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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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New Gates Foundation Report Highlights Remarkable Progress Against Global Poverty and Disease, Warns Future Progress in Jeopardy

Bill and Melinda Gates Call for Strong Leadership to Address "Solvable Human Misery"

SEATTLE, Sept. 13, 2017 – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation today launched an inaugural annual report showcasing the remarkable progress that has been made in reducing extreme poverty and disease in recent decades, but issuing a stern warning to the world that future progress is in jeopardy.

Goalkeepers: The Stories Behind the Data, co-authored and edited by Bill and Melinda Gates and produced in partnership with the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, highlights past progress against some of the most devastating issues facing poor countries and uses breakthrough data projections to forecast good and bad future scenarios – with millions of lives hanging in the balance.

In all, the report tracks 18 data points from the UN Sustainable Development Goals, or Global Goals, including child and maternal deaths, stunting, access to contraceptives, HIV, malaria, extreme poverty, financial inclusion and sanitation. The report looks beneath the numbers to pinpoint the leaders, approaches and innovations that made a difference.

Through the data and first-person accounts from six contributors, the report showcases the stunning progress the world has made in the past generation: cutting extreme poverty and child deaths in half and reducing HIV deaths and maternal deaths by nearly half, among many other accomplishments. But as the report shows, serious challenges remain – including deep disparities between countries – and future progress is not inevitable.

The projections are showcased in charts and explore three potential 2030 scenarios for each indicator. The first is what could happen if we continue along the current path, based on past trends – without significant changes to approaches or current spending levels. Two additional scenarios provide a glimpse at a better and worse future: what could happen with strong leadership, innovation and investment and, starkly, what could happen if attention and funding waned. For example, a mere 10 percent cut in global donor funding for HIV treatment could result in more than 5 million more deaths by 2030...

Goalkeepers: The Stories Behind the Data 2017

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2017 :: 44 pages

PDF:

[http://www.globalgoals.org/goalkeepers/datareport/assets/downloads/Stories behind the data 2017.pdf](http://www.globalgoals.org/goalkeepers/datareport/assets/downloads/Stories_behind_the_data_2017.pdf)

[Excerpt p. 35]

VACCINES

Proportion of the target population covered by eight vaccines, conditional on inclusion in national vaccine schedules

Vaccines are one of the most impressive success stories in global health. More people are being immunized and protected against more diseases than ever before. The next steps for immunization programs are to battle stagnation by finding the pockets of inequity that exist within

countries—even those with high average rates—and reach all children with a full set of lifesaving vaccinations. We've grouped countries and plotted the groups separately to show the gap between more and less developed countries.

Target: Support the research and development of vaccines and medicines for the communicable and noncommunicable diseases that primarily affect developing countries and provide access to affordable essential medicines and vaccines. Socio-demographic index (SDI) is a measure based on average income per capita, education attainment, and total fertility rate.



European foundations unite to tackle global challenges

News / Published: 12 September 2017

Three of Europe's biggest philanthropic foundations have joined together to award €5m to tackle some of the most pressing global challenges of our time.

Wellcome Trust, Volkswagen Stiftung and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond have funded six research groups as part of the Europe and Global Challenges Initiative. The projects range from understanding how to best protect and integrate Syrian refugees, to strengthening climate action in the global south. Each partner will fund two projects directly.

The announcement comes as the leading European foundations met together to discuss how they can share experience, best practice and work more closely together. They will also soon be meeting with Carlos Moedas, the EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, to discuss how philanthropy and research might contribute to and complement the EU Horizon 2020 research framework programme as it is developed...

Six interdisciplinary research groups have been awarded funding for projects that range from understanding how asylum policies impact refugee decision-making, to strengthening climate action in the global south. Each partner will fund two projects directly.

This new funding builds on the relationship that the three foundations have had over the past few years as part of the Europe and Global Challenges initiative. The unique partnership sees the cross-European funders working together on global problems and encourages researchers to form new collaborations with colleagues from across the world.

The six projects that receive funding are:

:: Erik Berglöf at LSE, to investigate where and how to best protect and integrate Syrian refugees.

:: Jenny Phillimore at the University of Birmingham, to explore sexual and gender-based violence in the refugee crisis.

:: Thomas Hale at the University of Oxford, to investigate how to strengthen non-state climate action in the global south.

:: Anders Levermann at the Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung, to investigate the impact of intensified weather extremes on Europe's economy.

:: Till Bärnighausen, Universitäts-klinikum, Heidelberg, to investigate the ethics of health policy experiments and use this to develop a framework for design and oversight.

:: Sarah Hawkes at UCL, to investigate how to identify and implement policy responses for improving the sexual health of migrants and refugees.

Göran Blomqvist, RJ's chief executive said: "Our cooperation is an explicit European initiative. The aim is to jointly fund research with a potential to widen the existing horizons and to open for new

and unexpected perspectives. With the partnership, the three foundations wish to send a strong signal about their readiness to support and promote the new types of scholarly work that is necessary in disrupted and fragmented times.”...

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Governance – International Standards

Report of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

GE.17-12309(E) :: 19 pages

Human Rights Council Thirty-sixth session 11-29 September 2017 Agenda item 3

Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Media Release

UN expert panel calls for new international standards on private military and security companies

GENEVA (15 September 2017) – A United Nations expert group has urged States to establish a comprehensive, legally binding instrument to regulate private military and security companies (PMSCs).

The call from the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries comes after [a four-year global study](#) of national laws found they were not strong or consistent enough to deal with the issue. “Our global study, which covers 60 States from all regions of the world, shows that there are more regulatory gaps than good practices in national laws concerning the industry,” said Gabor Rona, head of the Working Group, in his presentation to the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

“This is a growth industry in which the use of force is common, often in conflict situations where State governance is weak and the rule of law is compromised,” he added. “The global study shows that States approach regulation of these private firms in an inconsistent and patchy manner.”

Grave human rights violations have often been committed in past conflicts at the hands of contractors who may not be properly trained and vetted, and do not answer to a military chain of command. The lack of robust regulation leads to impunity for war crimes and other violations of international law, and leaves victims unable to obtain redress.

“Our main concern is not about whether PMSC operations are legal, but with the lack of strong legal frameworks in the industry to safeguard against human rights violations,” said Mr. Rona. “Where such violations take place, it is essential to bring perpetrators to justice and provide effective remedies for victims.”

The Working Group has repeatedly called for an international legally binding instrument to address issues such as the extra-territorial activities of companies, and to require that PMSC personnel be trained in human rights and humanitarian law standards.

“In an industry where companies commonly operate across borders, an international instrument would establish important and uniform obligations for States and PMSCs,” Mr. Rona noted. The Working Group acknowledged the positive aspects of initiatives such as the Montreux Document and the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers, but

cautioned that the former applied only in times of armed conflict, and the latter was a voluntary initiative that did not feature accountability or enforceable remedies for victims...

The Working Group urged the Government and international partners to prioritize the protection of civilians and bring perpetrators to justice, including mercenaries and foreign fighters who had committed human rights violations on all sides of past conflicts.

The Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination was established in July 2005 by the then Commission on Human Rights. Its mandate was further extended by the Human Rights Council in 2008. The Group is comprised of five independent expert members from various regions of the world. The Chairperson-Rapporteur is Mr. Gabor Rona (United States of America). Other members are Elżbieta Karska (Poland) Ms. Patricia Arias (Chile), Mr. Anton Katz (South Africa), and Mr. Saeed Mokbil (Yemen).

The Working Groups are part of what is known as the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council. Special Procedures, the largest body of independent experts in the UN Human Rights system, is the general name of the Council's independent fact-finding and monitoring mechanisms that address either specific country situations or thematic issues in all parts of the world. Special Procedures' experts work on a voluntary basis; they are not UN staff and do not receive a salary for their work. They are independent from any government or organization and serve in their individual capacity.

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Health – Food Security

The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2017

Building resilience for peace and food security.

FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO. 2017.

Rome, FAO

ISBN 978-92-5-109888-2 132 pages Pdf: <http://www.fao.org/3/a-I7695e.pdf>

Key Messages

:: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016–2025 call on all countries and stakeholders to act together to end hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

:: This year's edition of The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World marks the beginning of a regular monitoring of progress towards achieving the food security and nutrition targets set by the 2030 Agenda.

:: In 2016 the number of chronically undernourished people in the world is estimated to have increased to 815 million, up from 777 million in 2015 although still down from about 900 million in 2000.

:: After a prolonged decline, this recent increase could signal a reversal of trends. The food security situation has worsened in particular in parts of sub-Saharan Africa, South-Eastern Asia and Western Asia, and deteriorations have been observed most notably in situations of conflict and conflict combined with droughts or floods.

:: The apparent halt to declining hunger numbers is not yet reflected in the prevalence of child stunting, which continues to fall, though the pace of improvement is slower in some regions.

:: Globally, the prevalence of stunting fell from 29.5 percent to 22.9 percent between 2005 and 2016, although 155 million children under five years of age across the world still suffer from stunted growth.

:: Wasting affected one in twelve (52 million) of all children under five years of age in 2016, more than half of whom (27.6 million) live in Southern Asia.

:: Multiple forms of malnutrition coexist, with countries experiencing simultaneously high rates of child undernutrition, anaemia among women, and adult obesity. Rising rates of overweight and obesity add to these concerns. Childhood overweight and obesity are increasing in most regions, and in all regions for adults. In 2016, 41 million children under five years of age were overweight.

:: The number of conflicts is also on the rise. Exacerbated by climate-related shocks, conflicts seriously affect food security and are a cause of much of the recent increase in food insecurity.

:: Conflict is a key driver of situations of severe food crisis and recently re-emerged famines, while hunger and undernutrition are significantly worse where conflicts are prolonged and institutional capacities weak.

:: Addressing food insecurity and malnutrition in conflict-affected situations cannot be “business as usual”. It requires a conflict-sensitive approach that aligns actions for immediate humanitarian assistance, long-term development and sustaining peace.

:: This report sends a clear warning signal that the ambition of a world without hunger and malnutrition by 2030 will be challenging – achieving it will require renewed efforts through new ways of working.

Media Release

[World hunger again on the rise, driven by conflict and climate change, new UN report says](#)

815 million people now hungry – Millions of children at risk from malnutrition

15 September 2017 – After steadily declining for over a decade, global hunger is on the rise again, affecting 815 million people in 2016, or 11 per cent of the global population, says a new edition of the annual United Nations report on world food security and nutrition released today...

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Heritage Stewardship

[Joint partnership among funders to expand and strengthen protected areas and indigenous lands in the Amazon headwaters](#)

Wyss Foundation, Moore Foundation and Andes Amazon Fund invest in conservation in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador

PALO ALTO, September 12, 2017 - In a joint statement today, the [Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation](#), [Wyss Foundation](#) and [Andes Amazon Fund](#) announced a total of \$15 million in funding for conservation in the Andean Amazon region of Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. The Amazon headwaters region is home to the world’s greatest concentration of biodiversity and abundant endemic species, especially along the eastern flank of the tropical Andes. The montane

cloud forests and other ecosystems in the region boast one-third of the planet's species of flora and fauna, with new species still discovered regularly, adding to the more than 2.5 million species of insects, tens of thousands of plant species, nearly 3,000 fish species, and well over 2,000 species of birds and mammals already identified. And the headwaters rivers generate nearly a quarter of the world's fresh water while the forests help regulate the Earth's climate.

Today, approximately 19 million people live in the Amazon headwaters region, including 1.4 million indigenous people living throughout the Amazon basin in traditional territories, which are often effective conservation bastions with important wildlife populations and low deforestation rates. Formally designated protected areas and indigenous lands, which cover more than half of all Amazon forests, have proven effective in stemming the many threats to forests and freshwater systems. The benefits to people can also be profound: this region provides direct ecosystem services for rural and urban communities, and several indigenous tribes in this region live in voluntary isolation with no contact with modern society, and many others are seeking formal designation of their lands.

However, these areas require sufficient management and good governance mechanisms to ensure their long-term viability. In recent years, especially those areas outside protected areas and indigenous lands have seen a steady increase in forest loss as roadways and hydroways expand, and resources are extracted, often illegally. In addition, potential resettlement plans within Colombia's peace accord and interest in establishing market-access waterways for Loreto, Peru, will accelerate land-use change.

Within this context, there is an imperative to increase donor coordination and leverage more resources, to heighten the conservation impact and increase the efficiency of grantmaking in the region. "The collaboration between foundations can be a powerful tool for increasing efficiency for grantees and providing the resources needed to have outcomes at a greater scale with more durability. The fate of the Amazon is such a huge issue for planetary health that the pooling of resources and sharing of agendas is just what is needed," said Adrian Forsyth, Ph.D., Executive Director of Andes Amazon Fund.

