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Period ending 6 January 2018

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Editor's Note: We resume publication with this edition [6 January 2018] following the end-of-year holiday period.

:: 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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Milestones

Secretary-General's statement on the death of Peter Sutherland

7 January 2018

I am deeply saddened by the passing of Peter Sutherland.

As Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration for more than a decade starting in 2006, Peter Sutherland rendered indispensable service to the United Nations. He was fearless and forceful in his advocacy for some of the world's most vulnerable people. He also was a pioneer in bringing international migration into the UN. His efforts were crucial in establishing the Global Forum on Migration and Development, in ensuring that migrants and refugees were represented in the Sustainable Development Goals, in the convening of the first-ever UN summit on migrants and refugees in September 2016, and in the inclusion of the International Organization for Migration in the UN family.

Peter's service coincided with my own as UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and I always found him to be a passionate ally and tireless supporter in addressing the challenges of human mobility and forced displacement.

As the world works towards the adoption later this year of a new Global Compact on Migration, we will continue to draw on Peter Sutherland's legacy of solidarity. I offer sincere condolences to his family and all others touched by this loss.

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Secretary General Appoints Henrietta H. Fore of United States Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund

22 December 2017

SG/A/1777-BIO/5050-ICEF/1893

Following consultations with the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced today the appointment of Henrietta H. Fore of the United States as the Fund's new Executive Director.

She will succeed Anthony Lake, to whom the Secretary-General is grateful for his commitment and dedicated service to the Organization. Mr. Lake brought a renewed focus on equity throughout UNICEF's programmes and services for children. In achieving results for every child, his leadership has strengthened UNICEF's reputation and credibility as an organization, and as a valued, expert partner for Governments, civil society groups and businesses around the world, working together to achieve results for children.

Ms. Fore has worked to champion economic development, education and health, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief for the most vulnerable in the international and developing world, in a public service, private sector and non-profit leadership career spanning more than four decades. The first woman to be appointed Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Director of United States Foreign Assistance in the Department of State, she held these positions between 2006 and 2009. From 1989 to 1993, she was variously USAID Assistant Administrator for Asia and for Private Enterprise.

Ms. Fore also served as Undersecretary of State for Management, the Chief Operating Officer for the United States Department of State (2005-2007), and as the thirty-seventh Director of the United States Mint within the Department of Treasury (2001-2005). In addition, she sat on the boards of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Ms. Fore currently chairs the Board and is the Chief Executive Officer of Holsman International, a manufacturing and investment company. She has also served on the boards for six domestic and international public corporations. Ms. Fore has been the Global Co-Chair of the Asia Society, Chair of the Middle East Investment Initiative, and Co-Chair of WomenCorporateDirectors. She served on the boards of Center for Strategic and International Studies, Aspen Institute, Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy and the Center for Global Development.

Ms. Fore has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wellesley College and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. She is married and has four children.



General Assembly Overwhelmingly Adopts Resolution Asking Nations Not to Locate Diplomatic Missions in Jerusalem

21 December 2017

GA/11995

The General Assembly voted overwhelmingly during a rare emergency meeting today to ask nations not to establish diplomatic missions in the historic city of Jerusalem, as delegates warned that the recent decision by the United States to do so risked igniting a religious war across the already turbulent Middle East and even beyond.

By a recorded vote of 128 in favour to 9 against (Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Togo, United States), with 35 abstentions, the Assembly adopted the resolution "Status of Jerusalem", by which it declared "null and void" any actions intended to alter Jerusalem's character, status or demographic composition. Calling on all States to refrain from establishing embassies in the Holy City, it also demanded that they comply with all relevant Security Council resolutions and work to reverse the "negative trends" imperilling a two-State resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"We meet today not because of any animosity to the United States of America," insisted Riad Al-Malki, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine. Instead, the emergency session had been called to make the voice of the vast majority of the international community — and that of people around the world — heard on the question of Jerusalem/Al-Quds Al-Sharif. He described the 6 December decision by the United States to recognize the city as Israel's capital,

and to move its embassy there, as an aggressive and dangerous move, cautioning that it could inflame tensions and lead to a religious war that “has no boundaries”.

He went on to state that the decision would have no impact on the Holy City’s status, but it nevertheless compromised the role of the United States in the peace process. Moreover, it did nothing but serve the forces of extremism around the world, he said, pointing out that even the closest allies of the United States could not turn a blind eye to its actions. The Assembly was meeting in the wake of the Security Council’s failure to adopt a similar draft resolution, even as 14 of its 15 members had voted in its favour. “The veto will not stop us,” he declared in that regard, underlining that Al-Quds “will not fall to any siege, monopolization or domination”.

The representative of the United States, however, said she stood firmly behind the Administration’s decision, declaring: “America will put its embassy in Jerusalem.” Its citizens would remember today’s votes, including the countries that had disrespected the United States and singled it out, she warned. Pointing out her country’s standing as by far the largest single contributor to the United Nations, she said its contributions were intended to advance its national values and interests, but when such an investment failed, the Government would be obliged to spend its resources “in more productive ways”...

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Governance

Declaration by UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay on the withdrawal of Israel from the Organization

29 December 2017

In my capacity as Director-General of UNESCO, I was officially notified today by the Israeli Government of Israel’s withdrawal from the Organization effective on 31 December 2018, a decision which was announced on 12 October 2017.

I regret this deeply, as it is my conviction that it is inside UNESCO and not outside it that States can best seek to overcome differences in the Organization’s fields of competence.

A Member of UNESCO since 1949, Israel has a rightful place inside the United Nations agency that is dedicated to education, culture and science. Inside an institution committed to the defence of freedom of expression, the prevention of all forms of antisemitism and racism, which has developed a unique programme of education about the Holocaust and the prevention of genocide. Inside an institution that is among the most active in promoting dialogue among cultures, fighting violent extremism and conserving heritage affected, notably, by the destructive acts of terrorist organizations.

