqa, Syria, and Mosul, Iraq, the human toll is staggering.

23-06-2017 | Statement

[Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations](#)

ICRC statement given by Hugo Slim at the Humanitarian Affairs Segment of the Economic and Social Council of the United NationsThank you, Chair.This year's Draft Resolution makes a powerful read.

23-06-2017 | Statement

[Philippines: Humanitarian needs remain as fighting continues in Marawi City](#)

Manila (ICRC) – One month into the armed conflict in Marawi City in Lanao del Sur province, many humanitarian needs still exist as the fighting between government security forces and the Maute Group continues without an immediate end in sight."The si
23-06-2017 | News release

Where do we go from here? 1st Annual Grand Bargain Meeting

Speech delivered by ICRC President Peter Maurer to the 1st Annual Grand Bargain Meeting, 20 June 2017, Geneva The one-year anniversary of the Grand Bargain is a time to take stock and look at next steps.
20-06-2017 | Statement

Syria: ICRC condemns attack on humanitarian convoy

Damascus/Geneva (ICRC) - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) strongly condemns an attack on Saturday against a humanitarian convoy on the outskirts of Damascus, Syria that wounded a staff member of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.
18-06-2017 | News release

IFRC [to 24 June 2017]

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

22 June 2017

Life-saving role of Red Cross volunteers during Ebola outbreak highlighted by new study

Courageous volunteers may have prevented more than 10,000 Ebola cases during the 2013-2016 West Africa outbreak, according to estimates in a study published today.
Middle East and North Africa, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, Yemen

21 June 2017

"The most vicious of vicious spirals" – Cholera compounding famine risk in East Africa and Yemen

Concurrent, killer cholera outbreaks in East Africa and Yemen are compounding famine risk in three countries, the Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) warned UN Member States today.

20 June 2017

World Refugee Day: Digital information platform for refugees and migrants launches in Italy

A new digital platform launched on World Refugee Day (20 June) in Italy will put critical and relevant information in the hands of vulnerable migrants and refugees.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

As UN announces new refugee figures, IRC says U.S. budget cuts could leave more than two million girls without access to education and double the number of people affected by famine to 60 million

June 20, 2017

Statement

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Final assault on Old City of Mosul will be terrifying for trapped civilians at risk from fighting

June 18, 2017

IRCT [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief [to 24 June 2017]

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

[Undated]

Providing much needed food aid for displaced people in Syria during Ramadan

With generous support from Islamic Relief partners, Islamic Relief Syria provided food parcels for 155,000 people in Hama, Idlib and Aleppo governorates. We prioritised Aleppo and Idlib because of the large numbers of displaced people, many of whom have been displaced multiple times and as a result, are extremely vulnerable.

Landsea [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 24 June 2017]

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

[Undated]

A serious nutritional crisis

Several African countries (including Yemen, Nigeria, South Sudan and Somalia) currently face a serious food crisis: Doctors of the World-Médecins du Monde (MdM) has strengthened its activities and calls on an urgent reaction of the international community in order to facilitate humanitarian access.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 24 June 2017]

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

Press release

Addition of Snakebite to WHO's Neglected Tropical Diseases List Could Spur New, More Effective Treatments

June 23, 2017

The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) welcomed the addition of snakebite to the World Health Organization's (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) list. Despite the fact that snakebite is estimated to kill over 100,000 people every year—more than any other disease on the list—there are hardly any resources to prevent and treat it and very few lifesaving anti-venoms available.

Press release

Central African Republic: Heavy Fighting Resumes in Bria, Despite Peace Agreement

BANGUI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC/NEW YORK, JUNE 20, 2017—Despite a peace agreement signed yesterday between the government of the Central African Republic (CAR) and

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different political and military groups active in the country, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) teams are witnessing renewed fighting today in the town of Bria, in the east of the country, amid ongoing tensions elsewhere. Violence flared as international donors were meeting in the capital today to discuss funding urgently needed

Press release

[Uganda: Lack of Food and Water for South Sudanese Refugees as International Aid Falls Short](#)

KAMPALA, UGANDA/NEW YORK, JUNE 20, 2017—Nearly one million South Sudanese refugees have fled to Uganda to escape the violence in their country, yet the international aid response is failing to meet their basic needs for food and water, raising the risk of a medical emergency, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said today, ahead of an international summit to raise funds for Uganda's refugee response.

Mercy Corps [to 24 June 2017]

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

June 21, 2017

[Hunger Crisis Escalates Rapidly In Months](#)

South Sudan

Statement from Deepmala Mahla, South Sudan Country Director at Mercy Corps

Today a new IPC report documenting the worsening of South Sudan's hunger crisis has been released. The report states that 1.7 million people are on the brink of famine and 50 per cent of the population is now recognised as being food insecure.

"We are deeply concerned about the speed at which conditions are deteriorating for the people of South Sudan. In just four short months, the number of people on the brink of starvation has risen 70 percent from 1 million to 1.7 million.

Despite the levels of need in two areas of South Sudan being reduced from outright famine, the overall situation in the country is rapidly worsening, with 50 per cent of the population now being recognised as food insecure, the greatest number ever recorded in South Sudan. Sadly this has happened while the world has been watching.

What this new report reinforces is that we have a very short window of time between someone being very hungry, to being on the brink of starvation.

We cannot wait for people to be starving to act. We must expand our response to meet the growing hunger nationwide, and this means we need safe and sustained humanitarian access."

Operation Smile [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

22 June 2017

[Uganda needs more help in world's fastest-growing refugee crisis](#)

Uganda is hosting the first Refugee Solidarity Summit on 22 and 23 June. Oxfam is calling on the international community to provide funds, humanitarian aid and, crucially, to pave the way for a peaceful resolution to conflicts in neighboring countries.