With this announcement today, Andes Amazon Fund is matching \$5 million in Moore Foundation funds with an additional \$10 million from the Wyss Foundation...

The coordinated funding will support organizations working toward three primary outcomes:

- :: Consolidating the conservation status of approximately 20 million hectares—at least 15 protected areas and 15 indigenous lands in the Amazon regions of Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador.

- :: Promoting the sustainable finance of Peru's national parks system through Peru's Natural Legacy Initiative, led by the Peruvian Protected Areas Service (SERNANP), leveraging in-country financing and ensuring long-term funding for management of key protected areas.

- :: Formally designating an additional 800,000 hectares in Peru to secure connectivity and formalize protection, while supporting local civil society organizations in their work to cultivate new supportive constituencies for conservation at local and national levels.

"As the world faces deep social and environmental changes, we have a window of opportunity to secure the headwaters of the Amazon basin – with critical implications for the well-being of local peoples, wildlife and the Earth," said Avecita Chicchón, Ph.D., Andes Amazon Initiative director at the Moore Foundation. "We are delighted to embark on this partnership with Andes Amazon Fund and the Wyss Foundation."...

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Amazon rainforest to recover 30,000 hectares by 2023

Amazonia Live and the Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program have joined in the largest restoration effort ever made in Brazilian forests

Brasília, September 15, 2017- A major initiative for the restoration of degraded areas in the Brazilian Amazon calls for the restoration during the next six years of almost 30,000 hectares, which corresponds to an estimated 73 million trees. This largest-ever forest restoration in Amazonia is the result of a partnership among the Brazilian Ministry of Environment (MMA), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the World Bank, the Brazilian Fund for Biodiversity (FUNBIO), Conservation International (CI-Brasil), the socioenvironmental initiative adopted by Rock in Rio, and Amazonia Live.

Of the 73 million trees, 3 million on 1,200 hectares of the Amazon Forest would already have been restored by the initial contribution from Rock in Rio itself and by CI-Brasil, combined with spontaneous donations by the general public and support from festival sponsors and partners. The additional 70 million are part of the goals of the Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program, a joint effort by the MMA, GEF, World Bank, FUNBIO, and CI-Brasil to expand the area of the forest being restored, promote sustainable use of natural resources, and strengthen the network of Conservation Units in the Brazilian Amazon.

It is anticipated that 28,000 hectares of degraded areas will have been restored under the Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program by 2023...

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Featured Journal Content

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 189, Pages 1-170 (September 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02779536/189?sdc=1>

Review article

Rapid qualitative research methods during complex health emergencies: A systematic review of the literature

Review Article

Pages 63-75

Ginger A. Johnson, Cecilia Vindrola-Padros

Abstract

The 2013–2016 Ebola outbreak in West Africa highlighted both the successes and limitations of social science contributions to emergency response operations. An important limitation was the rapid and effective communication of study findings. A systematic review was carried out to explore how rapid qualitative methods have been used during global health emergencies to understand which methods are commonly used, how they are applied, and the difficulties faced by social science researchers in the field. We also assess their value and benefit for health emergencies. The review findings are used to propose recommendations for qualitative research in this context. Peer-reviewed articles and grey literature were identified through six online databases. An initial search was carried out in July 2016 and updated in February 2017. The PRISMA checklist was used to guide the reporting of methods and findings. The articles were assessed for quality using the MMAT and AACODS checklist. From an initial search yielding 1444 articles, 22 articles met the criteria for inclusion. Thirteen of the articles were qualitative studies

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and nine used a mixed-methods design. The purpose of the rapid studies included: the identification of causes of the outbreak, and assessment of infrastructure, control strategies, health needs and health facility use. The studies varied in duration (from 4 days to 1 month). The main limitations identified by the authors were: the low quality of the collected data, small sample sizes, and little time for cross-checking facts with other data sources to reduce bias. Rapid qualitative methods were seen as beneficial in highlighting context-specific issues that need to be addressed locally, population-level behaviors influencing health service use, and organizational challenges in response planning and implementation. Recommendations for carrying out rapid qualitative research in this context included the early designation of community leaders as a point of contact, early and continuous sharing of findings, and development of recommendations with local policy makers and practitioners.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 13 September 2017 [GPEI]

:: Following flooding in Benue, Nigeria, the World Health Organization has deployed its polio infrastructure across the state to strengthen disease prevention efforts.

:: Pakistan and Afghanistan plan to implement National Immunization Days during the second half of September.

:: Summary of newly-reported viruses this week: two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples were confirmed this week, one located in Karachi, Pakistan, and the other in Rawalpindi, Pakistan

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Situation reports on the polio outbreak in Syria [WHO]

Situation update 12 September 2017

:: No new cases of cVDPV2 were reported this week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases remains 39. All confirmed cases to date have had onset of paralysis before 14 July 2017.

:: Final lab results are pending for an additional 4 poliovirus type-2 (PV2) isolates (2 from Mayadeen and 1 from Boukamal districts, Deir Ez-Zor governorate, and 1 from Thawra district, Raqqa governorate).

:: The second round for Deir Ez-Zor concluded 28 August. Third party independent monitoring reported coverage of 77% (gauged by caregiver recall).

:: Preparations for the second Raqqa round continue.

:: The Ministry of Health has established healthy children stool sampling in all governorates receiving IDPs from Deir Ez-Zor and Raqqa.

:: IPV is being administered to unvaccinated children under five from Deir Ez-Zor and Raqqa at border checkpoints and entrances in all governorates.

:: The total number of AFP cases detected in Deir Ez-Zor governorate since the beginning of 2017 is 134 (99 from Mayadeen, 10 from Deir Ez-Zor, and 25 from Boukamal districts). Raqqa governorate has reported 16 AFP cases (5 from Raqqa, 10 from Tell Abyad, and 1 from Thawra districts). Homs governorate has reported 30 AFP cases (14 from Homs city, 13 from Rastan, 1 from Tadmour and 2 from Talkalakh districts).

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 16 September 2017]

Nigeria

:: WHO Intensifies Efforts to Contain Cholera Outbreak in Borno State

Maiduguri, 08 September 2017-With more than 1000 suspected and confirmed cases of cholera including 30 deaths in Borno state as of 07 Sept 2017, World Health Organization (WHO) has intensified its response efforts to contain the outbreak in Muna internally displaced persons (IDPs)camp in Maiduguri, Jere, Monguno and Dikwa local government areas (LGAs)...

The Syrian Arab Republic

:: Situation reports on the polio outbreak in Syria [WHO] Situation update 12 September 2017
[See Polio above]

Yemen – - *No new announcements identified.*

Iraq - *No new announcements identified.*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified.*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 16 September 2017]

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*

Libya - *No new announcements identified.*

Myanmar - *No new announcements identified*

Niger - *No new announcements identified.*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: 15 Sep 2017 After three year siege, UNHCR aid convoy reaches Deir Ez-Zor in eastern Syria

Iraq

:: Iraq: Humanitarian Bulletin, September 2017 | Issued on 15 September

HIGHLIGHTS

...Humanitarian partners prepare for up to 85,000 displaced from Hawiga and surrounding areas.

...Iraq inter-agency toll-free call centre one of a kind in existence.

...Cash Working Group develops joint approach for assistance programmes.

...Iraq Humanitarian Fund prepares new allocation.

...Military operations in Hawiga may affect 85,000

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

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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.

Nigeria

:: UN Aid Chief: Humanitarian response saves lives in Nigeria’s north-east, civilian safety must be prioritized

(Abuja, 12 September 2017): At the end of a two-day mission to Nigeria, the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock, said that the Government and humanitarians had made important progress in delivering life-saving relief to millions of people in north-east Nigeria. However, the complex Lake Chad Basin crisis will require sustained international support over the coming years...

:: Nigeria: Five ways to contain the cholera outbreak

:: Nigeria – North-East Flash Update No. 3 – Cholera Outbreak, 9 September 2017

Somalia

:: Somalia: Drought Response - Situation Report No. 16 Published on 14 Sep 2017

[Highlights excerpts]

...There is progress on containment of the AWD/cholera outbreak with a significant decline in cases in August.

...Case numbers of measles remain high. A nationwide measles vaccination campaign is scheduled for November/December 2017. Health partners highlight the need for further funding for this campaign.

:: 7 Sep 2017 Somalia Civil-Military Working Group Report - August 2017

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified*

DRC - *No new announcements identified*

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Editor’s Note:

We will cluster these recent emergencies as below and continue to monitor the WHO webpages for updates and key developments.

EBOLA/EVD [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.who.int/ebola/en/>

- *No new announcements identified.*

MERS-CoV [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.who.int/emergencies/mers-cov/en/>

DONS

Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) – Oman

12 September 2017

Yellow Fever [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/yellowfev/en/>

- *No new announcements identified.*

Zika virus [to 16 September 2017]
<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/en/>
- No new announcements identified.

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Cholera

Emergency cholera vaccination campaign kicks off in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, 15 September 2017 – Sierra Leone's first ever Oral Cholera Vaccination (OCV) campaign kicked off today, September 15th 2017. The emergency campaign targets communities affected by Western Area's severe floods and landslides, which left over 6,000 people displaced and caused over 500 confirmed deaths.

"The cholera vaccine is safe and available free of cost for everyone living in the affected communities who is over 1 year of age," said Dr. Brima Kargbo, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and Sanitation. "We encourage people in these areas to take the two required doses of the vaccine, which will significantly increase protection against this life-threatening disease."

Two doses of the vaccine are needed to maximize protection against cholera. The first dose will be administered from 15th to 20th September and the second from 5th to 10th October. It will be available at health facilities and from health workers who will be going house-to-house in the affected communities and camps.

"Risks of cholera can increase after severe flooding and Sierra Leone has experienced severe outbreaks in the past," said Alexander Chimbaru, Officer in-Charge of the World Health Organization in Sierra Leone. "In such situations, the cholera vaccine can be a valuable tool to reduce risks, alongside ongoing efforts to improve access to safe water, good hygiene practices and sanitation."...

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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 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

12 September 2017

SG/SM/18674

[Secretary-General Urges Venezuela Political Actors to Seize Opportunity for Peaceful Mediation in Addressing Challenges](#)

11 September 2017

SC/12983

[Security Council Imposes Fresh Sanctions on Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Including Bans on Natural Gas Sales, Work Authorization for Its Nationals](#)

The Security Council, acting unanimously this evening, decided to impose a raft of new sanctions on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea — including a ban on the sale of natural gas liquids to the North-East Asian nation, and on its textile exports — while also prohibiting Member States from providing work authorizations to its nationals.

11 September 2017

GA/11940

[General Assembly Adopts Six Resolutions, Including Texts on Global Economic Governance, Multilingualism, Wildlife Protection, Eradicating Malaria](#)

Concluding the work of its seventy-first session, the General Assembly adopted six resolutions this morning, including one relating to global economic governance.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Darker and more dangerous: High Commissioner updates the Human Rights Council on human rights issues in 40 countries](#)

[UN rights experts dismayed by arrest of Egyptian lawyer Ebrahim Metwally en route to meet them](#)

[UN Special Rapporteur rejects accusations of Russian influence on sanctions findings](#)

[Governments and businesses must place human rights at heart of development agenda, UN experts stress](#)

[UN expert panel calls for new international standards on private military and security companies](#)

[Committee on Rights of Migrant Workers publishes findings on Ecuador, Indonesia and Mexico](#)

[UN Committee on Enforced Disappearances issues findings on Gabon and Lithuania](#)

[UN expert calls for democratization of the media](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 16 September 2017]

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

Latest News

[Committee on the Rights of the Child reviews reports of Tajikistan](#)

14 September 2017

[Committee on the Rights of the Child considers the report of Ecuador](#)

12 September 2017

[Committee on the Rights of the Child opens seventy-sixth session](#)

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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children
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<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 16 September 2017]

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

15 Sep 17

[Civilian Joint Task Force in Northeast Nigeria Signs Action Plan to End Recruitment of Children](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 16 September 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 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 16 September 2017]

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

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[Mission to Mosul: Witnessing the aftermath of the crisis](#)

15 September 2017

[Hurricane Irma: Regional Response Plan seeks US\\$27 million to assist 265,000 people over the next three months](#)

[CAR: Humanitarian response remains largely underfunded despite sharp increase in needs](#)

[Syria: United Nations aid supplies arrive in besieged areas of Deir-ez-Zor city](#)

[Statement by Ali Al-Za'tari, the UN Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria on UN supplies arriving in Deir-ez-Zor city, Syria, 15 September 2017 \[EN/AR\]](#)

[Right of education for 1 million Palestinian children at risk](#)

12 September 2017

[UN Aid Chief: Humanitarian response saves lives in Nigeria's north-east, civilian safety must be prioritized](#)

[Nigeria: Five ways to contain the cholera outbreak](#)

UNICEF [to 16 September 2017]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/>

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[DR Congo: Children's access to education under threat from ongoing violence in Kasai region](#)

KINSHASA/DAKAR/GENEVA/NEW YORK, 15 September 2017 – A large campaign to get 150,000 primary school-aged children back to the classroom has kicked off in the volatile Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) following months of clashes between militias and security forces that have displaced thousands of families and left 850,000 children without access to essential services like education and healthcare.