In the face of disagreements among Member States, which lead to votes for which they are responsible, engaging fully in the work of UNESCO makes possible sustained dialogue, cooperation and partnerships that are more necessary than ever and that I committed to support when I took office.

Facts and figures concerning the cooperation between Israel and UNESCO:

:: Israel has been a member of UNESCO since 16 September 1949 when it also established a National Commission for UNESCO.

:: Renowned Israeli personalities are associated to UNESCO: Ivry Gitlis as Goodwill Ambassador, sculptor Dani Karavan as Artist for Peace, and Professor Ada Yonath received the UNESCO-L'Oréal For Women in Science Prize in 2008, one year before she won a Nobel Prize.

: Israel has ratified 18 UNESCO International Conventions and has nine cultural sites on the World Heritage List :

- Masada (2001)
- Old City of Acre (2001)
- White City of Tel-Aviv -- the Modern Movement (2003)
- Biblical Tels - Megiddo, Hazor, Beer Sheba (2005)
- Incense Route - Desert Cities in the Negev (2005)
- Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and the Western Galilee (2008)
- Sites of Human Evolution at Mount Carmel: The Nahal Me'arot / Wadi el-Mughara Caves (2012)
- Caves of Maresha and Bet-Guvrin in the Judean Lowlands as a Microcosm of the Land of the Caves (2014)
- Necropolis of Bet She'arim: A Landmark of Jewish Renewal (2015)

:: Mount Carmel (1996) and Megiddo (2011) are members of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

:: In 2014, Tel Aviv - Yafo joined UNESCO's Network of Creative Cities for Media Arts.

:: Israeli universities host 12 UNESCO Chairs and one UNESCO Centre.

:: Twenty-five Israeli schools are members of the Associated Schools Network.

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Human Rights/Sexual Violence in Conflict

[UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Pramila Patten concludes first official visit to Myanmar, looks forward to agreement of Joint Communiqué on addressing conflict-related sexual violence](#)

21 Dec 17

I am encouraged by the constructive dialogue begun with the authorities of Myanmar during my visit to Naypyidaw and Yangon, from 14 to 17 December 2017, to address reports of conflict-related sexual violence.

I am grateful for the opportunity to meet the State Counsellor, Her Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as well as the Minister for Home Affairs, the Minister for the Office of the Union Government and National Security Advisor, the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Inspector-General of Myanmar Armed Forces, the Chief Coordinator of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine, and the President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. I also engaged with the Chairman and representatives of the National Human Rights Commission and a member of the Advisory Board on Rakhine State.

On the basis of these consultations, I look forward to the swift adoption of a Joint Communiqué of the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations on the prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence, in accordance with Security Council resolution 2106 (2013). This will provide a framework for future cooperation and provision of technical advice and assistance, particularly to judicial and security sector actors, similar to the support that my Office is providing in several other conflict-affected countries.

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Education – Refugees

[Sesame Workshop & International Rescue Committee Awarded \\$100 Million for Early Childhood Education of Syrian Refugees](#)

Three Finalists Awarded \$15 Million Each in Global Competition for Bold Solutions to Critical Problems of Our Time

MacArthur Foundation

December 20, 2017 | *Press Releases* / *100&Change*

MacArthur today awarded a \$100 million grant to [Sesame Workshop and International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#) to educate young children displaced by conflict and persecution in the Middle East.

The Foundation's Board, deliberating among four finalists in *100&Change*, MacArthur's global competition for bold solutions to critical problems of our time, decided to award additional grants of \$15 million to each of the other three finalists, based on the strength and potential impact of their proposals. The Foundation remains committed to helping the finalists attract the additional support their critical work requires.

"We are compelled to respond to the urgent Syrian refugee crisis by supporting what will be the largest early childhood intervention program ever created in a humanitarian setting" — Julia Stasch, MacArthur President

Sesame Workshop and IRC will use the \$100 million grant to implement an evidence-based, early childhood development intervention designed to address the "toxic stress" experienced by children in the Syrian response region—Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, and Syria. The project will improve children's learning outcomes today and their intellectual and emotional development over the long term.

"We are compelled to respond to the urgent Syrian refugee crisis by supporting what will be the largest early childhood intervention program ever created in a humanitarian setting," said MacArthur President Julia Stasch. "Less than two percent of the global humanitarian aid budget is dedicated to education, and only a sliver of all education assistance benefits young children. The longer-term goal is to change the system of humanitarian aid to focus more on helping to ensure the future of young children through education."...

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Banned Words

[Statement by NAS, NAE, and NAM Presidents on Report of Banned Words at CDC](#)

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine [U.S.]

Dec. 18, 2017

We are concerned deeply by a report that staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were instructed not to use certain words in budget documents. As leaders of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, we are especially stunned that "evidence-based" and "science-based" are reportedly among the barred terms. Evidence-based advice to

inform policymakers and public discourse has been the foundation of National Academies' counsel since the creation of the NAS more than 150 years ago by Abraham Lincoln. Evidence-based advice drove American prosperity, health, and national security throughout the 20th century, and continues to do so today.

If it is true that the terms "evidence-based" and "science-based" are being censored, it will have a chilling effect on U.S. researchers – who may question whether their advice is still welcome – as well as on the quality of the counsel actually rendered to government. Other supposedly banned words – "diversity," "entitlement," "fetus," "transgender," and "vulnerable" – are equally important to the CDC research portfolio, and banning them is turning our backs to today's reality. Such a directive would be unprecedented and contrary to the spirit of scientific integrity that all federal departments embrace. Although the guidance to CDC staff to not use certain words reportedly pertained to budget documents, it also sends a dangerous message that CDC's broader research and public health mission could be unduly politicized as well.