21 June 2017

One year on: EU's approach to migration is failing

The EU's partnership approach for working with African countries on managing migration has to date failed to provide safe and regular channels for migration or offer long-term solutions that improve the lives of people on the move.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 24 June 2017]

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

22 Jun 2017

Few aid groups able to stay in war zones

Many aid organisations wish to stay and deliver in insecure contexts with great needs, but there are still too few organisations able to manage the risks linked to serve vulnerable communities in the midst of conflict and chaos, according to a new report released today.

20. Jun 2017

Thousands of children deprived of education

Ephrem Chiruzal

DR Congo/Kasaï Central: As armed groups occupy schools, violence and fear leave tens of thousands of children without a chance to start or finish their primary education.

19. Jun 2017

Uganda receives most new refugees worldwide

Uganda received the largest number of new refugees last year, more than half a million people. "The system protecting refugees will collapse if we do not step up our support to countries like Uganda. The richest and most stable countries from Europe to the US do their uttermost to keep refugees away. At the same time, they are not adequately funding reception of refugees in poor host countries," said Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Pact [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Plan International [to 24 June 2017]

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

22 June 2017

Famine over but South Sudan still in crisis

A UN-backed food security report released yesterday (21 June) announced that South Sudan is no longer classified as being in famine. However, 6 million people are still suffering from the conditions of the food crisis.

Save The Children [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

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New Save the Children Poll: Majority of Americans Agree that All Refugee Children Deserve an Education and Want to Help Refugees Worldwide

June 20, 2017

On World Refugee Day, Save the Children Launches "It's Not the Same This Year" Facebook Ad Campaign for Syrian Children

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 24 June 2017]

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

21.06.2017

International Annual Report 2016

Roughly one out of ten children is facing life's challenges without adequate care and support. Our 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 24 June 2017]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 24 June 2017]

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

Blog

Nearly 50% of Widows Live in Poverty: We Can Change That

By Saba Ghorri, Associate Director of Social Empowerment, Women for Women International
June 22, 2017

Today, as we mark International Widow's Day, we cannot forget the plight of the 245 million widows around the world, 115 million of whom live in poverty and neglect. Many widowed women lack economic opportunities and live on the fringes of society, socially stigmatized and often blamed for the loss of their husbands. In some societies, they are killed for practicing witchcraft or are subjected to living lives of seclusion in grief, undergo funeral rites such as head shaving or even subjected to marrying male relatives of their deceased husbands.

Responding to the Refugee Crisis in KRI

By Sabreen Alikhan, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer - WfWI

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June 19, 2017

Four million refugees and displaced people are struggling to rebuild their lives in Iraq, after having fled their homes in search of peace and stability. Displaced for months or years, women displaced by conflict face challenges that threaten their basic security, economic well-being, and survival. They are targets of sexual harassment and gender-based violence in their families, camps, and host communities. They struggle to earn money to support their families.

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Freedom House [to 24 June 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
Press Releases*

Kazakhstan: Government Retaliates against Civil Society Groups

June 21, 2017

Freedom House issued the following statement in response to an Almaty appellate court's decision to uphold a large fine against the International Legal Initiative.

Transparency International [to 24 June 2017]

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

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
No new digest content identified.*

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ChildFund Alliance [to 24 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

CONCORD [to 24 June 2017]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

Jun 23, 2017

Civil society calls for postponing the EU-Egypt Association Council

Following the newly ratified NGO law which seriously restricts civil society space in Egypt, Civil Society voices its concern and asks the EU to postpone the EU-Egypt Association Council.

Yes Member States, the EU must be a leader in sustainable development

by Claudia Engstrom | Jun 20, 2017 |

EU Member States have just adopted the conclusions on the global Agenda. Following their lead, we call on the European Commission to: strategise, implement and deliver!

My take on the EDD17 – How to genuinely invest in Development? Invest in People.

Jun 16, 2017 |

Laura Sullivan, Vice President of CONCORD and Director for Europe and the Americas at Actionaid International, was representing CONCORD in the Closing Ceremony of the European Development Days 2017. Here are her main takes (part 1).

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Disasters Emergency Committee [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

Opinion 19 June 2017

Kofi Annan: Why Are Only Poor Countries Taking Refugees?

Writing in [TIME](#) Magazine, Kofi Annan urges leaders to act responsibly and to commit to cooperation and burden-sharing to ensure the protection of refugees' human rights and dignity. *[See Week in Review for full text]*

News 18 June 2017

Six Day War, 50 Years On: Lakhdar Brahimi addresses UN Security Council

Marking 50 years since the Six Day War, Lakhdar Brahimi addresses the UN Security Council on the Israel-Palestine conflict. Watch the livestream here on 20 June.

END Fund [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 24 June 2017]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 24 June 2017]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients
No new digest content identified.

ICVA -International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 24 June 2017]

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<https://icvanetwork.org/>
No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 24 June 2017]

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

Jun 22, 2017

[InterAction's Statement on the Impact of Foreign Aid Reform](#)

We, the undersigned humanitarian and development non-governmental organizations and partners, share a commitment to alleviating human suffering to make the world a more peaceful, just, democratic, and prosperous place. As organizations working in the development and humanitarian space in nearly...

Jun 20, 2017

[Stay Positive: Bill Clinton's Message to Aid Groups at InterAction Forum 2017](#)

President Bill Clinton urged representatives from more than 100 U.S. international aid groups to remain positive in the face of severe cuts in humanitarian and development assistance proposed by the Trump administration. In an hour-long, understated speech, punctuated by humor, Clinton called on aid...