[Civilian Joint Task Force in Northeast Nigeria Signs Action Plan to End Recruitment of Children](#)

MAIDUGURI/DAKAR/NEW YORK/GENEVA 15 September 2017 –The UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Virginia Gamba, and UNICEF in Nigeria welcome today's signing by the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) in Maiduguri, northeast Nigeria, of an Action Plan to end and prevent the recruitment and use of children.

[Nutrition crisis deepening across Kenya](#)

GENEVA, NAIROBI, 15 September 2017 – The failure of the March-June long rains – the third consecutive poor rains since early 2016 – has helped push an additional 37,000 children across the country below the threshold of acute malnutrition.

[World hunger again on the rise, driven by conflict and climate change, new UN report says](#)

ROME, 15 September 2017, – After steadily declining for over a decade, global hunger is on the rise again, affecting 815 million people in 2016, or 11 per cent of the global population, says a new edition of the annual United Nations report on world food security and nutrition released today. At the same time, multiple forms of malnutrition are threatening the health of millions worldwide.

[UNICEF emergency supplies for Rohingya children en route to Cox's Bazar](#)

COX'S BAZAR, 14 September 2017 - UNICEF trucks filled with emergency water, sanitation and hygiene supplies for thousands of Rohingya children are headed to Cox's Bazar, with a steady stream of supplies in the pipeline for the coming days and weeks.

[UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Priyanka Chopra meets with Syrian children and youth in Jordan](#)

NEW YORK/AMMAN, 13 September 2017 – UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Priyanka Chopra wrapped up a two-day visit to Jordan this week where she met with Syrian children, young people and their families whose lives have been greatly affected by the conflict.

[New Rankin film puts spotlight on refugee and migrant children separated from their families](#)

NEW YORK/LONDON, 13 September 2017 – Renowned photographer and director Rankin has joined forces with UNICEF to create a 60-second film highlighting the plight of children uprooted by war, poverty and disaster, especially those separated from their families as they become refugees. The thought-provoking video urges people to see past the refugee and migrant labels and value each child as a child, first and foremost, no matter where they're from.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 16 September 2017]

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

Press releases and news comments

[UNHCR shocked over Burundians deaths in DRC, calls for investigation](#) 16 Sep 2017

[Rohingya emergency: U.S. action welcomed by UNHCR](#) 15 Sep 2017

[UNHCR welcomes launch of Olympic Refugee Foundation](#) 15 Sep 2017

Briefing Notes

[After three year siege, UNHCR aid convoy reaches Deir Ez-Zor in eastern Syria](#) 15 Sep 2017

[New York Declaration spurs reforms to help refugees and their hosts as new framework is rolled-out](#) 15 Sep 2017

[UNHCR warns CAR displacement at record high, funding among lowest anywhere](#) 15 Sep 2017

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 16 September 2017]

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

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[UN Migration Agency Calls for Coordinated Response as Nearly 400,000 Stream into Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar](#)

2017-09-15 16:42

Cox's Bazar - IOM yesterday highlighted the need for a coordinated humanitarian response to the massive inflow of destitute people fleeing Myanmar and arriving in Cox's Bazar.

[UN Migration Agency Deploys Experts to Support Islands Affected by Hurricanes Irma, Jose](#)

2017-09-15 16:41

San Jose - IOM, the UN Migration Agency, has deployed a surge team to support humanitarian efforts in the Caribbean islands most affected by Hurricanes Irma and Jose.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 128,863 in 2017; Deaths Reach 2,550](#)

2017-09-15 16:37

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 128,863 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2017 through 13 September, with over 75 per cent arriving in Italy and the remainder divided between Greece, Cyprus and Spain.

[West African States Meet to Discuss Regional Challenges on Migration towards Global Compact for Migration](#)

2017-09-15 16:36

Accra – High level experts and government officials from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the European Union, IOM, the UN Migration Agency and other organizations convened this week (12-14 September) in Accra, Ghana for the Migration Dialogue for West...

[Over 1 Million Nigerians Affected by Boko Haram Crisis Biometrically Registered to Better Target Aid](#)

2017-09-15 16:30

Maiduguri – Earlier this month, 1,019,904 people affected by the Boko Haram conflict have been biometrically registered by IOM, the UN Migration Agency in northeast Nigeria since December 2015. Biometric registration equips the humanitarian community with accurate information to...

[UN Migration Agency, ICVA Hold Consultations with NGOs to Better Protect Displaced, Crisis Affected People](#)

2017-09-14 09:17

Nairobi – IOM in partnership with International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) held consultations with non-governmental organizations in East and Horn of Africa.

[Up to Three Quarters of Children and Youth Face Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking on Mediterranean Migration Routes – IOM, UNICEF](#)

2017-09-12 14:35

New York/Brussels – Migrant and refugee children and youth trying to reach Europe face appalling levels of human rights abuses, a new report shows.

UNAIDS [to 16 September 2017]

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

Update

[Thailand launches new national strategy to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030](#)

15 September 2017

The Ministry of Public Health of Thailand has launched its new 2017–2030 National AIDS Strategy, which provides a road map for ending the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat in Thailand by 2030. Narong Pipatanasai, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National AIDS Committee, led the launch at the Government Complex in Bangkok, Thailand, on 13 September. The 13-year plan adapts the latest global commitments to Thailand, ensuring an effective, cost-efficient and high-impact HIV response. A recent UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic finds that annual new HIV infections dropped by 50% in Thailand between 2010 and 2016, the steepest decline for any country in the Asia and the Pacific region...

Update

[UNAIDS and Malaysia launch joint data web platform](#)

14 September 2017

UNAIDS and the Ministry of Health of Malaysia have launched a joint web platform that aims to strengthen the generation of strategic information and the use of national, subnational and key population data for evidence-informed programming.

The platform, which is hosted and supported by the UNAIDS regional data hub, was launched by Noor Hisham Abdullah, Director-General of Malaysia's Ministry of Health, and Eamonn Murphy, Director of the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific, at the 5th Asia Pacific Conference on Public Health, which ended on 13 September in Kuching, Malaysia...

Update

[Metro Manila city leaders commit to intensifying HIV response](#)

11 September 2017

Mayors and other city leaders from the 17 cities that make up the National Capital Region in the Philippines pledged to make the HIV epidemic a public health emergency requiring multisectoral strategies and a full provision of resources. The city representatives recently signed a city HIV resolution during a dinner meeting in Manila hosted by the Secretary of the Department of Health, Paulyn Jean Rosell-Ubial...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 16 September 2017]

[World hunger again on the rise, driven by conflict and climate change, new UN report says](#)

15 September 2017 – After steadily declining for over a decade, global hunger is on the rise again, affecting 815 million people in 2016, or 11 per cent of the global population, says a new edition of the annual United Nations report on world food security and nutrition released today.

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Highlights

World Sepsis Day 2017

September 2017 – Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that arises when the body's response to infection causes injury to its own tissues and organs. For World Sepsis Day 2017, WHO and partners are hosting a free online congress to shine a spotlight on neglected aspects of sepsis.

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

- :: Swaziland conducts Post MR and IPV vaccine Introduction Evaluation 15 September 2017
- :: Emergency cholera vaccination campaign kicks off in Sierra Leone 15 September 2017
- :: Cameroon investigates yaws outbreak among indigenous populations 15 September 2017
- :: Uganda conducts preventative Polio immunization campaign 14 September 2017
- :: WHO scales-up accountability processes as workshop on Key Performance Indicators integration opens in Abuja 14 September 2017
- :: Mental health is a critical component in disaster response and recovery 13 September 2017
- :: Nigeria collaborates with journalists on high quality measles vaccination campaign. 13 September 2017
- :: Botswana embarks on a joint review of five health programmes! 13 September 2017
- :: WHO supports Government of Uganda to develop a National Action Plan for Health Security (NAPHS) 12 September 2017
- :: One year into emergency response, WHO evaluates operations in Northeastern Nigeria. 12 September 2017
- :: Integrated Measles and EOS campaign protects 2.6 million children in Ethiopia's Somali Region 11 September 2017

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: Countries scale up mosquito control efforts for Mosquito Awareness Week (09/13/2017)
- :: Wellness Week in the Americas promotes mental well-being (09/11/2017)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: Bangladesh/Myanmar: Rakhine Conflict 2017 Situation Report: 01 Date: 15 September 2017
- KEY HIGHLIGHTS [excerpt]*
- :: Since 25 August more than 379,000 people are estimated to have crossed from Myanmar to Bangladesh following violence in Rakhine state, Myanmar
- :: 156,000 are located in makeshift settlement/camps, 35 000 in host communities and 188 000 in new spontaneous settlements
- :: 26,747 people have been displaced in Myanmar...
- SITUATION OVERVIEW [excerpt]*
- :: WHO and UNICEF to support MOH on routine EPI and mass vaccination...
- Public health concerns [excerpt]*
- :: Routine vaccination rates are reported to be very low in northern Rakhine state (e.g. <70% coverage against measles 1 or 2), a reflection of a higher risk of outbreaks from expanded program on immunization-associated diseases...

WHO European Region EURO

- :: Day 4 highlights: partnerships essential in our "multisectoral, multidimensional world" 14-09-2017

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- :: Day 3 highlights: "The health workforce is the beating heart of any health system" 13-09-2017
- :: Day 2 highlights: Director-General outlines key health priorities 12-09-2017
- :: Day 1 highlights: RC67 opens 11-09-2017
- :: 67th session of WHO Regional Committee for Europe opens in Budapest 10-09-2017

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO trains 2800 health care providers to respond to gender-based violence

13 September 2017 – WHO estimates that globally around 1 in 3 women have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence. In Afghanistan, WHO, with the support of USAID and the Italian Development Cooperation, has trained over 2800 nurses, doctors and midwives on the gender-based violence protocol, which was developed by the Ministry of Public Health and WHO, with the support of UN Women in 2014. A further 6500 health care providers in all provinces are currently being trained on how to properly manage cases of gender-based violence, including physical, sexual and psychological violence...

WHO Western Pacific Region

- *No new announcements identified.*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 16 September 2017]

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

13 September 2017 *Press Release*

UNFPA Scales Up Response for Women, Girls in Eye of Hurricane Irma

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Hurricane Irma brought devastation across much of the Eastern Caribbean, with more than 4 million people affected, including 875,000 women and girls of childbearing age.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

September 15, 2017

Design Exchange and UNDP partner to enlighten the world on the power of design thinking

Canada's first and only design museum, Design Exchange (DX), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have announced an unparalleled collaboration to showcase design's critical role in...

UNDP and FIRST to host third annual Cybersecurity for Developing Nations Conference

The third annual Cybersecurity for Developing Nations Conference and FIRST Technical Colloquium (TC) is one of the premier conferences in the world of international development. Sponsored by the...

September 15, 2017

Misk and UNDP Launch One-Day Youth Forum on Tolerance

Youth leaders will hear from Michael Bloomberg, Madeleine Albright and Dr. Deepak Chopra on promoting tolerance for peace and sustainable development \

September 14, 2017

Better land use and management critical for achieving the 2030 Agenda, says a new report

bbb"Consumption of the earth's natural reserves has doubled in the last 30 years, with a third of the planet's land now severely degraded. Each year, we lose 15 billion trees and 24 billion tonnes of...

September 12, 2017

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 16 September 2017]

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

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

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

Sixth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

The sixth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), will be held from 11 to 14 November 2017 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting will be hosted by The Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies (DERASAT).

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 16 September 2017]

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

Press Release September 15, 2017

Afroz Shah and UN Environment celebrate 100-week anniversary of world's largest beach cleanup...with another cleanup

100 weeks have passed since the world's largest beach clean-up project ever undertaken, on Versova Beach in Mumbai, India.

The clean-up of Versova beach started in 2015 when Shah and a neighbor decided to take on the piles of rubbish on what was then the dirtiest beach in Mumbai.

The 100-week anniversary coincides with International Coastal Cleanup Day. To commemorate the day, there will another mass beach cleanup, this time on a different stretch of Versova.

New 'Ozone Heroes' campaign celebrates efforts to protect all life on Earth

Press Release | September 14, 2017

The Ozone Heroes campaign seeks to inspire the same collaborative energy that propelled the Montreal Protocol's mission and led to its continued success in protecting all life on Earth.

The campaign will commence on 15 September, on the eve of World Ozone Day in Montreal, Canada.