Marcia McNutt, President, National Academy of Sciences
C. D. (Dan) Mote, Jr., President, National Academy of Engineering
Victor J. Dzau, President, National Academy of Medicine

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Featured Journal Content

Lancet Public Health

Jan 2018 Volume 3 Number 1 e1-e51

<http://thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/>

Editorial

Protecting migrant women

The Lancet Public Health

Europe is facing massive movements of refugees and migrants—women, girls, men, and boys of all ages. The journey to Europe is perilous; migrants often face high levels of violence, extortion, and exploitation along the way, reaching a paroxysm with recent reports of slave auctions in Libya.

Articles

Prevalence and circumstances of forced sex and post-migration HIV acquisition in sub-Saharan African migrant women in France: an analysis of the ANRS-PARCOURS retrospective population-based study

Sub-Saharan African migrant women are a key population at risk of HIV infection in Europe. Using data from the ANRS-PARCOURS study, we aimed to assess the prevalence of forced sex after migration and its association with post-migration acquisition of HIV as well as the circumstances of forced sex after migration, including housing and administrative insecurity, among sub-Saharan African migrant women living in the Paris Region, France.

Julie Pannetier, Andrainolo Ravalihasy, Nathalie Lydié, France Lert, Annabel Desgrées du Loû on behalf of the Parcours study group

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 13, Issue 1, 2018

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

Special Section: Increasing Understanding for Syrian Refugee Children with Empirical Evidence

Editorial

[Increasing understanding for syrian refugee children with empirical evidence](#)

[Selcuk R. Sirin](#) & [J. Lawrence Aber](#)

Pages: 1-6

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

Article

[Digital game-based education for Syrian refugee children: Project Hope](#)

[Selcuk Sirin](#), [Jan L. Plass](#), [Bruce D. Homer](#), [Sinem Vatanartiran](#) & [Tzuchi Tsai](#)

Pages: 7-18

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

Article

[Syria: refugee parents' experiences and need for parenting support in camps and humanitarian settings](#)

[Aala El-Khani](#), [Fiona Ulph](#), [Sarah Peters](#) & [Rachel Calam](#)

Pages: 19-29

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

Article

[Who cannot access education? Difficulties of being a student for children from Syria in Turkey](#)

[Pinar Uyan-Semerçi](#) & [Emre Erdoğan](#)

Pages: 30-45

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

Article

[Traumatic events, social support and depression: Syrian refugee children in Turkish camps](#)

[Brit Oppedal](#), [Serap Özer](#) & [Selçuk R. Şirin](#)

Pages: 46-59

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

Article

[Children facing war: their understandings of war and peace](#)

[Serap Özer](#), [Brit Oppedal](#), [Selçuk Şirin](#) & [Gökçe Ergün](#)

Pages: 60-71

Published online: 03 Jan 2018

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Polio this week as of 03 January 2018](#) [GPEI]

:: New on <http://polioeradication.org/>: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is partnering with institutions in seven countries to capture lessons from polio eradication.

:: In the latest Coffee with Polio Experts video, we talk to Carolyn Sein, Technical Officer for the GPEI programme, about circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses and the differences between the oral polio vaccine, and inactivated polio vaccine.

:: We also caught up with Professor David Salisbury, chair of the Global Commission for the Certification of the Eradication of Poliomyelitis, to talk about the certifying process, and containing poliovirus after eradication.

:: Summary of newly-reported viruses this week: Afghanistan: Two new WPV1 positive environmental samples reported, one collected from Kandahar province, and one from Nangarhar province.

: An advance notification has been received of one new WPV1 case in Balochistan province, Pakistan. The case will be officially reflected in next week's global data reporting.

:: *Summary of newly-reported viruses this week:*

...**Afghanistan:** Two new WPV1 positive environmental samples reported, both collected from Nangarhar province.

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Editor's Note:

It continues to be unclear why the weekly GPEI report on new cases at country level [above] does not capture cases in Syria [below].

Syria cVDPV2 outbreak situation report 27, 19 December 2017

Situation update 19 December 2017

:: No new cases of cVDPV2 were reported this week. The most recent case (by date of onset) is 21 September 2017 from Boukamal district.

:: The total number of confirmed cVDPV2 cases remains 74.

:: Planning continues for the second phase of the outbreak response. GPEI continues to assist the Syrian Ministry of Health in the planning process.

:: The second phase of the outbreak response will utilize mOPV2 and IPV in two additional immunization rounds through house-to-house and fixed-centre vaccination.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 6 January 2018]

The Syrian Arab Republic

:: Prevent and prepare: WHO trains Syrian health professionals on cholera outbreaks
18-12-2017

Health professionals from north-western Syria learn how to prevent cholera and handle an outbreak. During a simulation exercise, they practise setting up and operating a cholera treatment centre. The WHO field office in Gaziantep, Turkey, organized the training. From its field office in Gaziantep, Turkey, close to the border with Syria, WHO conducted a training to prepare more than 30 Syrian doctors for preventing and responding to a potential cholera outbreak.

Years of conflict have damaged water and sanitation systems in Syria, and violence has forced thousands of people to flee their homes. So far, there have been outbreaks of diarrhoeal disease but no cases of cholera. However, if cholera cases were to occur, the combination of damaged sewage systems and population movement could trigger an outbreak. Displaced people in Syria's camps are particularly at risk as contact with sewage is likely...

:: [Syria cVDPV2 outbreak situation report 27, 19 December 2017](#)

[See Polio above for detail]

Nigeria

:: [WHO helps Nigeria control cholera in Borno state](#)

Maiduguri, Nigeria, 22 December 2017 - Nigeria has successfully contained a five-month cholera outbreak in conflict-affected Borno state, with support from the World Health Organization and other health partners.

The Government announced the end of the outbreak on Thursday (December 21) after two weeks had passed with no new cases.