Start Network [to 24 June 2017]

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

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Juba context analysis

[The importance of seeing context](#)

Blog Post

David Jones, Start Fund MEAL Manager, discusses how humanitarian responders can begin to navigate complex contexts using insight.

Muslim Charities Forum [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 24 June 2017]

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

Jun 21, 2017

New analysis reveals significant slowdown in growth of international humanitarian assistance despite high need

News

New analysis published today by Development Initiatives shows that while total international humanitarian assistance increased again in 2016, the pace of growth has slowed. Only four of the 10 government donors that provided the most assistance in 2015 increased their contributions in 2016, and there was a significant decrease in contributions from others.

The Global Humanitarian Assistance Report 2017 finds that international humanitarian assistance increased for the fourth consecutive year in 2016, reaching US\$27.3 billion, an increase of US\$1.5 billion over 2015 figures. At 6%, the growth in humanitarian assistance between 2015 and 2016 was considerably smaller than in the previous three years, which showed increases of 12% in 2015, 21% in 2014 and 18% in 2013.

The slowdown was in part caused by a 24% decrease in funding from governments in the Middle East and North of Sahara region, following several years of successive increases. Decreases were largely driven by a 50% reduction in reported contributions from the Government of Kuwait, as well as reduced funding from Qatar (down 57%) and Saudi Arabia (down 26%)...

EHLRA/R2HC [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 24 June 2017]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 24 June 2017]

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

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Do Age-of-Marriage Laws Work? Evidence from a Large Sample of Developing Countries

6/22/17

Matt Collin and Theodore Talbot

Child marriage is associated with bad outcomes for women and girls. We develop a simple model to explain how enforcing minimum age-of-marriage laws creates differences in the share of women getting married at the legal cut-off. By this measure, most countries are not enforcing the laws on their books and enforcement is not getting better over time.

Measuring Rents from Public Employment: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Kenya - Working Paper 457

6/21/17

Nicholas Barton , Tessa Bold and Justin Sandefur

Public employees in many developing economies earn much higher wages than similar private-sector workers. These wage premia may reflect an efficient return to effort or unobserved skills, or an inefficient rent causing labor misallocation. To distinguish these explanations, we exploit the Kenyan government's algorithm for hiring eighteen-thousand new teachers in 2010 in a regression discontinuity design. Fuzzy regression discontinuity estimates yield a civil-service wage premium of over 100 percent (not attributable to observed or unobserved skills), but no effect on motivation, suggesting rent-sharing as the most plausible explanation for the wage premium.

"The Evidence" About "What Works" in Education: Graphs to Illustrate External Validity and Construct Validity

6/20/17

Lant Pritchett

Currently, the bulk of the new empirical work on estimating the impact on learning of various education projects/ programmes/policies, while based on sound principles of estimating causal impacts, is far too inadequately theorised and specified to be of much immediate and direct use in formulating effective action to accelerate learning. The RISE research agenda is moving forward by: (a) embedding research into a prior diagnostic of the overall system, (b) evaluating on-going attempts at education reform at scale, (c) specifying the details of programme/project/policy design, and (d) acknowledging that policy relevant learning is itself part of the system.

Results Not Receipts: Counting the Right Things in Aid and Corruption

6/19/17

Charles Kenny

Results Not Receipts explores how an important and justified focus on corruption is damaging the potential for aid to deliver results. Noting the costs of the standard anticorruption tools of fiduciary controls and centralized delivery, Results Not Receipts urges a different approach to tackling corruption in development: focus on outcomes.

Results Not Receipts: Counting the Right Things in Aid and Corruption (Brief)

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ODI [to 24 June 2017]

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

Selected Reports and Studies

How self-help groups strengthen resilience: tackling food insecurity in protracted crises in Ethiopia

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Lena Weingartner and Florence Pichon, with Catherine Simonet

How can community-based approaches to microfinance such as self-help groups improve the resilience of rural communities in Ethiopia to shocks and stresses?

Understanding public attitudes towards refugees and migrants

Working and discussion papers | June 2017 | Helen Dempster and Karen Hargrave

What does the literature tell us about public attitudes towards refugees and migrants, their drivers, and how to influence them?

Tracking livelihoods, service delivery and governance: panel survey findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Georgina Sturge, Richard Mallett, Jessica Hagen-Zanker and Rachel Slater

This report summarises findings from a survey collecting data on livelihoods, basic services and governance in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

Service delivery and state capacity: findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Lisa Denney and Richard Mallett with Matthew Benson

This report synthesises findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium on capacity development plays in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

Service delivery, public perceptions and state legitimacy: findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Hamish Nixon and Richard Mallett

This report synthesises work by the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium on the relationship between service delivery and state legitimacy.

Markets, conflict and recovery: findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Richard Mallett and Adam Pain

This report synthesises findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium on markets and economic development in fragile states

Livelihoods, conflict and recovery: findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium

Research reports and studies | June 2017 | Dan Maxwell, Dyan Mazurana, Michael Wagner and Rachel Slater

This report synthesises findings from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium on the role of livelihoods in fragile and conflict-affected situations.