The Ozone Secretariat /UN Environment and the Government of Canada will co-host the 30th anniversary celebration and Ozone Heroes campaign global launch event on 15 September at Montreal's ...

Mongolia joins UN Environment in the fight against air pollution

Press Release | September 14, 2017

Mongolia is joining forces with UN Environment by joining the BreatheLife campaign.

Average air quality in the capital Ulaanbaatar frequently measured as being 7.5 times higher than the World Health Organization's safe limit.

Mongolia is the first country that in its entirety joins the BreatheLife campaign.

Canada joins CleanSeas campaign to combat plastic pollution in the ocean

Press Release | September 12, 2017

Canada is making a clear commitment to tackle plastic marine debris in the ocean by joining the United Nations CleanSeas campaign.

Canada has the longest coastline in the world.

Canada will contribute to the campaign through initiatives that target pollution prevention, conducting research of the impact of micro plastics in the aquatic environment and biota, and funding community-based programs.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 16 September 2017]

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

14 Sep 2017

Mexico steps up to unique triple disaster threat

Mexico has been working to improve its early warning systems and disaster risk management for over three decades. There are few countries in the world resilient enough to respond to a hurricane and the strongest earthquake in a century, accompanied by a tsunami threat, all within hours of each other. Such was the challenge that confronted Mexico last week.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 16 September 2017]

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

15 September 2017, New York

Biggest stories in global economy right now

From America's sweeping revision of trade deals to Yemen's currency, to Africa's fight against an invasive pest – these are the stories that matter in world economy this month.

Global trade rebounds despite uncertainty over American policy

The second quarter of 2017 saw global trade expand at the fastest annual rate in six years. Stronger growth in some developed and emerging economies, stable global commodity prices and an improved business confidence all contributed to the rebound. These solid indicators emerged despite uncertainty over the future shape of international trade policies, particularly the sweeping review of trade deals currently undertaken by the US. The Trump Administration has already pulled out of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and started to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The review of trade accords is a chance to improve transparency and boost environmental and labour considerations, but the risks of new trade barriers and disruption of cross-border production chains loom large. [Read more](#)

One island, two fates – Haiti and the Dominican Republic

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Despite sharing the same Caribbean island of Hispaniola, the economic fortunes of the Dominican Republic and Haiti could not be more different – and they will continue to diverge through the end of this year. The former remains one of the region's fastest growing economies, with a GDP growth projection of 5 per cent for 2017, strong inflow of remittances, a buoyant tourism sector and robust growth in investment and exports. Haiti, on the other hand, continues with sluggish economic growth, coupled with high inflation. Its per-capita income – the region's lowest, by far – is expected to stagnate in 2017, amid long-standing institutional barriers, severe macroeconomic imbalances and struggles with the aftermath of natural disasters, including Hurricane Matthew and the 2015-2016 drought. [Read more](#)

Fall armyworm munches away at African agricultural sector

The highly invasive fall armyworm, native to the Americas, continues to wreak havoc on African smallholder farms. Ever since its discovery on the continent in early 2016, the infestation has spread widely, causing significant economic losses to smallholder farmers. The situation is especially dire in the poorest countries, where agriculture is an important part of the economy and where the use of pesticides is financially challenging. [Read more](#)

Yemen's Central Bank floats currency amid armed conflict, crumbling institutions

On 15 August, the Central Bank of war-torn Yemen announced it had floated the national currency. As a result, the Yemini riyal quickly lost value, from 250 to 370 riyals per US dollar, narrowing the gap between the official and the "black market" rates. While this decision may help Yemen to stem the loss of foreign reserves – badly needed to import food, energy and other goods – it may also increase the already high inflationary pressures. Yemen's crumbling institutional infrastructure has exacerbated the humanitarian crisis, as seen in the ongoing cholera epidemic, which has infected half a million people since its outbreak in April. [Read more](#)

UNESCO [to 16 September 2017]

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

15 September 2017

UNESCO at the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly

13 September 2017

UNESCO welcomes United Kingdom commitment to protecting cultural property in armed conflict

The United Kingdom has joined 128 other countries in becoming a party to the *1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict*, often referred to as the 1954 Hague Convention.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 16 September 2017]

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

14/09/2017 –

Remarks of the Executive Director, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Yury Fedotov on special event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of UNODC

On 20th Anniversary, UNODC eyes the future with confidence and a determination to help make world safer

UN Secretary-General António Guterres congratulates UNODC on its 20th anniversary

13/09/2017 –

UNODC Chief tells G20 event corruption hampers sports' ability to be force for positive change

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 16 September 2017]

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

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FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

Youth and Employment in North Africa Conference

ILO to host the first High-Level Conference on Youth and Employment in North Africa

12 September 2017

"1+6" Roundtable Meeting

Promoting an open, invigorated and inclusive world economy

12 September 2017

The Chinese Government and international organizations, including the ILO, issue joint statement calling for mutually-beneficial economic globalization at the "1+6 Roundtable Meeting" in Beijing.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

12/9/17

Turkmenistan and ICAO affirm new commitments and objectives supporting national and regional air transport benefits

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

15/09/2017

New warning on hazards of carrying bauxite by ship

Bauxite may become unstable when carried in bulk on a ship, potentially causing the vessel to capsize.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 16 September 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: 15 September 2017

Ozone Protection Treaty marks 30th anniversary

The Earth's protective ozone layer is well on track to recovery thanks to a highly successful environmental agreement which marks its 30th anniversary on 16 September. The Montreal Protocol on Substances which Deplete the Ozone Layer achieved a near 99 per cent phase-out of

ozone destroying substances like chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) which were once commonly used in products ranging like refrigerants and aerosols.

Publish Date: 15 September 2017

Grand-St-Bernard celebrates 200 years of observation

Managed for most of its life by monks and operated today by MeteoSwiss, the meteorological station at Grand-St-Bernard, located high in the Swiss Alps near the border with Italy, is today celebrating 200 years of uninterrupted meteorological observation. During the ceremony, the World Meteorological Organization presented the station with a certificate and a commemorative metal plate designating it as a Centennial Observing Station. The ceremony was attended by representatives of WMO, MeteoSwiss, the Observatory of Geneva, the canton of Valais, and members of the local monastery.

Publish Date: 12 September 2017

Hurricane Irma causes devastation, breaks records

Hurricane Irma caused devastation in low-lying Caribbean islands, made landfall in Cuba as the first category 5 hurricane since 1924 and made landfall again in Florida, USA, on 10 September as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson windscale. The US National Weather Service and US National Hurricane Center warned of life-threatening storm surge, floods, tropical storm force winds, torrential rain and tornadoes as large parts of Florida were paralysed by the storm.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

News

UNIDO and Energy Secretariat of Mexico to strengthen cooperation on industrial energy efficiency

MEXICO CITY, 12 September 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Energy Secretariat of Mexico (SENER) have agreed to jointly promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development by...

UNIDO and World Energy Council to promote sustainable energy policies

MEXICO CITY, 12 September 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the World Energy Council signed a Joint Declaration to support the global dissemination of sustainable energy..

Laying the foundations of a new industrial development programme for Kyrgyzstan

BISHKEK, 6 September 2017 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Kyrgyzstan today took an additional step towards formulating a new industrial development plan for the country under...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 16 September 2017]

https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

15 September 2017

Historical decision: approval of the UNWTO Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics

The member States of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) approved today an historical document - the UNWTO Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics. The Convention, approved at the 22nd UNWTO General Assembly transforms the Code of Ethics for Tourism into an international convention, the first in the life of the Organization.

14 September 2017

The 22nd UNWTO General Assembly appoints Zurab Pololikashvili as Secretary General for 2018-2021

Zurab Pololikashvili, current Ambassador of Georgia to Spain, Morocco, Algeria and Andorra, has been appointed Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the period 2018-2021.

13 September 2017

More than 1300 delegates attend 22nd UNWTO General Assembly in Chengdu

More than 1300 delegates from over 130 countries attended the opening of the 22nd session of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) General Assembly in Chengdu, China this morning. During the next four days, the priorities of the Organization for 2018-2019, the transformation of the UNWTO Code of Ethics for Tourism into an International Convention and the impact of technology on tourism will centre the discussions. On the agenda of the Assembly is also the election of the Secretary General for the next four years.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 16 September 2017]

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

14 September 2017

New guidance on tourism concessions for protected areas released

The Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) today released a new publication titled Guidelines for tourism partnerships and concessions for protected areas: generating sustainable revenues for conservation and development

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USAID [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

DFID [to 16 September 2017]

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

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UK aid continues to arrive for Hurricane Irma victims

15 September 2017 DFID, FCO and MOD Press release

UK announces additional aid for victims of Burma violence

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ECHO [to 16 September 2017]

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

12/09/2017

EU steps up humanitarian assistance in Bangladesh and Myanmar

As more and more refugees arrive in Bangladesh from Myanmar, the European Commission announces additional humanitarian aid of €3 million to address the most pressing needs of Rohingya civilians. The funding comes on top of the €12 million announced...

11/09/2017

EU mobilises further assistance of €2 million for Hurricane Irma hit islands

On 11 September 2017, the EU announced further assistance for Caribbean islands affected by Hurricane Irma. Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides made the following statement: "Hurricane Irma has left a trail...

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African Union [to 16 September 2017]

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

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September 15, 2017

African Union Working Towards Institutionalization of Traditional African Democratic Culture

September 12, 2017

African leaders urged to invest more in agriculture as a key to accelerating the continent's path to prosperity

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 16 September 2017]

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

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14th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution

Ministers responsible for the environment, for land, forest fires and haze, from ASEAN Member States (AMS), held their 14th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution on 12 September 2017 in Brunei Darussalam. The Ministers reviewed regional cooperation on a number [...]

ASEAN to cooperate on fighting fake news in the region

MANILA, 13 September 2017 - The ASEAN Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI) met on 9 September to exchange views on countering fake news and communicating the right information. They expressed concerns that the proliferation of fake news could cause alarm, hate and conflict that potentially can undermine social cohesiveness. "The proliferation of fake news is [...]

European Commission [to 16 September 2017]

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

15/09/2017

European Union bringing communities in Kosovo together in support of cultural heritage protection

Press release European Brussels, 15 September 2017 The European Union adopted a programme worth €2 million to support confidence building among the ethnic communities in Kosovo through cultural heritage protection.

EU steps up humanitarian assistance in Bangladesh and Myanmar

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 12 September 2017 Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, announces additional aid for people in need in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

OECD [to 16 September 2017]

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

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

13-September-2017

Countries are using tax policy to drive growth, reduce inequalities and promote behavioural change

Countries have continued the trend towards implementing tax policy reforms as part of wider strategies to boost growth, with a growing focus on reducing inequalities and driving behavioural change, according to a new report from the OECD.

12-September-2017

Benefits of university education remain high but vary widely across fields of study

Tertiary enrolment is expanding rapidly, with very strong returns for individuals and taxpayers, but new evidence shows that universities can fail to offer, and individuals fail to pursue, the fields of study that promise the greatest labour-market opportunities, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.oas.org/en/>

September 14, 2017

Secretary General of the OAS Announces the Appointment of Independent Panel of International Experts

OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro has appointed the three international experts to assess whether the situation in Venezuela should be referred to the International Criminal Court (ICC) for consideration. The General Secretariat will gather information impartially through a process supervised by former Prosecutor of the ICC, Luis Moreno Ocampo. The process will include public hearings to be conducted at OAS headquarters and information submitted by more than 50 organizations that have been conducting research and/or investigating circumstances of the crisis in Venezuela. The information obtained will contribute to a final report, to be reviewed by the independent panel for recommendation to the Secretary General.

September 13, 2017

FACT SHEET: Process to Analyze Whether the Situation in Venezuela merits referral to the International Criminal Court

September 13, 2017

OAS Observation Mission to electoral process in Haiti ends two year work with report of findings and recommendations

The Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States (OAS/EOM) deployed in Haiti to observe the presidential, legislative, municipal and local elections held between 2015 and 2017, presented its [report](#) today to the Permanent Council of the Organization, in which it highlighted gradual improvements in electoral organization, despite the important challenges to electoral democracy that still exist in the country...

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 16 September 2017]

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

11/09/2017

OIC S&T Summit Pays Tribute to 4 Scientists from OIC Member States

The First Islamic Summit on Science and Technology paid tribute to selected scientists from the Islamic world for their efforts to serve their countries and Islamic world through their achievements in the scientific fields.

At the Inauguration of the Astana Science Summit: Al-Othaimen Affirms OIC Action on Medicine, Engineering, Scholarship Program

Proceedings of the First Islamic Summit on Science and Technology were launched in Astana, on Sunday 10 September 2017, in the presence of a number of leaders of OIC Member States. President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, opened the proceedings of the inaugural session. He said that Muslims, by their conduct, insult Islam just like crimes committed against Muslims. However, he affirmed that the Islamic World has actually contributed to civilization and science, and that there were many outstanding Muslim scientists.