"With the support of WHO and other health actors, Borno State moved to quick action to control the outbreak. With that strong resolve to limit mortality and morbidity, this was achieved, and we can say that we have succeeded," said Dr Muhammad Aminu Ghuluze, Director of Emergency Response, Borno State Ministry of Health.

A major Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV) campaign contributed to the effort – the first of its kind in Nigeria.

With support from Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the International Coordinating Group (ICG) provided 1.8 million OCV doses to immunize 900,000 people in two rounds between September and December this year.

Following an initial spike in cases, the number of new infections dropped significantly after the vaccination campaign concluded...

Yemen

:: [WHO, WFP and UNICEF: Yemen's families cannot withstand another day of war, let alone another 1,000](#)

Joint statement by:

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake

WFP Executive Director David Beasley

29 December 2017 | NEW YORK - "We have passed the grim milestone of 1,000 days of war in Yemen. As violence has escalated in recent days, children and families are yet again being killed in attacks and bombardments..."

Iraq - No new announcements identified

South Sudan - No new announcements identified.


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[**WHO Grade 2 Emergencies**](#) [to 6 January 2018]

Myanmar

:: [Diphtheria vaccination in Cox's Bazar schools](#)

4 January 2018 – As schools reopened after the winter break, children in the Ukhia sub-district of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, lined up not only to receive new books, but also a dose of diphtheria tetanus (DT) vaccine.

 School children living in areas close to the Rohingya camps are being administered a dose of DT vaccine as part of the diphtheria outbreak response....

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.*
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

:: 4 Jan 2018

Syria: Flash update on recent events - 4 January 2018

Yemen

:: 28 Dec 2017 Statement on Behalf of the Humanitarian Coordinator for Yemen, Jamie McGoldrick, on Mounting Civilian Casualties (28 December 2017)

DRC - *No new announcements identified.*

Iraq - *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.

ROHINGYA CRISIS

:: ISCG Situation Report: Rohingya Refugee Crisis, Cox's Bazar | 31 December 2017

:: WASH Sector Cox's Bazar Situation Report, 31 December 2017

Ethiopia

:: 26 Dec 2017 Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 43 | 11 - 24 Dec 2017

Nigeria

:: Fact Sheet NE Nigeria: Bama, Bama LGA (as of 05 January 2018)

Somalia

:: 1 Jan 2018 Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia deeply concerned about large-scale destruction of IDP settlements on the outskirts of Mogadishu

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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 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Meetings Coverage

5 January 2018

SC/13152

[Security Council Discusses Deadly Protests across Iran amid Accusations of Abusing Entity's Platform to Meddle in States' Internal Affairs](#)

Recent protests sweeping Iran had resulted in more than 20 deaths, a top United Nations political official told the Security Council today, as the body met for an emergency session on the matter despite objections from some representatives who argued that the Council was not the proper forum for such a debate.

1 January 2018

SG/SM/18847

[Amid Deepening Conflicts, Emerging Dangers, Secretary-General Warns Only Unity Among Leaders Can Make World More Safe, Secure](#)

Text of UN Secretary-General António Guterres' video message, "An Alert for the World", issued today.

29 December 2017

GA/11998

[Amid Divisions over Jerusalem, Korean Nuclear Programme, General Assembly Hears Defence of Diplomacy, Dialogue to End Crisis, Put World on Sustainable Path](#)

Convening for its seventy-second session amid a multilateral system overwhelmed by crises, the General Assembly heard world leaders defend diplomacy and dialogue while expressing a strong will to galvanize support to confront climate threats, resolve languishing conflicts and build a sturdy path towards sustainable development for all.

22 December 2017

SC/13141

[Security Council Tightens Sanctions on Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2397 \(2017\)](#)

Condemning, in the strongest terms, the launch of a ballistic missile by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 28 November 2017, the Security Council today further tightened sanctions on the country, severely restricting fuel imports and other trade, as well as the ability of its citizens to work abroad.

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UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[Press briefing notes on Egypt and the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

[UN human rights chief urges Iranian authorities to defuse tensions, investigate protest deaths](#)

[UN experts decry Saudi Arabia's persistent use of anti-terror laws to persecute peaceful activists](#)

[Iran: UN experts urge respect for protesters' rights](#)

[Peru: UN human rights experts appalled by Fujimori pardon](#)

[Press briefing note: Zeid](#)

[Myanmar: UN experts urge greater press freedom after detention of Reuters journalists](#)

[Venezuela: UN independent expert welcomes government action after his visit](#)

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSR/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 6 January 2018]

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

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[UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Pramila Patten concludes first official visit to Myanmar, looks forward to agreement of Joint Communiqué on addressing conflict-related sexual violence](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

UN OCHA [to 6 January 2018]

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

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[Fact Sheet NE Nigeria: Bama, Bama LGA \(as of 05 January 2018\)](#)

January 2018

[Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock – Statement on the humanitarian situation in Yemen, 5 January 2018 \[EN/AR\]](#)

1 January 2018

[Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia deeply concerned about large-scale destruction of IDP settlements on the outskirts of Mogadishu](#)

UNICEF [to 6 January 2018]

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

1 January 2018

[Henrietta Fore becomes new UNICEF Executive Director](#)

NEW YORK, 1 January 2018 – Henrietta Fore takes office today as UNICEF's seventh Executive Director. Ms. Fore brings to the role more than four decades of private and public sector leadership experience.

[Nearly 386,000 children will be born worldwide on New Year's Day, says UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK, 1 January 2018 – Approximately 386,000 babies will be born on New Year's Day, UNICEF said today. Of these, over 90 per cent will be born in less developed regions.

[WHO, WFP and UNICEF: Yemen's families cannot withstand another day of war, let alone another 1,000](#)

NEW YORK, 29 December 2017 – "We have passed the grim milestone of 1,000 days of war in Yemen. As violence has escalated in recent days, children and families are yet again being killed in attacks and bombardments.