Urban Institute [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 24 June 2017]

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

Forum News 22 Jun 2017

[World Economic Forum Young Scientists Class of 2017 Celebrates Breakthrough Talent from across the Globe](#)

News 20 Jun 2017

[Annual Meeting of the New Champions to Focus on Inclusive Growth in the Fourth Industrial Revolution](#)

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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 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

Press Release

June 20, 2017

[Clinton Climate Initiative and Rocky Mountain Institute-Carbon War Room Facilitate Contract Signing for Solar Farm in Saint Lucia](#)

Ford Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

News — 19 June 2017

Ford Foundation appoints Ai-jen Poo to Board of Trustees

A well-established advocate for women, immigrants, and low-wage workers, Poo is currently the director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance and co-director of Caring Across Generations.

GHIT Fund [to 24 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 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

Publication

Jail Growth Highest in Rural America

Published June 13, 2017

The nation's highest jail incarceration rates are in America's rural counties, according to a report by the Vera Institute of Justice, supported by MacArthur's Safety and Justice Challenge. The report finds that rural counties have the nation's highest rates of pretrial incarceration, are

increasingly renting out jail beds to hold people for other government agencies, and have fewer resources than their urban counterparts—all of which are contributing to these counties' outsized use of incarceration. The report asserts that what has been successful in driving down jail use in cities may not necessarily apply to rural places, and calls for development of policies that are uniquely tailored to rural jails.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

June 23, 2017

[Intensifying shrimp farming for better environmental and economic results](#)

A new study by World Wildlife Fund demonstrates that intensifying shrimp farming can yield better results for the environment and for the bottom line. Through research in Vietnam and Thailand, the study shows that farmers can increase shrimp production without increasing pressure on natural resources.

June 20, 2017

[Perspective: Care at home - how serious illness care has shifted over the past century](#)

A recent white paper developed for the National Academy of Medicine Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness, Community-Based Models of Care Delivery for People with Serious Illness, identified core competencies that set the standard for a high-quality program

Open Society Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 24 June 2017]

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

June 19, 2017

[The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage Announces 2017 Grants for Philadelphia Artists, Organizations](#)

Press Release

PHILADELPHIA – June 19, 2017 – The Pew Center for Arts & Heritage today announced 53 grants in support of the Philadelphia region's cultural organizations and artists. The 2017 awards total more than \$10.3 million and provide funding for 12 new Pew Fellowships, 39 Project grants, and two Advancement grants.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

June 23, 2017

[The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Selected Bellagio Center Resident Fellows](#)

Fifty leading academics, artists, and practitioners selected for prestigious Bellagio Center Residency Program

June 22, 2017

[The Rockefeller Foundation Announces Grants to Organizations Supporting and Defending LGBTQ Community](#)

\$300,000 in three grants to NYC LGBT Center, Sylvia Rivera Law Project and Campaign for Southern Equality

June 21, 2017

[The Rockefeller Foundation, Lion's Head Global Partners, South Pole Group and Affirmative Investment Management Launch the Carbon Yield](#)

A First In Quantifying The Climate Change Mitigation Impact Of Green Bonds

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 24 June 2017]

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

Blog Post

[Ending Homelessness, One Person at a Time](#)

June 22, 2017 Maggie Willis

Santa Monica confronts homelessness by prioritizing those who need help the most and getting them into housing as quickly as possible, an approach called Housing First.

News Release

[2017 RWJF Sports Award Winners Announced: San Francisco Giants, The Moyer Foundation, and PeacePlayers International](#)

June 20, 2017

Recipients of the 2017 RWJF Sports Award have been awarded this honor for their innovative and influential approaches to using sports to improve the Culture of Health in their communities.

Brief

[The Impact of the AHCA on Federal and State Medicaid Spending and Medicaid Coverage](#)

June 16, 2017

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

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 24 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 22, 2017

[Science Philanthropy Alliance Names Valerie Conn Executive Director](#)

The Science Philanthropy Alliance (the "Alliance") announced that Valerie Conn will become Executive Director of the organization effective July 1, 2017. Marc Kastner will continue as President of the Alliance.

Conn is currently Vice President, with responsibility for the Alliance's advising portfolio as well as day-to-day operations. Formerly a senior development officer at the University of Chicago,

she joined the Alliance in 2015 with more than two decades of experience advising philanthropists and foundations, and fundraising for science...

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).

23-6-2017

Investing in Women's Empowerment to Accelerate Gender Equality

Investing in women's empowerment in India is one of the most effective ways to achieve all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Some believe it is the single most effective way.

By Radhika Shah and Dr. Sonia Jain

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 24 June 2017]

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

Opinion / Published: 20 June 2017

Director's update: our priorities for the Brexit negotiations

As the formal negotiations on the UK's exit from the European Union begin in Brussels, Wellcome's Director Jeremy Farrar outlines what science needs to thrive post-Brexit.

In an article in today's Times, he sets out three key things that the government should prioritise during the negotiations to sustain Britain's status as a world-leading centre for science:

:: harmonised regulation between the UK and the EU on issues such as medicines and data protection, to create the right conditions for innovative industries to thrive

:: continued access to EU research funding schemes for UK scientists

: an immigration policy that is welcoming to foreign researchers, technicians, innovators and their families, at every stage of their career, and to students.

News / Published: 19 June 2017

Awards for the Wellcome community in the Queen's Birthday Honours

Several members of the Wellcome community have been named in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. The list, which was announced over the weekend, includes over 1,000 people who are recognised for their achievements and contributions to society...