Group of 77 [to 16 September 2017]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mrs. María Victoria Chiriboga, Undersecretary of Climate Change of the Ministry of the Environment of Ecuador, at the opening of the High-level segment of the Thirteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification \(COP13 UNCCD\) \(Ordos, China, 11 September 2017\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 16 September 2017]

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

14 Sep 2017 –

[TDR-The robots are coming: United Nations warns mixing automation and austerity can threaten good jobs worldwide](#)

[TDR-Greed is not good: corporate rent-seeking and restrictive business practices in winner-takes-most world](#)

[TDR-Austerity generating gender exclusion, says United Nations](#)

[TDR-United Nations: untamed finance is continuing source of instability and inequality](#)

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[TDR-United Nations urges end to austerity, calls for ambition to rebalance global economy and achieve prosperity for all](#)

12 Sep 2017 –

[Fifty years of occupation have driven the Palestinian economy into de-development and poverty](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 16 September 2017]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 16 September 2017]

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

14 SEPTEMBER 2017

[Stop the violence and forced displacement of the Rohingya](#)

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is gravely concerned about the continuing violence, intimidation and forced displacement of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Reports of documented widespread cruelty against Rohingya children, women and men and the ensuing massive exodus into neighbouring Bangladesh are very disconcerting. The IPU is particularly worried about the dire conditions in refugee camps in Bangladesh.

In a joint statement, the President, Saber Chowdhury, and Secretary General, Martin Chungong, condemn these human rights violations and stress the Myanmar State authorities' responsibility to protect all the people living in the country. They call for an end to the violence and the immediate start of a dialogue to ensure that more lives are not lost or people displaced. They further ask that the parliament of Myanmar, a member of the IPU, make every effort to help bring this crisis to an end.

International Court of Justice [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases>

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 16 September 2017]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release 14 September 2017

[ICC holds fifth Seminar on Cooperation in The Hague with national focal points](#)

Statement 12 September 2017 Office of the Prosecutor

[Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda renews call for the immediate arrest and surrender of ICC suspect, Mahmoud Mustafa Busayf al-Werfalli](#) [Libya]

Statement 12 September 2017 Office of the Prosecutor

[Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, on the conclusion of her visit to Colombia \(10-13 September 2017\)](#)

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World Bank [to 16 September 2017]

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

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Amazon rainforest to recover 30,000 hectares by 2023

Amazonia Live and the Amazon Sustainable Landscapes Program have joined in the largest restoration effort ever made in Brazilian forests Brasília, September 15, 2017- A major initiative for the restoration...

Date: September 15, 2017 Type: Press Release

USD 1.5 Billion 5-year World Bank Global Bond

Washington, DC -- The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD, Aaa/AAA) launched today a USD 1.5 billion global bond issue, its first USD benchmark...

Date: September 15, 2017 Type: Press Release

African Leaders Unite to Modernize Hydromet Services

ADDIS ABABA, September 12, 2017—Today, the first African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) Africa Hydromet Forum opened its doors to over 500 African leaders from governments, public and...

Date: September 12, 2017 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 16 September 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 16 September 2017]

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

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

11 West African Ministries explore practical policy tools to turn extractives into development outcomes

15/09/2017 - Natural resources make significant contributions to economic growth in most African countries. But how can countries turn extractives-driven growth into development outcomes?

Multilateral development banks increase financing to tackle climate challenge

13/09/2017 - The world's six largest multilateral development banks (MDBs) continued to make a strong contribution to the global climate challenge in 2016, increasing their climate financing in developing countries and emerging economies last year to US \$27.4 billion from US \$25 billion in 2015.

AfDB pledges US \$540 million in support of Chad, making it one of the largest donors at Paris roundtable

13/09/2017 - The African Development Bank (AfDB) Group will provide US \$540 million for Chad's new National Development Plan (NDP). The Bank also offered Chad the possibility of raising additional financing through its private-sector window for commercially viable private sector projects or public-private partnerships. The Bank will help strengthen Chad's institutional capacity and the development of bankable projects.

AfDB announces new youth training drive to promote agricultural industrialization

11/09/2017 - The African Development Bank (AfDB) has announced a new youth training drive in partnership with the Brazil-Africa Institute to train young farmers (aged 18-35 years) in commodity processing, financial literacy and management techniques.

Asian Development Bank [to 16 September 2017]

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

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

15 September 2017

ADB, IndusInd Bank Partner to Provide Up to \$200 Million for Women in Less Developed States of India

ADB has signed a loan of up to \$200 million with IndusInd Bank to provide finance to low income women borrowers in rural India. The 7-year senior loan will go toward IndusInd Bank's microfinance activities.

15 September 2017

Emerging East Asian Bond Yields Rise Amid Brightening Asian, Global Outlook

Bond yields in most emerging East Asian markets were up between 1 June and 15 August as growth prospects improved in both emerging East Asia and globally, according to ADB's latest Asia Bond Monitor.

14 September 2017

ADB to Provide Indonesia's Energy Sector with Over \$1 Billion in Loans

ADB's Board of Directors approved two loans totaling up to \$1.1 billion to strengthen and diversify Indonesia's energy sector — considered key to promoting inclusive growth and sustainable development in the country.

12 September 2017

ADB Provides \$335 Million for Pakistan's Innovative Bus Rapid Transit System in Peshawar

ADB and Pakistan today signed a \$335 million loan to help develop Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) system in Peshawar, the capital city of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 16 September 2017]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

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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.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org/en>

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 16 September 2017]

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

15/09/2017

Zambia embraces technology to increase health worker numbers

Celebrations mark graduation of first class of eLearning nursing students Nairobi, September 14, 2017 Song, dance and colour filled the Levi Mwanawasa Stadium in Ndola town today as thousands of people turned up to witness the 41st Combined Graduation Ceremony for registered nurses and midwives in Zambia's Copperbelt Province....

Aravind Eye Care System [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 16 September 2017]

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

Wednesday, 13 September 2017 00:00

BRAC's immediate response in Cox's Bazar area

The recent influx of refugees from Myanmar is of great concern. BRAC is responding to support families in need with humanitarian assistance. We are working to provide immediate aid to those who have just arrived from Myanmar in need of food, shelter, medical care, water, sanitation and hygiene, trauma counselling and other emergency support.

Our activities are closely coordinated with other government and non-governmental agencies, including the International Organisation for Migration, which is leading the effort.

We will continue to support all people living in poverty no matter their race or background, in pursuit of creating a world where every person has the opportunity to realise their potential...

CARE International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 16 September 2017]

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

14.09.2017

Increased insecurity in Batangafo, CAR, cuts civilians from humanitarian aid

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) is deeply concerned by the loss of access to humanitarian assistance for the vulnerable civilian population in Batangafo in the Central African Republic due to the unacceptable levels of violence against humanitarian NGOs.

12.09.2017

DRC receives certification of compliance with the Core Humanitarian Standard

The Danish Refugee Council (DRC) has received certification under the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) which means that the organisation now has visible proof that its humanitarian work is of the highest quality standard.

ECPAT [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 16 September 2017]

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

September 13, 2017

Heifer International, Sirolli Institute to work with entrepreneurs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Heifer International is working with the nonprofit Sirolli Institute to help farmers start or grow successful businesses. The two-year initiative with Sirolli will focus on communities in Bangladesh, Honduras, Mexico, Nepal, Tanzania and Uganda.

HelpAge International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected News Releases, Reports and Articles

Failure to manage arms trade responsibly is putting a dirt cheap price on the lives of civilians

Geneva (ICRC) -Speaking at the opening of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Conference in Geneva, ICRC President Peter Maurer issued a stark reminder to States about the impact arms flows are having on societies around the globe."

11-09-2017 | News release

Failure to manage arms trade responsibly is putting a dirt cheap price on the lives of civilians

Speech by ICRC President Peter Maurer to the High Level Segment of the Third Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty.

11-09-2017 | Statement

IFRC [to 16 September 2017]

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

Asia Pacific, Bangladesh

World must act to help people seeking safety in Bangladesh

International aid agencies are struggling to meet the basic needs of people flowing into Bangladesh from Myanmar. "This is desperate. It's one of the biggest man-made crises and mass movements of people in the region for decades," said Martin Faller, Deputy Regional Director, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

15 September 2017

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

September 14, 2017 *Statement*

Rakhine State: IRC, aid agencies blocked from access to most vulnerable

September 14, 2017 *Press Release*

With emphasis on safety, new report shows 'gig economy' could help Syrian refugee women in Jordan find work

IRCT [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 16 September 2017]

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

Press release

[MSF Statement Regarding the Humanitarian Crisis in Rakhine State, Myanmar](#)

September 13, 2017

Karline Kleijer is the emergency operations manager for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF):

While increasing numbers of Rohingya refugees flee from Myanmar into Bangladesh, those who remain in Rakhine State have virtually no access to humanitarian assistance. Wild accusations leveled against aid agencies and restrictive measures imposed on them by Myanmar's authorities, are leaving the most vulnerable without access to any assistance or care. Reports that MSF clinics in Rakhine State have been burned to the ground are extremely alarming, as is the inability of MSF medical teams to move from their base due to ongoing violence and travel restrictions.

MSF teams in neighboring Bangladesh are treating scores of people with violence-related injuries. People too injured or sick to flee Rakhine State must therefore be accessed without further delay. Administrative obstacles must be eased immediately and humanitarian workers must be granted unfettered access to people in desperate need.

Mercy Corps [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 16 September 2017]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 16 September 2017]

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

15 September 2017

[Oxfam to help over 200,000 Rohingya in Bangladesh](#)

Oxfam is now providing clean water, sanitation and tarpaulins for shelter to Rohingya people who have fled to Bangladesh. Nearly 370,000 people crossed into Bangladesh in the last four weeks, doubling the number of people seeking refuge in the south east of the country.

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[Hurricane Irma: Oxfam assists those hit hardest by disasters – the poorest people](#)

Oxfam and its Caribbean partner organizations are helping people most affected by flooding and strong winds following Hurricane Irma, which hit housing, infrastructure and destroyed agricultural production

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 16 September 2017]

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

Published 15. Sep 2017

Short-term gaps in a long-term race

Humanitarian actors are readjusting their assessments as malnutrition and disease spread in Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian government and its humanitarian partners recently adjusted the number of citizens who need food aid from a projected 5.6 million at the start of the year, to an actual 8.5 million people. Severe weather patterns have had a spiralling effect on Ethiopians throughout the nation, forcing them to relocate to survive.

The daily fight against the effects of drought

One of the heavily affected areas is Ethiopia's Somali region, where 3.3 million people are depending on food relief, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). More than half of the Ethiopians displaced within the country live here.

To mitigate the effects of the drought in these remote areas, emergency teams at the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) are providing water, sanitation and hygiene support, as well as emergency shelter, household supplies and water purification tablets. We're also handing out dignity kits, which include items like toothbrushes, soap and sanitary napkins...

Published 15. Sep 2017

Local problems, local solutions

Annika Hampson|

How we're promoting resilience and self-reliance among Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

Published 11. Sep 2017

Empowerment through employment

Lian Saifi

Over the last few years in Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan, women have been playing a huge role in the family economy and have been participating actively in the labour market.

Pact [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 16 September 2017]

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

Sep 15, 2017

Staff Share Stories After Quake in Mexico

PIH staff assessed damage from the 8.1-magnitude earthquake that rocked Mexico last week and shared stories of crumbling houses, mudslides, and an emergency birth. [Read More](#)

Sep 13, 2017

Helping Teens in Peru Manage HIV: A Q&A with Dr. Molly Franke

A Partners In Health collaborator in Peru is examining why many teenagers are struggling to consistently take their HIV medication, and working with team members to improve care and support for the vulnerable, often-overlooked patient group.

PATH [to 16 September 2017]

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

Announcement | September 14, 2017

[PATH joins world leaders in New York City this week to advocate for innovation to create a healthier, more secure world](#)

Announcement | September 11, 2017

[PATH announces new collaboration to advance maternal immunization in low- and middle-income countries](#)

Plan International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Save the Children Response Efforts Begin in Florida, Helping Children and Families Most Affected by Hurricane Irma](#)

September 13, 2017

[Save the Children Celebrates Passage of the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act](#)

September 12, 2017

[Rohingya Crisis Response Needs to be Scaled up Urgently as Desperation Grows in Bangladesh](#)

September 11, 2017

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 16 September 2017]

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

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[Helping families affected by Hurricane Irma](#)

- SOS Haiti stands by to help families affected by wind and rain damage in vulnerable northeast communities.