[Children under attack at shocking scale in conflicts around the world, says UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK, 28 December 2017 – Children in conflict zones around the world have come under attack at a shocking scale throughout the year, UNICEF warned today, with parties to conflicts blatantly disregarding international laws designed to protect the most vulnerable.

UNICEF welcomes announcement of next Executive Director

NEW YORK, 22 December 2017 – UNICEF welcomed UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' announcement today that Henrietta H. Fore will succeed Anthony Lake as UNICEF Executive Director when his term ends on 31 December 2017.

220,000 children threatened by mines and other explosive weapons in eastern Ukraine – UNICEF

GENEVA/KYIV, 21 December 2017 – Eastern Ukraine is now one of the most mine-contaminated places on earth, endangering 220,000 children who live, play and go to and from school in areas littered with landmines, unexploded ordnance and other deadly explosive remnants of war, UNICEF warned today.

UNICEF airlifts nearly 6 million doses of vaccines for children in Yemen amid intensifying violence and import restrictions

SANA'A, 20 December 2017 – A UNICEF-chartered plane landed today in Sana'a and delivered nearly 6 million doses of essential vaccines to protect millions of children at risk of preventable diseases, including the current diphtheria outbreak that has reportedly infected over 300 people and killed 35. Most diphtheria cases and deaths are among children.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 6 January 2018]

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

Briefing Notes

Fresh CAR violence drives thousands to Chad

5 Jan 2018

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is registering and helping thousands of new refugees arriving in Chad, mostly women and children fleeing a recent flare-up in violence in the northwest of the Central African Republic (CAR).

More than 5,000 refugees are estimated to have arrived in southern Chad since late December, escaping clashes between the armed groups Mouvement national pour la libération de la Centrafrique (MNLIC) and Révolution et Justice (RJ) in the town of Paoua. Located in CAR's prefecture of Ouham-Pendé, the town also has an additional 20,000 people displaced internally...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

UN Migration Agency Helps Nearly 3,000 Migrants Get Home from Yemen in 2017

2018-01-05 17:32

Aden – During the final days of 2017, IOM succeeded in completing two movements of stranded Somalis and Ethiopians out of Yemen, despite immense challenges.

2018 Brings No End to Violence Against Rohingya as Refugees Continue to Flee to Bangladesh

2018-01-05 17:31

Cox's Bazar – This week, Rohingya refugees were still arriving in Bangladesh, the New Year bringing no end to the reports of violence and fears, which forced them to flee their homes in Myanmar.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reached 171,635 in 2017; Deaths Reach 3,116

2018-01-05 17:30

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 171,635 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea during 2017, with just under 70 per cent arriving in Italy.

UNAIDS [to 6 January 2018]

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

19 December 2017

Imams and faith leaders embrace HIV awareness in Côte d'Ivoire

WHO & Regional Offices [to 6 January 2018]

Highlights

WHO prequalifies breakthrough vaccine for typhoid

January 2018 – WHO prequalified the first conjugate vaccine for typhoid. The new typhoid vaccine is an innovative product with longer-lasting immunity than older vaccines, requires fewer doses, and can be given to young children through routine childhood immunization programs.

WHO helps Nigeria control cholera in Borno state

Nigeria has successfully contained a 5-month cholera outbreak in conflict-affected Borno state, with support from WHO and other partners. The Government announced the end of the outbreak on 21 December after 2 weeks had passed with no new cases.

Situation update on meningitis C epidemic risk

December 2017 – As bacterial meningitis season begins in West Africa this year, a convergence of factors is threatening the region with large outbreaks.

South Sudan implements the second round of oral cholera vaccination

December 2017 – As part of the ongoing cholera response, the Ministry of Health of South Sudan with support from WHO and partners has deployed cholera vaccines to complement traditional cholera response.

From the 2,178,177 doses secured by WHO in 2017, a total of 1,133,579 doses have already been deployed.

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: Ministry of Health conducts a study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of antimalarial Medicines used in Liberia 03 January 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: WHO releases US\$1.5 million to fight diphtheria in Cox's Bazar as probable cases exceed 1,500 SEAR/PR/1675

19 December 2017, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh – The World Health Organization has deployed additional staff and resources to respond to a rapidly spreading outbreak of diphtheria among Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

WHO has released US\$1.5 million from its Contingency Fund for Emergencies to help finance scaling up of health operations in Cox's Bazar over the next six months, in efforts to respond to an outbreak that has seen more than 1,500 probable cases, including 21 deaths...

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Kuwaiti donation brings hope to children with cancer in Syria 31 December 2017

:: Government of Japan donates mobile clinics and ambulances to Aleppo Governorate 31 December 2017

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: More action needed to achieve universal health coverage in Asia and the Pacific by global deadline 13 December 2017

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Posted on December 29, 2017

Chinese bike-sharing start-up ofo contributes US\$1.2 million to UNDP

The company ofo - the world's first and largest station-free bike sharing platform – contributed \$1.2 million to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 6 January 2018]

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

January 5, 2018

Pathways towards sustainable land-use and food systems

The newly established Food, Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land Use and Energy (FABLE) Pathways Consortium is coordinated by IIASA, SDSN, and EAT Foundation, and operates as part of the Food and Land-Use Coalition (FOLU). It held its inaugural meeting on 6-8 December 2017 at IIASA in Vienna to discuss how countries can develop integrated pathways towards sustainable land-use and food systems that are consistent with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (including the Sustainable Development Goals) and the Paris Climate Agreement. This meeting

was attended by scientists representing 13 country or regional teams, who agreed on a program of work with first outputs due in mid-2018...

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 6 January 2018]

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

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

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

[Call for Session proposals for United Nations World Data Forum 2018](#)

The Programme Committee for the UN World Data Forum 2018 invites you to submit proposals for sessions to be considered for inclusion in the programme for the UNWDF2018.