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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

Volume 45, Issue 6, Supplement, S1-S110

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

44th Annual Conference Abstracts, APIC 2017, Portland, OR June 2017

Abstracts from across thematic area

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

July 2017 Volume 53, Issue 1, p1-138, e1-e34

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Public Health

July 2017 107(7)

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

HIV

[Increasing Availability of Prevention to Communities Disproportionately Affected by HIV](#)

Donna Hubbard McCree, David W. Purcell, Janet C. Cleveland and John T. Brooks

107(7), pp. 1027–1028

REFUGEES

[Trauma, Psychopathology, and the Refugee Crisis: A Call to Action](#)

Kaylee Seddio

107(7), pp. 1044–1045

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

[Public Health Research Priorities to Address US Human Trafficking](#)

Emily F. Rothman, Hanni Stoklosa, Susie B. Baldwin, Makini Chisolm-Straker, Rumi Kato Price, Holly G. Atkinson and on Behalf of HEAL Trafficking

107(7), pp. 1045–1047

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 96, Issue 6, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

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20 June 2017 Vol: 166, Issue 12
<http://annals.org/aim/issue>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>
(Accessed 24 June 2017)
[No new digest content identified]

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 24 June 2017)

Research article

[Assessing the impact of health research on health policies: a study of the Dodowa Health Research Centre, Ghana](#)

The importance of assessing research impact is increasingly recognised. Ghana has a long tradition of research dating from the 1970s. In the Ghana Health Service there are three health research centres under t...

Blanca Escribano-Ferrer, Jayne Webster and Margaret Gyapong
BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:435
Published on: 24 June 2017

Research article

[Diabetes care in a complex humanitarian emergency setting: a qualitative evaluation](#)

Evidence is urgently needed from complex emergency settings to support efforts to respond to the increasing burden of diabetes mellitus (DM). We conducted a qualitative study of a new model of DM health care (Integrated Diabetic Clinic within an Outpatient Department [IDC-OPD]) implemented by Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Mweso Hospital in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). We aimed to explore patient and provider perspectives on the model in order to identify factors that may support or impede it.

Adrianna Murphy, Michel Biringanine, Bayard Roberts, Beverley Stringer, Pablo Perel and Kiran Jobanputra
BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:431
Published on: 23 June 2017

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>
(Accessed 24 June 2017)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 24 June 2017)

Debate

[Comparative effectiveness research: what to do when experts disagree about risks](#)

Ethical issues related to comparative effectiveness research, or research that compares existing standards of care, have recently received considerable attention. In this paper we focus on how Ethics Review Committees (ERCs) should evaluate the risks of comparative effectiveness research.

Reidar K. Lie, Francis K.L. Chan, Christine Grady, Vincent H. Ng and David Wendler

BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:42

Published on: 19 June 2017

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 24 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 24 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 24 June 2017)

Research article

[Bangladesh policy on prevention and control of non-communicable diseases: a policy analysis](#)

This paper is aimed at critically assessing the extent to which Non-Communicable Disease NCD-related policies introduced in Bangladesh align with the World Health Organization's (WHO) 2013–2020 Action Plan for...

Tuhin Biswas, Sonia Pervin, Md. Imtiaz Alam Tanim, Louis Niessen and Anwar Islam

BMC Public Health 2017 17:582

Published on: 19 June 2017

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 24 June 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

June 2017 - Volume 7 - 6

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

[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)

[Reviewed earlier]

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 24 June 2017]

Research

High burden of malaria and anemia among tribal pregnant women in a chronic conflict corridor in India

With more than 200 million cases a year, malaria is an important global health concern, especially among pregnant women. The forested tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh in India are affected by malaria and by an on-going chronic conflict which seriously limits access to health care. The burden of malaria and anemia among pregnant women in these areas is unknown; moreover there are no specific recommendations for pregnant women in the Indian national malaria policy. The aim of this study is to measure the burden of malaria and anemia among pregnant women presenting in mobile clinics for antenatal care in a conflict-affected corridor in India.

Gustavo Corrêa, Mrinalini Das, Rama Kovelamudi, Nagendra Jaladi, Charlotte Pignon, Kalyan Vysyaraju, Usha Yedla, Vijya Laxmi, Pavani Vemula, Vijaya Gowthami, Hemant Sharma, Daniel Remartinez, Stobdan Kalon, Kirrily de Polnay, Martin De Smet and Petros Isaakidis

Published on: 20 June 2017

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 57, Pages 1-100 (June 2017)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 11 - Issue 2 - April 2017

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

[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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 23, Number 6—June 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 19, Pages 1-84 (June 2017)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

End of Life Journal

2016, Volume 7, Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 145 - Issue 8 - June 2017

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Spring 2017 (Issue 31.1)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2017/spring-2017-issue-31-1/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 27, Issue 3, June 2017

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/27/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 69, Pages 1-280 (May 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192/69>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 9, Issue 3, June 2017

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<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/9/3/page/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 44, Issue 2, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Genocide Studies International

Vol. 10, No. 2, Fall 2016

<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>

Non-State Aspects of Genocide

[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

Volume 9, Issue 2, June 2017

<http://link.springer.com/journal/12371/9/2/page/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 10, 2017 – Supplement 2

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/10/1?nav=tocList>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

March 24, 2017, 5 (1)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 12, 2017 Issue 8

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 24 June 2017]

Methodology

[Achieving sustainability in health information systems: a field tested measure of country ownership](#)

A country will trust, value, and use, its health information system (HIS) to the extent it has had a role in its creation and maintenance. A sense of ownership contributes in turn to the long-term sustainability...