11.09.2017

[Assessing our impact: The long-term effect of quality care](#)

- Initial impact assessments confirm that quality care improves the lives and well-being of children and families.

Tostan [to 16 September 2017]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 16 September 2017]

<http://wvi.org/newsroom>

Friday, September 8th 2017

No new digest content identified.

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Freedom House [to 16 September 2017]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

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Press Releases*

[Freedom House, Rights Groups Unveil Global Magnitsky List](#)

September 13, 2017

Freedom House and a coalition of civil society partners releasing a list of foreign officials in 15 countries suspected of large-scale corruption or serious human rights abuses, and recommending them for sanction by the United States government.

[Renewing U.S. Membership in the Democratic Club](#)

Sep 12 2017 - 2:32pm

The United States is convening a Community of Democracies conference, but does it still believe in the organization's mission?

Transparency International [to 16 September 2017]

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

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[Award for innovative use of technology to improve governance in Francophone developing countries](#)

The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Transparency International, CFI (the French Operator in Media Cooperation) and Liberté Living-Lab are pleased to announce the launch of the Digital Award for Transparency.

The Digital Award for Transparency honours individuals and civil society organisations who have developed innovative digital technology tools used to improve governance in Francophone developing countries. The award has three categories: Open Data, Citizen Engagement and Digital Anti-Corruption Tools.

Nominations for the award will be judged by a committee of experts from the digital sector and the anti-corruption movement. Project submissions from developing countries where innovative digital tools are used to tackle the pressing challenges that corruption poses for sustainable development are accepted.

Nominations are open to the public and can be submitted here until 20 October 2017.

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This year's three winners will receive their awards at the Digital Award for Transparency ceremony in Paris on 8 December 2017. Each winner will be awarded a monetary prize of €10,000. In addition, Liberté Living-Lab will offer to one or several project submissions a three month residency in Paris.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 16 September 2017]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

September 12, 2017 *In the News*

Rwanda: Childfund Rwanda Opens a Preschool in Jabana Sector

CONCORD [to 16 September 2017]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 16 September 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 14/09/2017]

Hurricane Irma

Hurricane Irma has torn a devastating path through the Caribbean. The British Red Cross is assisting the regional relief effort and several other DEC member charities are responding to the impact of the hurricane in poorer Caribbean nations such as Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba, providing basic emergency supplies including food, drinking water and blankets.

The Elders [to 16 September 2017]

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

News 12 September 2017

Livestream: Mary Robinson to address Global Mayors Summit on refugees and migration

On 18 September, Mary Robinson will address the Global Mayors Summit in New York on the role of cities in meeting the global migration challenge. Watch the livestream at 10:35 ET.

END Fund [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 16 September 2017]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 16 September 2017]

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

22 Million Lives Saved

13 September 2017

Programs supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria have saved 22 million lives, according to a report released today. The report also shows significant increases in the number of people receiving treatment for HIV, diagnosis and treatment for TB and having an insecticide treated net to prevent malaria...

The *Global Fund Results Report 2017*, with cumulative results through the end of 2016, shows a decline of one-third in the number of people dying from AIDS, TB and malaria in the countries where the Global Fund invests...

Programs supported by the Global Fund, which are designed and implemented by local experts and communities affected by the diseases, provided 11 million people with antiretroviral therapy for HIV – more than half the total number of people on treatment worldwide.

Global Fund-supported programs have provided 17.4 million people with testing and treatment for TB, and 795 million mosquito nets to prevent malaria. As a result of prevention and control interventions in more than 100 countries, the Global Fund's target of averting 140-180 million infections by the end of 2016 was met in 2015...

Report pdf [52 pages]:

https://www.theglobalfund.org/media/6773/corporate_2017resultsreport_report_en.pdf

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 16 September 2017]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 16 September 2017]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 16 September 2017]

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

Sep 12, 2017

InterAction Calls for Civilian Protection in Myanmar

WASHINGTON – InterAction is deeply concerned by the violence against civilians taking place in Myanmar's Rakhine State, as well as the growing displacement crisis as nearly 300,000 seek refuge across the border in Bangladesh. With most humanitarian assistance blocked in the north...

Start Network [to 16 September 2017]

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

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Start Evolves - the value of hubs in Kenya and Jordan

Blog Post by Kat Reichel

The Start Network's vision is to become a decentralised network of hubs at the regional and national level – autonomous but interconnected, sharing knowledge, innovations and resources, facilitated by a global platform. This vision is becoming a reality in places such as Bangladesh, where we have the first national Start Fund, and in Pakistan where members are coming together on a "Realisation Team" to explore the setup of a Start Network hub.

To discover the value of hubs in other places, Start Network's Neil Townsend and Bhavya Srinivasan set off to Jordan and Kenya to find out.

Consultation meetings took place for members in Amman and Nairobi as part of Start Evolves, a process to co-design the future of the Start Network...

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 16 September 2017]

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

14/09/2017

The CHS Alliance welcomes 11 new members

The CHS Alliance is pleased to welcome 11 new members: Amra Kaj Kory, Association of Voluntary Actions for Society, Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Dushtha Shashthya Kendra, Fondation Mérieux, Gana Unnayan Kendra, People in Need, Socio-Economic Development & Human Rights, SOS Sahel Ethiopia and the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Government of Australia.

Development Initiatives [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 16 September 2017]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 16 September 2017]

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

9/15/17

The Gitanjali Cooperative: A Social Enterprise in the Making (brief)

Mayra Buvinic , Tanvi Jaluka and Megan O'Donnell

In 1995 India's Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) organized women waste pickers in Ahmedabad into a cooperative to improve their working conditions and livelihoods.

9/13/17

Automation, AI, and the Emerging Economies

Shahid Yusuf

For the world's middle-income countries, the changes unleashed by automation, digital technologies, and the advent of increasingly more capable AI pose major challenges. They threaten to upend the few tried and tested development strategies.

9/13/17

Foreign Policy Is Migration Policy: Lessons from the Drivers of Central American Child Migration

Michael Clemens and Hannah Postel

From 2011 to 2016, about 179,000 unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala were apprehended entering the United States. While the crisis received ample media attention, limited data has meant little rigorous analysis of what made those children move.

ODI [to 16 September 2017]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements

STATEMENT: UK government paper offers "little clarity" on future EU development partnership

Press release | 12 September 2017

The UK government has today published a paper on the future partnership with the EU on foreign policy, defence and development

Selected Reports and Studies

Delivering the UN 'sustaining peace' agenda

Briefing papers | September 2017 | Victoria Metcalfe-Hough, Alastair McKechnie and Sara Pantuliano

This briefing note sets out proposals for Member States to consider to ensure that the UN system is fit for the purpose of sustaining peace.

Humanitarian access and local organisations in Ukraine

Working and discussion papers | September 2017 | Veronique Barbelet

In Ukraine, people affected by the crisis face challenges in accessing support. This paper analyses the level and quality of humanitarian access.

Budgeting for NDC action: initial lessons from four climate-vulnerable countries

Working and discussion papers | September 2017 | Neil Bird

This working paper examines whether climate change-related expenditures are starting to appear in national budgets for early NDC implementation.

Syrian women refugees: opportunity in the gig economy?

Research reports and studies | September 2017 | Abigail Hunt, Emma Samman and Dina Mansour-Ille

This study explores whether the gig economy has the potential to create new economic opportunities for Syrian refugee women.

A kingdom of humanity? Saudi Arabia's values, systems and interests in humanitarian action

Working and discussion papers | September 2017 | Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy

Saudi Arabia's humanitarian imperatives are at odds with its foreign policy. What implications does this have for the wider Arab region?

Urban Institute [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 16 September 2017]

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

News 15 Sep 2017

Norway's Børge Brende joins World Economic Forum

News 13 Sep 2017

Message to World Leaders in New York: Climate Change Our Biggest Fear, Say 31,000 Millennials

News 13 Sep 2017

Global Talent Crisis Lies at Heart of Inequality Debate

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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.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 16 September 2017]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/news/>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

[New Gates Foundation Report Highlights Remarkable Progress Against Global Poverty and Disease, Warns Future Progress in Jeopardy](#)

Bill and Melinda Gates Call for Strong Leadership to Address "Solvable Human Misery"
[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 16 September 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 16 September 2017]

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

Press Release

September 10, 2017

[Former U.S. Presidents' "One America Appeal" Officially Expands to Include Irma Recovery](#)

Initial plan to raise funds for organizations helping Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas and Houston now will also direct monies raised to the Florida Disaster Fund.

Ford Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

News — 14 September 2017

[Ford Foundation names Judy Heumann senior fellow](#)

The Ford Foundation today announced the appointment of disability and civil rights advocate Judith E. Heumann as a senior fellow.

GHIT Fund [to 16 September 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 new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

09/13/2017

[As India transforms financial services for low-income communities, new report tackles pervasive problem of low account usage](#)

Survey of 25,000 low-income individuals highlights the role of gender and jobs in transforming India into a digitally empowered and financially included economy

NEW DELHI, September 13, 2017-- A new report released today by Grameen Foundation India, J.P. Morgan, and the Institute of Rural Management Anand, provides key insights into the extent and reasons for low bank account usage among low-income households in India, despite new government policies that encourage the opening of accounts. The report, [Decoding bank account usage by low income segments: Placing reality in digital ecosystem](#), also highlights recommendations for overcoming the barriers faced by low-income users of financial services...

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

September 14, 2017

[Can we learn from Yelp in improving public services? Tell us what you think](#)

TripAdvisor, Yelp and Amazon have made profitable businesses out of crowdsourcing information and opinions, while FixMyStreet, U-Report and Map Kibera have barely made it out of the starting gate in their efforts to channel citizen pressure to improve public services, like health, education, water and sanitation. Are there lessons that private digital review platforms can teach organizations working to increase social good? That's what we're ...

By [David Sasaki](#) and Maya Cristina Delaney

September 13, 2017

[Listening to arts advocates in Los Angeles](#)

Arts for LA is a leading voice for the arts in greater Los Angeles, working to engage individuals and organizations to advocate for access to the arts across all local communities. Its ACTIVATE Arts Advocacy Leadership Program trains both arts education professionals and committed citizens to become more effective advocates for the arts in Los...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

Our News

[The Role of School-Based Health Clinics in Preventing Youth Substance Use](#)

September 14, 2017

September is often a month celebrating "back-to-school": students return to their academics, extracurricular activities and other routines.

IKEA Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 16 September 2017]

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

Sep 12 2017

Research

[3-D Protein Structure Offers Insight into Rapid Communication by Brain Cells](#)

Summary

New HHMI research reveals how three proteins help brain cells synchronize the release of chemical signals. A similar interaction may play a role in how cells secrete insulin and airway mucus, too.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

http://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Water project to benefit more than 6,000 villagers in Iringa

At least 6,000 people living in Mapogolo - Idodi and Itunundu - Ikorongo villages in Iringa Region can now easily get water from wells through solar water pumping systems installed recently.

The project has been made possible through contribution from Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)...

Kellogg Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

Publication

Innovative Chicago ESL Program Improves Learning

Published September 14, 2017

An evaluation released by Instituto del Progreso Latino in Chicago shows that a model blending online learning with in-person support proved to be a viable option for high-impact distance learning in ESL and Adult Education. Cyber-ESL is an English language learning model that combines a traditional online program, real-time video-chat and online interaction with teachers, and classroom sessions. The evaluation shows that 58 percent of participants in the program increased one or more grade levels in a 16-week period. [Read a profile of Cyber-ESL.](#)

September 14, 2017 -

Tracking Progress Toward Sustainable Development Goals in U.S. Cities

A report from the Urban Institute examines the relevance of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to cities in the United States and identifies data sources that local leaders can use to track progress toward the goals in their cities

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

September 12, 2017

Joint partnership among funders to expand and strengthen protected areas and indigenous lands in the Amazon headwaters

Wyss Foundation, Moore Foundation and Andes Amazon Fund invest in conservation in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador

PALO ALTO, - In a joint statement today, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Wyss Foundation and Andes Amazon Fund announced a total of \$15 million in funding for conservation in the Andean Amazon region of Colombia, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

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Open Society Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 16 September 2017]

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

September 14, 2017

Pew Examines High School Selection Process in Philadelphia

Press Release Philadelphia Research Initiative

PHILADELPHIA—A new analysis by The Pew Charitable Trusts explores for the first time the process of matching eighth-graders with district-run high schools in Philadelphia, shedding light on which students ended up in 21 special admission programs—generally considered the most desirable of those run by the School District of Philadelphia

Rockefeller Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

No new digest content identified

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 16 September 2017]

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

September 14, 2017

National 4-H Council and RWJF Partner to Empower Youth in Creating Healthier Communities

RWJF and National 4-H partnership will leverage reach of Cooperative Extension and innovation of youth leadership to build a Culture of Health in communities across the nation.