The deadline for submission of session proposals is 31 January 2018.

For more information, please visit the [call for session proposal page](#).

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 6 January 2018]

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

5 January 2018, *New York*

[2017 in sustainable development – a look back](#)

...Two years since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, progress towards achieving the Global Goals is uneven, but the momentum is growing around the world. From ocean and climate action, to advancing the rights of persons with disabilities and indigenous peoples, 2017 brought key milestones towards a sustainable world, where no one is left behind. But to realize this common vision for humanity, we will need even more, even faster...

UNESCO [to 6 January 2018]

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

29.12.17

[Declaration by UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay on the withdrawal of Israel from the Organization](#)

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

24 December 2017

[UNESCO Report on Potential Biosphere Reserves in Sudan, Red Sea Coast](#)

...The report recommended different options for creating Biosphere Reserves on the Sudanese Red Sea Coast: (i) Dugonab Bay with extension to Mohammed Qawl, (ii) marine area including Sanganeb Atoll and Sha'ab Rumi, (iii) Suakin, including both, land and marine area, and, finally, the option of creating a global biosphere reserve that includes all areas mentioned above together with Port Sudan...

21 December 2017

Reforming UNESCO's action on Memory of the World

The goal of the UNESCO Memory of the World Programme is to protect and share the documentary heritage of humanity, guided by the vision that it should be preserved and accessible for all.

In October 2017, UNESCO's Executive Board reaffirmed this mission, underlining "the importance of documentary heritage to promote the sharing of knowledge for greater understanding and dialogue, in order to promote peace and respect for freedom, democracy, human rights and dignity." This echoed the goals endorsed by Member States in the 2015 Recommendation concerning the Preservation, and Access to, Documentary Heritage, including in Digital Form.

In the face of new needs, including transparency and the renewed engagement of Member States in the spirit of dialogue, the Programme's International Advisory Committee (IAC) submitted a report resulting from a review of UNESCO's work, including recommendations, to the UNESCO Executive Board in October 2017...

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 6 January 2018]

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

21/12/2017 –

Remarks of UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov at the Security Council Debate on the situation in Afghanistan

21/12/2017 –

UNODC Chief: Afghanistan faces opium crisis, response must be urgent, swift, decisive

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 6 January 2018]

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

Posted December 31, 2017

Dr. Clos recognized by the Secretary-General for championing sustainable urban development

Secretary-General Guterres expressed his gratitude to Dr. Joan Clos for his dedicated service to the Organization on 22 December 2017, coinciding with the end of his tenure as Executive Director of UN-Habitat on 31 December 2017. Dr....

Posted December 31, 2017

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif of Malaysia elected new Executive Director of UN-Habitat

Following nomination by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, on 22 December 2017, elected Maimunah Mohd Sharif of Malaysia as Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). She succeeds Joan Clos of Spain to whom...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

22-12-2016

Demining and repair initiative restores key irrigation canals, farmland near Mosul

Some 200 000 people from Mosul and across Iraq will be able to earn an income for the first time since the Islamic State of the Levant (ISIL) took parts of the area in 2014, thanks to a new FAO project that is restoring irrigation to 250 000 hectares of farmland.

With continued drought, Horn of Africa braces for another hunger season

Countries in the Horn of Africa are likely to see a rise in hunger and further decline of local livelihoods in the coming months, as farming families struggle with the knock-on effects of multiple droughts that hit the region this year, FAO warned today. Growing numbers of refugees in East Africa, meanwhile, are expected to place even more burden on already strained food and nutrition security.

20-12-2016

Safeguarding of biodiversity must be integrated across agricultural sectors

Meeting in Cancun, Mexico at the UN Biodiversity Conference (CBD COP13) which ended on 17 December, governments agreed on specific steps to to promote the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity within and across the agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and tourism sectors.

20-12-2016

ILO International Labour Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

Social protection

ILO launches global appeal for donations to support social protection floors

19 December 2017

For the first time, the International Labour Organization (ILO) makes donations by private households, enterprises and foundations possible.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Unemployment up for 3rd consecutive year, expected to drop in 2018

18 December 2017

ILO's annual Labour Overview of Latin America and the Caribbean shows a continued rise in unemployment. The region presented mixed challenges, with signs of improvement in some areas and indications of deterioration in others.

International Migrants Day

Labour rights and skills development key to improving outcomes of migration in South-East Asia, say ILO and IOM

15 December 2017

Against the backdrop of increasing migration among ASEAN countries, joint ILO/IOM report assesses changes in the lives of migrant workers from before to after their migration.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

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Priorities and targets in new ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan endorsed by Asia and Pacific States

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

01/01/2018

Seafarer shore leave gets extra protection from 1 January 2018

International convention amended to strengthen seafarers' rights to shore leave and bring in new measures to prevent stowaway

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 6 January 2018]

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

2 January 2017

[New Year Message by UNWTO Secretary-General, Zurab Pololikashvili](#)

It is with a sense of pride and humility that I assume my post as Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the period 2018-2021....

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[Statement by Administrator Mark Green on Designations of Countries of Particular Concern for Religious Freedom](#)

Friday, January 5, 2018

Yesterday, the Department of State announced the Secretary of State's re-designation of Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan as Countries of Particular Concern for infringing upon religious freedom. The Secretary also placed Pakistan on a Special Watch List for severe violations of religious freedom.

The protection of religious freedom is a cornerstone of American values. Religious freedom is also a key component of building peace and stability around the world. Before we can help support citizens and communities, we need strong commitments from host country governments

to fight religious persecution and advance religious tolerance and freedom of religion or belief. USAID remains dedicated to promoting the dignity of all people, and empowering them to build their own futures.

USAID Administrator Green's Meeting with The Right Honourable Penny Mordaunt, M.P., the United Kingdom Secretary of State for International Development

January 4, 2018

Readout

The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Tom Babington:

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green met today with the Secretary of State for International Development of the United Kingdom, the Right Honourable Penny Mordaunt, M.P., to discuss increasing coordination in areas of shared interest, including humanitarian assistance and civil-military cooperation.