Stephanie Watson-Grant, Khou Xiong and James C Thomas

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Globalization and Health 2017 13:36
Published on: 24 June 2017

Health Affairs

June 2017; Volume 36, Issue 6
<http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/current>
Issue Focus: Pursuing Health Equity
[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 19, Issue 1, June 2017
<http://www.hhrjournal.org/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 12 - Issue 3 - July 2017
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 32, Issue 6 July 2017
<http://heapol.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>
Original Articles
[**Evaluating the effects of organizational and educational interventions on adherence to clinical practice guidelines in a low-resource primary-care setting in Kenya**](#)
[Joseph R Egger](#); [Kayla Stankevitz](#); [Robert Korom](#); [Philip Angwenyi](#); [Brittney Sullivan](#) ...
[Editor's Choice](#)

Original Articles

[**Impact of high-intensity polio eradication activities on children's routine immunization status in Northern India**](#)

[Marco J Haenssger](#)

Abstract

The objective of this article is to analyse and quantify the side effects of the Polio Eradication Initiative on routine immunization performance in India. Past studies have faced methodological challenges in assessing these side effects. This article offers a methodological alternative for health policy analysts. The research uses secondary household survey data from the Indian District-Level Household and Facility Survey (DLHS), focusing on children aged 10–30 months in the Northern Indian states of Uttar Pradesh (n=34,327) and Bihar (n=20,525). Covering the years 2002–08, this is the latest large-scale data from India that enables the matching technique used in this article. District-level programme intensity data of the Polio Eradication Initiative in India were reconstructed using publicly available resources. The methodological innovation compared with previous studies consists of matching each child in the DLHS data set with a child-specific value of programme exposure depending on its district of residence, its birth date, and the date of the survey interview. Average and age-specific associations between polio programme exposure and children's full immunization status were assessed using logistic regression, controlling for other determinants of immunization. The regression results show that

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the link is negative in Uttar Pradesh and positive in Bihar. Age-specific analysis shows that the positive association diminishes for older children in Bihar and that a negative association emerges and becomes increasingly pronounced for older children in Uttar Pradesh. This indicates that heterogeneous results emerge across two neighbouring states with similar programme intensity and suggests that the catch-up of unvaccinated older children may be a channel through which negative effects accrue. The method described in this article, based on an analytical focus on individual-level programme exposure, can therefore help health policy implementers and evaluators to illuminate positive or negative interactions between a health intervention and a health system.

Original Articles

[Understanding public perception of the need for major change in Latin American healthcare systems](#)

Ricardo Pérez-Cuevas; Frederico C. Guanais; Svetlana V. Doubova; Leonardo Pinzón; Luis Tejerina ...

Original Articles

[Distrusting community health workers with confidential health information: a convergent mixed-methods study in Swaziland](#)

Pascal Geldsetzer; Maria Vaikath; Jan-Walter De Neve; Thomas J Bossert; Sibusiso Sibandze ...

Reviews

[Ethics of health policy and systems research: a scoping review of the literature](#)

Bridget Pratt; Amy Paul; Adnan A Hyder; Joseph Ali

Abstract

Health policy and systems research (HPSR) is increasingly funded and undertaken as part of health system strengthening efforts worldwide. HPSR ethics is also a relatively new and emerging field, with numerous normative and descriptive questions that have largely not been considered. Normative questions include what ethical principles and values should guide HPSR. Descriptive questions include what ethical concerns arise when conducting HPSR. A small but growing body of scholarly work characterizes the various ethics issues inherent in HPSR. Towards informing the future development of ethics guidance for HPSR, a scoping review was undertaken to: (1) identify the range of ethics issues relevant to the conduct of HPSR—with a deliberate (though not exclusive) focus on low- and middle-income country settings and (2) describe existing guidance on key ethics issues relevant to HPSR. Using the Cochrane methods as a basis, the review identified formal and informal literature on HPSR ethics by searching the following databases: PubMed's Medline, Embase, Global Health, Scopus, WHO Global Health Regional Libraries, LILACs, OpenDOAR and Bielefeld Academic Search Engine. In total, 11 062 documents were identified from the formal (10 519) and informal (543) literature. One hundred and seven of these documents (formal 99 and informal 8) met at least one inclusion criterion and underwent thematic analysis. Ethical issues in four main categories were identified: upholding autonomy, identifying and balancing risks and benefits, justice and determination of ethical review requirements. The review indicated that the ethical values behind HPSR place an emphasis on its contributing to the reduction of health disparities. Unsurprisingly then, numerous ethical concerns relating to justice arise in HPSR. However, the majority of existing guidance focuses on obtaining or waiving informed consent and, thus, appears to be insufficient for HPSR. A list of priority ethics issues in HPSR in need of guidance development is provided.

Reviews

[Health system functionality in a low-income country in the midst of conflict: the case of Yemen](#)

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Naseeb Qirbi; Sharif A Ismail

Abstract

Background

Although the literature on effects of armed conflict on population health is extensive, detailed assessments of effects on public health 'systems' are few. This article aims to help address this deficit through the medium of a case study on Yemen, describing health system and health outcome performance prior to the internationalisation of the conflict there in March 2015, before assessing the impact of war on health system functionality since that time.

Method

Review of peer- and non-peer reviewed literature from 2005 to 2016 from academic sources, multilateral organizations, donors and governmental and non-governmental organizations, augmented by secondary data analysis.

Results

Despite significant health system weaknesses and structural vulnerabilities pre-conflict, there were important improvements in selected health outcome measures in Yemen up to early 2015 (life expectancy, and infant and maternal mortality, e.g.), partly driven by a fragile health sector that was heavily reliant on out-of-pocket expenditure, and hampered by weak service penetration especially in rural areas. High intensity conflict has resulted in rising mortality and injury rates since March 2015, the first decline in life expectancy and increase in child and maternal mortality in Yemen for some years, and worsening levels of malnutrition. Service delivery has become increasingly challenging in the context of a funding crisis, destruction of health facilities, widespread shortages of essential medicines and equipment across the country, and governance fragmentation.