Immigration Status and Health

September 12, 2017 Brief

When people in America are forced to live in fear because of their immigration status, their health, and the health of our nation suffers.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 16 September 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..."

September 12, 2017

Why curiosity-driven research? Four scientists speak on the need for basic science [Science Philanthropy Alliance video]

Scientists May Berenbaum, Nergis Mavalvala, Janet Rossant, and Venkatraman Ramakirshnan reflect on how breakthroughs in science have led to new industries and new knowledge, and enhanced human life

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).

Published 8-9-2017

(ARABIC) Data and Knowledge for Greater Impact in the Arab Region: Report on AFF 2016 Data Coalition Outcomes and 2017 Goals and Priorities Roadmap

Through the leadership of the Arab Foundations Forum (AFF), philanthropy within the Arab region has recognized the importance and value of data and knowledge in the success and impact of its grant making and program implementation, and has recently mobilized to undertake work on data, knowledge issues, and identifying opportunities. AFF is a regional membership-based association of foundations that aims to support an effective and strategic philanthropic sector in the Arab region that engages with all aspects of society towards growing social responsibility and investment, while advancing public good.

The Arab region, however, lacks an organized framework for collecting, processing, and sharing reliable and comparable data on philanthropy. In order to help meet this need, in 2016 AFF mobilized philanthropy in the region to take action collectively, with the support of the Foundation Center and the American University in Cairo.

[Download Report](#)

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 16 September 2017]

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

News / Published: 12 September 2017

European foundations unite to tackle global challenges

Three of Europe's biggest philanthropic foundations have joined together to award €5m to tackle some of the most pressing global challenges of our time.

Wellcome Trust, Volkswagen Stiftung and Riksbankens Jubileumsfond have funded six research groups as part of the Europe and Global Challenges Initiative. The projects range from understanding how to best protect and integrate Syrian refugees, to strengthening climate action in the global south. Each partner will fund two projects directly.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

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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

September 01, 2017 Volume 45, Issue 9, p939-1056, e91-e102

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

September 2017 Volume 53, Issue 3, p275-404, e79-e122

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

September 2017 107(9)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 97, Issue 3, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

5 September 2017 Vol: 167, Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

January 2017; volume 2, issue 1

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

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

Research article

The relationship between burden of childhood disease and foreign aid for child health

We sought to examine the relationship between child specific health aid (CHA) and burden of disease. Based on existing evidence, we hypothesized that foreign aid for child health would not be proportional to burden of disease....CHA has grown significantly over the last two decades. There is no clear relationship between CHA and burden of disease. This report provides a description of foreign aid for child health, and hopes to inform policy and decision-making regarding foreign aid.

J. Clay Bavinger, Paul Wise and Eran Bendavid

BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:655

Published on: 15 September 2017

Research article

A review of Grey and academic literature of evaluation guidance relevant to public health interventions

Sarah Denford, Charles Abraham, Margaret Callaghan, Peter Aighton, Frank De Vocht and Steven Arris

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BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:643

Published on: 12 September 2017

Abstract

Background

Public Health evaluation is essential to understanding what does and does not work, and robust demonstration of effectiveness may be crucial to securing future funding. Despite this, programs are often implemented with poor, incomplete or no evaluation. Public health practitioners are frequently required to provide evidence for the effectiveness of their services; thus, there is a growing need for evaluation guidance on how to evaluate public health programs. The aim of this study is to identify accessible high-quality, evaluation guidance, available to researchers and practitioners and to catalogue, summarise and categorise the content of a subset of accessible, quality guides to evaluation.

Methods

We systematically reviewed grey and academic literature for documents providing support for evaluation of complex health interventions. Searches were conducted January to March 2015, and included academic databases, internet search engines, and consultations with academic and practicing public health experts. Data were extracted by two authors and sent to the authors of the guidance documents for comments.

Results

Our initial search identified 402 unique documents that were screened to identify those that were (1) developed by or for a national or international organization (2) freely available to all (3) published during or after 2000 (4) specific to public health. This yielded 98 documents from 43 organisations. Of these, 48 were reviewed in detail. This generated a detailed catalogue of quality evaluation guidance. The content included in documents covers 37 facets of evaluation.

Conclusions

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A wide range of guidance on evaluation of public health initiatives is available. Time and knowledge constraints may mean that busy practitioners find it challenging to access the most, up-to-date, relevant and useful guidance. This review presents links to and reviews of 48 quality guides to evaluation as well as categorising their content. This facilitates quick and easy access to multiple selected sources of specific guidance.

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

Research Article

Lessons from a decade of individual-based models for infectious disease transmission: a systematic review (2006-2015)

Individual-based models (IBMs) are useful to simulate events subject to stochasticity and/or heterogeneity, and have become well established to model the potential (re)emergence of pathogens (e.g., pandemic influenza, bioterrorism). Individual heterogeneity at the host and pathogen level is increasingly documented to influence transmission of endemic diseases and it is well understood that the final stages of elimination strategies for vaccine-preventable childhood diseases (e.g., polio, measles) are subject to stochasticity. Even so it appears IBMs for both these phenomena are not well established. We review a decade of IBM publications aiming to obtain insights in their advantages, pitfalls and rationale for use and to make recommendations facilitating knowledge transfer within and across disciplines.

Lander Willem, Frederik Verelst, Joke Bilcke, Niel Hens and Philippe Beutels

BMC Infectious Diseases 2017 17:612

Published on: 11 September 2017

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

Debate

Informed consent and registry-based research - the case of the Danish circumcision registry

Research into personal health data holds great potential not only for improved treatment but also for economic growth. In these years many countries are developing policies aimed at facilitating such research often under the banner of 'big data'. A central point of debate is whether the secondary use of health data requires informed consent if the data is anonymised. In 2013 the Danish Minister of Health established a new register collecting data about all ritual male childhood circumcisions in Denmark. The main purpose of the register was to enable future research into the consequences of ritual circumcision.

Thomas Ploug and Søren Holm

BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:53

Published on: 15 September 2017

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

Research article

A socio-ecological analysis of barriers to the adoption, sustainability and consistent use of sanitation facilities in rural Ethiopia

Despite evidence showing that access to and use of improved sanitation is associated with healthier households and communities, barriers influencing the adoption and sustainability of sanitation facilities remain...

Fikralem Alemu, Abera Kumie, Girmay Medhin, Teshome Gebre and Phoebe Godfrey

BMC Public Health 2017 17:706

Published on: 13 September 2017

Research article

Modelling the effects of booster dose vaccination schedules and recommendations for public health immunization programs: the case of Haemophilus influenzae serotype b

Haemophilus influenzae serotype b (Hib) has yet to be eliminated despite the implementation of routine infant immunization programs. There is no consensus regarding the number of primary vaccine doses and an optimal schedule for the booster dose. We sought to evaluate the effect of a booster dose after receiving the primary series on the long-term disease incidence.

Nadia A. Charania and Seyed M. Moghadas

BMC Public Health 2017 17:705

Published on: 13 September 2017

Research article

Associations between media use and health information-seeking behavior on vaccinations in South Korea

Although vaccinations are critical for preventing emerging infectious diseases, scant research has been conducted on risk communication. With socio-economic characteristics, health behavior, and underlying diseases under control, we investigated associations between media use, health information-seeking behavior, health information type, and vaccination in the population.

Jiyeon Kim and Minsoo Jung

BMC Public Health 2017 17:700

Published on: 11 September 2017

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 16 September 2017)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

September 2017 - Volume 7 - 9

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

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[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 95, Number 9, September 2017, 609-664

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/95/9/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

September 2017 Volume 43, Issue 5 Pages 627–782

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/cch.v43.5/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

August 2017 Volume 39, Issue 8, Supplement, e1-e110

[http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918\(17\)X0008-8](http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/issue/S0149-2918(17)X0008-8)

The Proceedings of the 13th Congress of the European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

[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 16 September 2017]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 60, Pages 1-126 (September 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/15517144/60?sdc=1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2017 - Volume 30 - Issue 5

<http://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

August 2017 Volume 17, Issue 2 Pages 61–140

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2017.17.issue-2/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 27, Issue 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

September 2017 Volume 35, Issue 5 Pages 599–720

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2017.35.issue-5/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 12, Issue 8, 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 11 - Issue 4 - August 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

October 2017 Volume 41, Issue 4 Pages 629–851

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2017.41.issue-4/issuetoc>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

01 September 2017; volume 18, issue 9

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/18/9?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

September 2017 - Volume 34 - 9

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

Original articles

[**Major trauma from suspected child abuse: a profile of the patient pathway**](#) *Free*

Ffion C Davies, Fiona E Lecky, Ross Fisher, Marisol Fragoso-Iguez, Tim J Coat

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 23, Number 9—September 2017

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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 12 - September 2017

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Summer 2017 (Issue 31.2)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2017/summer-2017-issue-31-2/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 27, Issue 4, 1 August 2017

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/27/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy

Volume 71, Pages 1-142 (August 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/03069192/71?sdc=1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 9, Issue 4, August 2017

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/9/4/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

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Vol. 10, No. 2, Fall 2016

<http://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/10/2>

Non-State Aspects of Genocide

[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

Volume 9, Issue 3, September 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)

June 27, 2017, 5 (2)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 12, 2017 Issue 11

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

Article

[Gender counts: A systematic review of evaluations of gender-integrated health interventions in low- and middle-income countries](#)

[Brittany Schriver](#), [Mahua Mandal](#), [Arundati Muralidharan](#), [Anthony Nwosu](#), [Radhika Dayal](#),
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[T. L. O'Malley](#) & [J. G. Burke](#)

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Research

[Access to medicines and hepatitis C in Africa: can tiered pricing and voluntary licencing assure universal access, health equity and fairness?](#)

The recent introduction of Direct Acting Antivirals (DAAs) for treating Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) can significantly assist in the world reaching the international target of elimination by 2030. Yet, the

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challenge facing many individuals and countries today lies with their ability to access these treatments due to their relatively high prices. Gilead Sciences applies differential pricing and licensing strategies arguing that this provides fairer and more equitable access to these life-saving medicines. This paper analyses the implications of Gilead's tiered pricing and voluntary licencing strategy for access to the DAAs.

Yibeltal Assefa, Peter S. Hill, Anar Ulikpan and Owain D. Williams

Globalization and Health 2017 13:73

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Research

Learning from returnee Ethiopian migrant domestic workers: a qualitative assessment to reduce the risk of human trafficking

International migration has become a global political priority, with growing concern about the scale of human trafficking, hazardous work conditions, and resulting psychological and physical morbidity among migrants. Ethiopia remains a significant "source" country for female domestic workers to the Middle East and Gulf States, despite widespread reports of exploitation and abuse. Prior to introduction of a "safe migration" intervention, we conducted formative research to elicit lessons learned by women who had worked as domestic workers abroad. The aim of the study was to identify realistic measures future migrants could take to protect themselves, based on the collective insights and experience of returnees.

Joanna Busza, Sehin Teferra, Serawit Omer and Cathy Zimmerman

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Opinion

Systems thinking in combating infectious diseases

Shang Xia, Xiao-Nong Zhou and Jiming Liu

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Abstract

The transmission of infectious diseases is a dynamic process determined by multiple factors originating from disease pathogens and/or parasites, vector species, and human populations. These factors interact with each other and demonstrate the intrinsic mechanisms of the disease transmission temporally, spatially, and socially. In this article, we provide a comprehensive perspective, named as systems thinking, for investigating disease dynamics and associated impact factors, by means of emphasizing the entirety of a system's components and the complexity of their interrelated behaviors. We further develop the general steps for performing systems approach to tackling infectious diseases in the real-world settings, so as to expand our abilities to understand, predict, and mitigate infectious diseases.

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Laia Colomer

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Hila Zaban

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Viewpoint

Preventing Cancer and Other Diseases Caused by Human Papillomavirus Infection 2017 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Research Award

Douglas R. Lowy, MD; John T. Schiller, PhD

JAMA. 2017;318(10):901-902. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.11706

In this Viewpoint, 2017 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award winners Douglas Lowy and John Schiller discuss the development of the virus-like particle technology that was used to create the human papillomavirus vaccine to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases.

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Editorials

Navigating a new narrative for developing countries: rising strong

Jordan, Zoe

JBIR Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports . 15(9):2223-2224, September 2017.

[Excerpt]

...This issue of the JBIR Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports includes three editorials that highlight both the potential impact and real challenge that implementation of evidence in policy and practice can have in African settings. Okwen refers to the “complex symphony of an evidence ecosystem that requires innovative approaches from evidence generation to evidence implementation”.⁴(p.2227) This beautifully crafted sentiment is echoed by Bayuo in his editorial related to evidence utilization in Ghana as he describes the parallel “worlds” within which the desire and practice of evidence based healthcare live, given the significant contextual challenges faced by those working in the African context.⁵

These insightful editorials are accompanied by a range of pragmatic articles⁶⁻¹⁰ related to the synthesis and implementation of a range of evidence that once again highlight the unique needs and challenges of health professionals in Africa and other low income countries, and the inimitable contexts within which it needs to be considered and utilized.