The two officials voiced mutual concern about the alarming level of humanitarian need around the world, and discussed urgent advocacy and action to support the world's most vulnerable people, including in East Africa and in Yemen, where the United States and United Kingdom are actively working to alleviate the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

USAID Administrator Green's Call with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization Director General

January 3, 2018

Readout

The following is attributable to Deputy Spokesperson Tom Babington:

Today, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green spoke over the phone with Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO).

The two officials discussed pressing global health challenges that are facing the world, including the outbreak of pneumonic plague in Madagascar and the ongoing cholera epidemic in Yemen, which has had over one million suspected cases since April 2017.

DFID [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

Fresh UK aid for humanitarian crises in 2018, as International Development Secretary warns it could be even "bleaker" than 2017

31 December 2017 DFID Press release

New package of support for humanitarian crises in the coming year, after UK aid delivered life-saving support to millions of people around the world in 2017.

UK aid helps clear lethal landmines in war-torn countries following generosity of British public

29 December 2017 DFID Press release

International Development Secretary announces that Britain will extend its demining work to save lives in Angola, Iraq, Lebanon, Sudan, Syria and Yemen.

ECHO [to 6 January 2018]

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

28/12/2017

Philippines: €570 000 in EU humanitarian aid to victims of typhoon Tembin

The European Union will provide €570 000 in humanitarian funding to deliver emergency relief assistance to families affected by typhoon Tembin, which wreaked havoc across large parts of the southern Philippines just before Christmas.

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African Union [to 6 January 2018]

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

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January 04, 2018

[Statement of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on Recent Developments in Ethiopia](#)

January 03, 2018

[Statement by the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 6 January 2018]

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

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[Dato Lim Jock Hoi assumes office as new Secretary-General of ASEAN](#)

JAKARTA, 5 January 2018 - The ASEAN Secretariat officiated the transfer of office of the 14th Secretary-General of ASEAN at a handover ceremony held this morning in Jakarta. Dato Lim Jock Hoi from Brunei Darussalam succeeded outgoing Secretary-General Le Luong Minh and will serve for the period of 2018-2022. The transfer of office was witnessed [...]

European Commission [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

OECD [to 6 January 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 6 January 2018]

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

01/01/2018

[OIC Delegation to Visit Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh to Ascertain their Human Rights Situation](#)

A delegation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will visit the Rohingya Refugee Camps in Cox Bazar, Bangladesh from 3-6 January 2018. The delegation consists of members of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), one of the principle statutory organs of the OIC – dealing with human rights issues, and officials from relevant departments of the OIC General Secretariat including the Minorities, Information and Humanitarian Affairs.

Group of 77 [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 6 January 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 6 January 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 6 January 2018]

<https://www.ipu.org/en/news>

21 December 2017

[End-of-year message 2017](#)

[Excerpt]

...The situation in many hot spots in the world gives us much cause for concern. The war lingers on in Syria, the crisis in Yemen is spiralling out of control, terrorism and violent extremism continue to give us sleepless nights, democracy has come under attack in virtually every region in the world, and the list goes on ... So we are still a far cry from asserting that democracy is alive and well throughout the world. Our founding fathers' vision of peace seems a distant mirage on the horizon.

Against this backdrop, our work on promoting democracy and strong parliaments is more important than ever. Your role as lawmakers and representatives of the people becomes ever more crucial for translating their aspirations for peace, development and prosperity into reality.

The double anniversary we celebrated in 2017: the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy and 10th anniversary of the International Day of Democracy, were defining moments for us. Against this backdrop, we launched the second edition of the Global Parliamentary Report, our flagship publication. Its overall theme – oversight and accountability – are at the very core of the parliamentary mandate.

Together we look forward to strengthening democracy and making it work for the people. In this context, we ushered in our new Strategy in 2017, which is firmly anchored in the 2030 Development Agenda. The onus is now on parliaments and parliamentarians to demonstrate their

relevance. As we look ahead, migration will be the common denominator of many IPU events next year. The spectre of modern-day slavery, the plight of refugees and the fate of the stateless oblige us to speak out and take action against these scourges.

Parliaments should use their constitutional powers to help the global effort against terrorism and violent extremism, a major threat to peace and security. The IPU is poised to assist them in this endeavour...

International Court of Justice [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 6 January 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 6 January 2018]

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

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[Morocco and Ukraine join the World Bank Treasury Government Debt and Risk Management Program](#)

WASHINGTON, January 3, 2017 — The World Bank Treasury announced today the addition of two new members, Morocco and Ukraine, to the Government Debt and Risk Management (GDRM) program. The GDRM Program is...

Date: January 03, 2018 Type: Press Release Language: English

[Next Year Must be One of Deepening Reforms](#)

China's economy gathered strength in 2017, with one of the drivers of growth being exports which took advantage of surging global trade. The other driver was domestic consumption boosted by buoyant job...

Date: January 02, 2018 Type: Opinion Language: English

IMF [to 6 January 2018]

<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 6 January 2018]

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

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[African Development Bank, Nordic Development Fund, Global Environment Facility and Calvert Impact Capital partner in US \\$55-million investment into Off-Grid Energy Access Fund](#)

04/01/2018 - On December 15, the African Development Bank's Board approved a US \$30-million investment in the Facility for Energy Inclusion Off-Grid Energy Access Fund ("FEI OGEF"). This follows the approval of additional investments of US \$10 million from Calvert Impact Capital (CIC), US \$8.5 million from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and €6 million from the Nordic Development Fund (NDF). In addition, the NDF will provide a €0.5-million grant for technical assistance to support deal structuring and capacity development.