Conclusion

Conflict in Yemen has resulted in humanitarian disaster on a wide scale in a short period of time, and crippled an already weak health system. Important areas of uncertainty remain, however, including the scale of health worker flight, and the extent to which alternative providers have stepped in to fill widening service gaps as the conflict has unfolded. Planning for longer-term health system reconstruction should begin as soon as possible.

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

[Accessed 24 June 2017]

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 39, Number 2, May 2017

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/36209>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

<http://odihpn.org/magazine/the-humanitarian-consequences-of-violence-in-central-america/>

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[Reviewed earlier]

IDRiM Journal

Vol 6, No 2 (2016)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 24 June 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 24 June 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 9, Issue 3 May 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 6, Issue 1, 2017

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/22131035/6/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 4, No 6 (2017) June 2017

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Abstract

In this review paper, the milestones and challenges that have been achieved and experienced by African Environmental Scientists regarding the assessment of water pollution caused by the presence of pharmaceutical compounds in water bodies are highlighted. The identification and quantification of pharmaceuticals in the African water bodies is important to the general public

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at large due to the lack of information. The consumption of pharmaceuticals to promote human health is usually followed by excretion of these drugs via urine or fecal matter due to their slight transformation in the human metabolism. Therefore, large amounts of pharmaceuticals are being discharged continuously from wastewater treatment plants into African rivers due to inefficiency of employed sewage treatment processes. Large portions of African communities do not even have proper sanitation systems which results in direct contamination of water resources with human waste that contains pharmaceutical constituents among other pollutants. Therefore, this article provides the overview of the recent studies published, mostly from 2012 to 2016, that have focused on the occurrence of different classes of pharmaceuticals in African aqueous systems. Also, the current analytical methods that are being used in Africa for pharmaceutical quantification in environmental waters are highlighted. African Scientists have started to investigate the materials and remediation processes for the elimination of pharmaceuticals from water.

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Global Impact of Rotavirus Vaccination on Childhood Hospitalizations and Mortality From Diarrhea

Eleanor Burnett; Christine L. Jonesteller; Jacqueline E. Tate; Catherine Yen; Umesh D. Parashar

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[Clinical trials during epidemics](#)

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The consensus report of the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine for the first time evaluates the clinical trials on Ebola therapeutics and vaccines in Guinea, Sierra Leone, and Liberia during 2014–15.1 The report presents seven recommendations for both interepidemic and epidemic periods to improve the likelihood that important new information on therapeutics and vaccines can be obtained during future epidemics. This information is especially critical for infections such as Ebola virus disease because the only time efficacy and

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safety of drugs or vaccines can be studied in infected or at-risk human beings is during an outbreak. The recommendations are based on analysis of what happened in west Africa, and fall into three main categories: capacity strengthening, engaging communities, and international coordination and collaboration.

Strengthening capacity in countries at risk of emerging epidemics to respond more effectively to outbreaks and evaluate unproven new drugs and vaccines seems obvious. Planning of trials should begin when effective outbreak surveillance and reporting identify an outbreak in progress, as mandated by the International Health Regulations of 2005.² Although WHO is responsible for assuring the latter core competencies are achieved, without international experts and sufficient available donor funding WHO cannot meet its obligations. To be both effective and efficient, clinical trials research expertise must involve not only training researchers, but also integrating research within a health-care system, improving infrastructure for competent scientific and ethical review of human subject research, and establishing the capability to negotiate legal documents with trial sponsors.

The local health-care system in Guinea recognised and reported an unusual cluster of rapidly fatal illness in the Forestière region by mid-January, 2014, but the Ministry of Health was unable to identify the actual cause. Another 8 weeks elapsed before Ebola was confirmed, during which time the outbreak grew and spread to two additional countries and multiple urban centres.³ In the scramble to respond to meet basic care needs and halt transmission, the possibility to assess experimental drugs and vaccines received little attention until 5 months later when WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern.⁴ Despite herculean efforts to build necessary infrastructure and launch trials in record time, limited local experience with clinical research and poor capacity for timely scientific and ethical review or negotiation of research contracts, together with differing views of trial design and probable community reaction among local and international stakeholders, slowed the process.⁵

Unfortunately, record time was not fast enough: the nine formal clinical trials the committee evaluated all began as the outbreak was waning. The report describes the consequence as a “thin scientific harvest”,¹ and 2 years later no licenced product is available. Strengthening the many areas of expertise required for clinical trials takes sustained effort, time, and funding before an outbreak strikes. The report concludes that the choice is to “pay now and prepare in advance, or to pay later when an outbreak occurs, with the likelihood that the cost will be multiple times greater”.¹

Engaging local communities emerged as a complementary concern. Clinical trials require volunteers to participate, but in the context of an uncontrolled outbreak patients may not only be ill and inadequately informed, but also fearful, vulnerable, stigmatised, and confused about goals, benefits, and risks of trials. The relationship between researcher and participant, which depends on mutual trust, was difficult to achieve in west Africa, a region haunted by the memory of civil wars and ongoing distrust of authority, compounded by limited understanding among international researchers of local culture and social traditions.⁶ In the absence of trust, misunderstanding was the norm and resistance was the early response in affected communities. Building trusting relationships requires time and expertise in social science and communication.⁷ Despite early controversies about the ethics of doing trials during an emergency and assumptions that randomised controlled trials were unacceptable, and therefore nobody would volunteer,⁸ once community leaders and the community itself were effectively engaged, randomised controlled trials were successfully implemented.^{6, 9} The research community must learn how to accomplish this engagement more efficiently in the future.