Despite these challenges I believe that, internationally, we are rising strong. Increasingly we are finding new and creative ways to work collaboratively, cooperatively, collectively, and with common vision and commitment to drive the evidence based healthcare agenda forward in developing regions. I am confident that the narrative is indeed changing and changing for the better.

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Jennifer Cunningham Erves, Tilicia L. Mayo-Gamble...

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METHODOLOGY

[Gray literature: An important resource in systematic reviews \(pages 233–240\)](#)

Arsenio Paez

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Abstract

Systematic reviews aide the analysis and dissemination of evidence, using rigorous and transparent methods to generate empirically attained answers to focused research questions. Identifying all evidence relevant to the research questions is an essential component, and challenge, of systematic reviews. Gray literature, or evidence not published in commercial publications, can make important contributions to a systematic review. Gray literature can include academic papers, including theses and dissertations, research and committee reports, government reports, conference papers, and ongoing research, among others. It may provide data not found within commercially published literature, providing an important forum for disseminating studies with null or negative results that might not otherwise be disseminated. Gray literature may thusly reduce publication bias, increase reviews' comprehensiveness and timeliness, and foster a balanced picture of available evidence.

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[Single visit rabies pre-exposure priming induces a robust anamnestic antibody response after simulated post-exposure vaccination: results of a dose-finding study](#)

Emile F.F. Jonker, MD; Leonardus G. Visser, MD, PhD

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Measuring progress and projecting attainment on the basis of past trends of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in 188 countries: an analysis from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016

GBD 2016 SDG Collaborators - Open Access

Summary

Background

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are grounded in the global ambition of “leaving no one behind”. Understanding today's gains and gaps for the health-related SDGs is essential for decision makers as they aim to improve the health of populations. As part of the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2016 (GBD 2016), we measured 37 of the 50 health-related SDG indicators over the period 1990–2016 for 188 countries, and then on the basis of these past trends, we projected indicators to 2030.

Methods

We used standardised GBD 2016 methods to measure 37 health-related indicators from 1990 to 2016, an increase of four indicators since GBD 2015. We substantially revised the universal health coverage (UHC) measure, which focuses on coverage of essential health services, to also represent personal health-care access and quality for several non-communicable diseases. We transformed each indicator on a scale of 0–100, with 0 as the 2·5th percentile estimated between 1990 and 2030, and 100 as the 97·5th percentile during that time. An index representing all 37 health-related SDG indicators was constructed by taking the geometric mean of scaled indicators by target. On the basis of past trends, we produced projections of indicator values, using a weighted average of the indicator and country-specific annualised rates of change from 1990 to

2016 with weights for each annual rate of change based on out-of-sample validity. 24 of the currently measured health-related SDG indicators have defined SDG targets, against which we assessed attainment.

Findings

Globally, the median health-related SDG index was 56·7 (IQR 31·9–66·8) in 2016 and country-level performance markedly varied, with Singapore (86·8, 95% uncertainty interval 84·6–88·9), Iceland (86·0, 84·1–87·6), and Sweden (85·6, 81·8–87·8) having the highest levels in 2016 and Afghanistan (10·9, 9·6–11·9), the Central African Republic (11·0, 8·8–13·8), and Somalia (11·3, 9·5–13·1) recording the lowest. Between 2000 and 2016, notable improvements in the UHC index were achieved by several countries, including Cambodia, Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, Laos, Turkey, and China; however, a number of countries, such as Lesotho and the Central African Republic, but also high-income countries, such as the USA, showed minimal gains. Based on projections of past trends, the median number of SDG targets attained in 2030 was five (IQR 2–8) of the 24 defined targets currently measured. Globally, projected target attainment considerably varied by SDG indicator, ranging from more than 60% of countries projected to reach targets for under-5 mortality, neonatal mortality, maternal mortality ratio, and malaria, to less than 5% of countries projected to achieve targets linked to 11 indicator targets, including those for childhood overweight, tuberculosis, and road injury mortality. For several of the health-related SDGs, meeting defined targets hinges upon substantially faster progress than what most countries have achieved in the past.

Interpretation

GBD 2016 provides an updated and expanded evidence base on where the world currently stands in terms of the health-related SDGs. Our improved measure of UHC offers a basis to monitor the expansion of health services necessary to meet the SDGs. Based on past rates of progress, many places are facing challenges in meeting defined health-related SDG targets, particularly among countries that are the worst off. In view of the early stages of SDG implementation, however, opportunity remains to take actions to accelerate progress, as shown by the catalytic effects of adopting the Millennium Development Goals after 2000. With the SDGs' broader, bolder development agenda, multisectoral commitments and investments are vital to make the health-related SDGs within reach of all populations.

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Viewpoint

[Measuring global health: motivation and evolution of the Global Burden of Disease Study](#)

Christopher J L Murray, Alan D Lopez

People everywhere, but particularly those charged with improving the health of populations, want to know whether human beings are living longer and getting healthier. There is an inherent fascination with quantification of levels and patterns of disease, the emergence of new threats to health, and the comparative importance of various risk factors for the health of populations. Before the Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study (GBD) was initiated, no comprehensive assessments of human health were done.

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Letters

Biodiversity effects in the wild are common and as strong as key drivers of productivity

J. Emmett Duffy, Casey M. Godwin & Bradley J. Cardinale

More than 500 controlled experiments have collectively suggested that biodiversity loss reduces ecosystem productivity and stability^{1, 2, 3}. Yet the importance of biodiversity in sustaining the world's ecosystems remains controversial^{4, 5, 6, 7, 8}, largely because of the lack of validation in nature, where strong abiotic forcing and complex interactions are assumed to swamp biodiversity effects^{6, 7, 8, 9}. Here we test this assumption by analysing 133 estimates reported in 67 field studies that statistically separated the effects of biodiversity on biomass production from those of abiotic forcing. Contrary to the prevailing opinion of the previous two decades that biodiversity would

have rare or weak effects in nature, we show that biomass production increases with species richness in a wide range of wild taxa and ecosystems. In fact, after controlling for environmental covariates, increases in biomass with biodiversity are stronger in nature than has previously been documented in experiments and comparable to or stronger than the effects of other well-known drivers of productivity, including climate and nutrient availability. These results are consistent with the collective experimental evidence that species richness increases community biomass production, and suggest that the role of biodiversity in maintaining productive ecosystems should figure prominently in global change science and policy.

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Benefits and Drivers of Nonprofit Revenue Concentration

Georg von Schnurbein, Tizian M. Fritz
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Abstract

Nonprofit organizations (NPO) rely on a diverse mix of revenue sources. The existing literature mainly supports diversification among different revenue sources as desirable because it enables organizational stability. Using a new data set of over 200 Swiss fundraising charities, we prove the opposite to be true: organizations that displayed a higher degree of revenue concentration grew stronger between 2005 and 2012. We identify factors influencing the organization's capital and revenue structure. These factors can be divided into "nature" and "nurture" factors, which allows us to demonstrate which of them may be actively influenced by an organization's management and which stem from conditions of the organization that cannot be readily overcome by managerial interventions (such as age, size, and legal form). Revenue concentration is positively influenced both by an organization's geographical range of activity and dependence on its primary revenue source, and negatively influenced by board size and diversity.

Young Adult Propensity to Join Voluntary Associations: The Role of Civic Engagement and Motivations

Ana Lanero, José Luis Vázquez, Pablo Gutiérrez
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Abstract

Based on a self-selection perspective, this study analyzes the relation between personal civic engagement and the willingness to join a voluntary association by considering the mediating role of motivations. Four factors of civic engagement are considered: civic duty, civic skills, social connection, and civic participation; in addition, three motivations are considered: instrumental,

expressive, and career-related. The proposed model is tested using a survey of 408 Spanish young adults with no previous experience as members of any association. The analytical technique used is partial least squares. The findings point that instrumental motivation is the main vehicle to translate the four factors of civic engagement into associational involvement, whereas expressive motivation represents a secondary mediator in the effects of civic duty and social connection. Career-related motivation is not associated with the willingness to join a voluntary association. Implications for the recruitment and retention of young adults in voluntary associations are discussed.

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Thomas Fürst, Paola Salari, Laura Monzón Llamas, Peter Steinmann, Christopher Fitzpatrick, Fabrizio Tediosi

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Gerlant van Berlaer, Abdallah Mohamed Elsafti, Mohammad Al Safadi, Saad Souhil Saeed, Ronald Buyl, Michel Debacker, Atef Redwan, Ives Hubloue

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Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: sharing data and experiences to accelerate eradication and improve care: part 2

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Review article

Rapid qualitative research methods during complex health emergencies: A systematic review of the literature

Review Article

Pages 63-75

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Abstract

The 2013–2016 Ebola outbreak in West Africa highlighted both the successes and limitations of social science contributions to emergency response operations. An important limitation was the rapid and effective communication of study findings. A systematic review was carried out to explore how rapid qualitative methods have been used during global health emergencies to understand which methods are commonly used, how they are applied, and the difficulties faced by social science researchers in the field. We also assess their value and benefit for health emergencies. The review findings are used to propose recommendations for qualitative research in this context. Peer-reviewed articles and grey literature were identified through six online databases. An initial search was carried out in July 2016 and updated in February 2017. The PRISMA checklist was used to guide the reporting of methods and findings. The articles were assessed for quality using the MMAT and AACODS checklist. From an initial search yielding 1444 articles, 22 articles met the criteria for inclusion. Thirteen of the articles were qualitative studies and nine used a mixed-methods design. The purpose of the rapid studies included: the identification of causes of the outbreak, and assessment of infrastructure, control strategies, health needs and health facility use. The studies varied in duration (from 4 days to 1 month). The main limitations identified by the authors were: the low quality of the collected data, small sample sizes, and little time for cross-checking facts with other data sources to reduce bias. Rapid qualitative methods were seen as beneficial in highlighting context-specific issues that need to be addressed locally, population-level behaviors influencing health service use, and organizational challenges in response planning and implementation. Recommendations for carrying out rapid qualitative research in this context included the early designation of community leaders as a point

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of contact, early and continuous sharing of findings, and development of recommendations with local policy makers and practitioners.

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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The B Corp movement has played a critical role in promoting socially responsible businesses. As positive as the movement has been, it has fallen short when it comes to ensuring that these same businesses make human rights a top priority. Read an in-depth analysis of this topic in our Fall 2017 issue's cover story, "[Do Benefit Corporations Respect Human Rights?](#)," written by Joanne Bauer and Elizabeth Unlas.

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[Communicable and non-communicable disease risks at the Grand Magal of Touba: The largest mass gathering in Senegal](#)

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Preview

An estimated 4–5 million individuals gather each year in the holy city of Touba, Senegal during the Grand Magal religious pilgrimage. Pilgrims come from across Senegal and the surrounding countries, as well as from countries outside Africa. It is the largest mass gathering (MG) of the Mouride community and the largest Muslim religious MG in West Africa.

Tropical Medicine & International Health

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[Who delivers where? The effect of obstetric risk on facility delivery in East Africa \(pages 1081–1098\)](#)

Sandra Virgo, Giorgia Gon, Francesca L. Cavallaro, Wendy Graham and Susannah Woodd

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[Examining levels, distribution and correlates of health insurance coverage in Kenya \(pages 1175–1185\)](#)

Jacob S. Kazungu and Edwine W. Barasa

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Conclusion

Health insurance coverage in Kenya remains low and is characterised by significant inequality. In a context where over 80% of the population is in the informal sector, and close to 50% live below the national poverty line, achieving high and equitable coverage levels with contributory and voluntary health insurance mechanism is problematic. Kenya should consider a universal, tax-funded mechanism that ensures revenues are equitably and efficiently collected, and everyone (including the poor and those in the informal sector) is covered.

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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.

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Special Issue - World Heritage in Poland

This year, the World Heritage Committee will meet for its 41st session in the World Heritage site of the Historic Centre of Kraków. We are very pleased to be hosted by Poland, an early supporter of the World Heritage Convention whose experts even participated in the drafting of the Convention itself. Poland's heritage sites represent many aspects of World Heritage: a diversity of values, a rich history, and transboundary cooperation, among others.

In this issue, we will discover an overview of the architectural landscape of Poland, as well as the evolution of the protection of heritage in the country, from the early interest in preserving heritage to the rise of the community movement for protecting sites in the 19th century, and involvement of Polish experts in various international efforts such the drafting of the Venice Charter, and the formation of ICOMOS and of the International Committee of the Blue Shield (ICBS)...

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