International coordination and cooperation are essential to avoid the conflict and competition that will inevitably arise again when the next outbreak occurs. This coordination requires pre-emptive joint efforts among international and national stakeholders, including the humanitarian response, research and development, and clinical trials communities, to integrate research into response, have therapeutic and vaccine candidates ready to go, and agree on principles and processes to speed priority setting, and design, approval, and implementation of clinical trials. The report recommends such efforts be led by a Coalition of International Stakeholders, which is purpose-built, independent, free of conflicts of interest, possesses expertise in many disciplines, and includes representation from governments, WHO, academia, the private sector, humanitarian response organisations, and the countries and communities at risk. The coalition would need secure financial resources to lead the effort to establish necessary global mechanisms and commitments. It should have the responsibility and resources to convene an expert, independent Rapid Research Response Workgroup at the outset of a new outbreak, including national and community participants from affected countries, to prioritise which candidates to study, determine appropriate trial design, and facilitate implementation. The report concludes: "If national and international researchers can work together on a collaborative and coordinated research agenda, and include input from the population at risk, the global community has the best chance at being prepared for the next outbreak."¹ The time to act on these recommendations is now.

The next step is to engage the many stakeholders across continents, including WHO, the World Bank, UN system, governments, research-funding agencies and foundations, academic institutions, humanitarian and civil society organisations, and others, in thoughtful discussion to determine the best way forward.

The US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and former members of the Committee on Clinical Trials During the 2014–2015 Ebola Outbreak are reaching out to key stakeholders to stimulate these efforts through presentations, publications, and personal contacts. Major questions remain to be resolved. How can we systematically integrate clinical and social science research expertise with emergency response? Can we create a tool box with model study designs for different outbreak scenarios, pathways for community engagement, tutorials on ethical guidelines, and more, and provide training for future leaders in countries at particular risk for emerging infections in their use, and so speed action when an epidemic begins? What is the best governance model and the particular role of WHO? Who will take leadership and where will the funds and political will come from? The answers to these questions will guide these efforts to refresh the necessary collaborative global leadership, help it to thrive, and ensure it is held to account.

We were Co-Chairs of the US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Clinical Trials During the 2014–2015 Ebola Outbreak. We declare no other competing interests.

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Challenges in preparing and implementing a clinical trial at field level in an Ebola emergency: A case study in Guinea, West Africa

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Author summary

During the large Ebola outbreak that affected West Africa in 2014 and 2015, studies were launched to evaluate potential treatments for the disease. A clinical trial to evaluate the effectiveness of the antiviral drug favipiravir was conducted in Guinea. This paper describes the main challenges of the implementation of the trial in the Ebola treatment center of Guéckédou. Following the principles of the Good Clinical Research Practices, we explored the aspects of the community's communication and engagement, ethical conduct, trial protocol compliance, informed consent of participants, ongoing benefit/risk assessment, record keeping, confidentiality of patients and study data, and roles and responsibilities of the actors involved. We concluded that several challenges have to be addressed to successfully implement a clinical trial during an international medical emergency but that the potential for collaboration between research teams and humanitarian organizations needs to be highlighted.

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Global Sustainable Development priorities 500 y after Luther: Sola schola et sanitas

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Significance

In 2015, all countries of the world agreed to an ambitious set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including 169 specific targets. Whether these goals will be achieved and lead to the

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desired sustainability transition will depend on the degree to which they can energize and mobilize policy makers, donors, nongovernmental organizations, private industry, and the public. There is a fear that this rather technocratic set of 169 overlapping and partly contradictory targets lacks the sense of clear priority that is needed. This paper proposes a clear priority focus on human capital (education and health) as a root cause of development that, together with maintaining natural capital, is prerequisite for all other Sustainable Development Goals, offering a vision for an achievable and sustainable future.

Abstract

Martin Luther succinctly summarized his theology in sola statements, such as sola scriptura, viewing the Bible (scriptura) as the only valid source of information about God rather than what he viewed as the extraneous, corrupting church doctrine of the time. As a secular side effect of this focus on individual reading skills, the Protestant territories were the first to acquire high literacy rates, which subsequently fostered health, economic growth, and good governance. Here I argue that a similar priority focus on empowerment of all segments of all populations through education and health (sola schola et sanitate) is needed today for sustainable development. According to decades of research, education and health are essential prerequisites for ending poverty and hunger, for improving institutions and participation in society, for voluntary fertility declines and ending world population growth, for changing behavior and adoption of new and clean technologies, and for enhancing adaptive capacity to already unavoidable climate change. This approach avoids paternalistic imposition of development policies by focusing external aid on enabling people to help themselves, their families, and communities. Prioritizing education and health also helps move more industrialized, aging societies from a focus on material consumption to one on quality of life. Sola schola et sanitate suggests that well-being will increasingly be based on health, continued mental stimulation, and consumption of cultural products, rather than fossil fuels and materials. Thus, cognition—or brain power—can be viewed as the zero-emissions energy for sustainable development.

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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.

Sustainability

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<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/9/5>

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Torture Journal

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 18, Issue 3, July 2017

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/tvaa/current>

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

March-April, 2017 - Volume 16

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

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June 2017 Volume 22, Issue 6 Pages 655–782

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

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Our Ocean, Our World

Under the theme "Our Ocean, Our World", this special double issue of the UN Chronicle explores many of the problems facing the marine ecosystem, with articles by experts and eminent personalities actively engaged in finding solutions. The issue was planned in support of the Ocean Conference (New York, 5-9 June 2017) and Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 12, Issue 2, 2017

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

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World Heritage Review

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<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/83/>

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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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