Asian Development Bank [to 6 January 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 6 January 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 6 January 2018]

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 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 6 January 2018]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 6 January 2018]

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

Tuesday, 26 December 2017 00:00

[BRAC signs agreement with Danish govt to facilitate reintegration of returnee migrant workers](#)

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Royal Denmark and BRAC have signed an agreement to implement a 2-year project titled 'Socio-economic reintegration of returnee migrant workers of Bangladesh' to facilitate the reintegration process of the expatriate workers who have returned to their home country.

The objective of the project is to raise public awareness about the essential social and economic support our migrant workers need for reintegrating themselves into the mainstream society once they permanently return, facilitate skill training activities increasing their scope for better utilisation of the money they have earned abroad, and carry out advocacy with the government to undertake separate programmes for returnee migrants, focusing on the issue of reintegration...

CARE International [to 6 January 2018]

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

5th Jan 2018 Democratic Republic of Congo

"What we have now is all the ingredients for a humanitarian catastrophe"

More violence, displacement and hunger for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2018

Clubhouse International [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 6 January 2018]

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

31.12.2017

[DRC helps new Congolese refugees in Uganda](#)

The Danish Refugee Council has offered life-saving assistance to more than 1,700 Congolese refugees arrived in Kayaka II settlement in Uganda in the last two weeks.

ECPAT [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Handicap International [to 6 January 2018]
http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 6 January 2018]
<http://www.heifer.org/about-heifer/press/press-releases.html>
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 6 January 2018]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 6 January 2018]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
Middle East and North Africa, Syria*

[Syrian Arab Red Crescent completes evacuation of 29 civilians in critical need of emergency medical care from Eastern Ghouta](#)

Damascus/Beirut/Geneva, 29 December 2017—Syrian Arab Red Crescent volunteers and staff from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have successfully transferred 29 people with serious health conditions from eastern Ghouta near Damascus. Th ...
29 December 2017

IFRC [to 6 January 2018]
<http://www.ifrc.org/en/news-and-media/press-releases/>
Africa, Madagascar

[Tropical Cyclone Ava bears down on Madagascar: Red Cross deploys disaster response teams](#)

Antananarivo, 4 January 2018 – Madagascar is on high alert as Tropical Cyclone Ava moves towards the island. Red Cross disaster response teams are readying response plans in anticipation of the cyclone’s landfall. “Right now, our major concern is flood ...
4 January 2018

Middle East and North Africa, Syria

[Syrian Arab Red Crescent completes evacuation of 29 civilians in critical need of emergency medical care from Eastern Ghouta](#)

Damascus/Beirut/Geneva, 29 December 2017—Syrian Arab Red Crescent volunteers and staff from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have successfully transferred 29 people with serious health conditions from eastern Ghouta near Damascus. Th ...
29 December 2017

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 6 January 2018]
<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>

Selected Press Releases & Statements
No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 6 January 2018]

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

News 05 Jan 2018

[IRCT deeply concerned about deportation of torture victims seeking protection in Israel](#)

There are currently several thousand Eritrean and Sudanese refugees in Israel who have been brutally tortured in their home countries, and again in transit by smugglers in the Sinai Peninsula. In Israel, they seek protection from further torture. Some of the most vulnerable receive rehabilitation support from IRCT member "Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers" (ASSAF) to rebuild their lives.

According to the *Procedure for Transfer to Third Countries* announced by the Ministry of Interior on 1 January, these refugees will be deported over the next 3 months. This raises serious concerns about their effective access to a refugees status determination and the impact of the deportation on their physical and mental recovery from torture.

Despite clear recommendations from the UN Committee against Torture (CAT) in 2016, Israel has not only failed to implement a procedure to identify torture victims among refugee populations but it has also fallen short of ensuring that those individuals receive efficient refugee status determination. These recommendations are firmly grounded in international law on non-refoulement and torture victims' right to rehabilitation.

In light of this, the IRCT strongly encourages the Israeli Government to avoid making irrevocable decisions that detrimentally impact the wellbeing of torture victims by undermining their rights under international and domestic law. To avoid this outcome, the IRCT continues to make our expertise available to support the implementation of the CAT recommendations...

Islamic Relief [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 6 January 2018]

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

Press release

[Health Surveys Reveal Need for Increased Aid in Southern Syria](#)

AMMAN, JORDAN, DECEMBER 20, 2017—Humanitarian assistance for people living in southern [Syria](#) needs to increase significantly, the international medical humanitarian organization Doctors

Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) said today, as it released two reports on the health of people in the war-torn area of eastern Daraa.

Press release

[MSF Challenges Gilead's Hepatitis C Patent Application in China](#)

December 18, 2017

The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has filed a patent challenge in China to block Gilead's patent application for the combination of two key oral hepatitis C medicines, sofosbuvir and velpatasvir.

Mercy Corps [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 6 January 2018]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 6 January 2018]

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

Global | 05. Jan 2018

[How to bring real change to displaced people's lives](#)

Has the international community better responded to refugee crises this past year? "It's not better – it's worse," says Jan Egeland, the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)'s Secretary General.

Ethiopia | 04. Jan 2018

[The waiting room](#)

Inside two small houses in a refugee camp in northern Ethiopia live seven girls and six boys. These children all have one thing in common: they have fled across the border from Eritrea, alone.

Kenya | 02. Jan 2018

[Promoting access to legal identity and documentation](#)

"My child was born in in 2013. We were asked to come back after six months for his birth certificate. It's taken years."

Pact [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 6 January 2018]

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

Posted on Dec 21, 2017

[A Mission to Stop Cholera in Haiti](#)

... It was November 15, a highly anticipated day for Haiti's Ministry of Health and Zanmi Lasante, as PIH is known locally. In collaboration with Massachusetts General Hospital's Center for Global Health, they were launching an ambitious cholera vaccination campaign that aimed to cover the entire commune of Mirebalais, or roughly 100,000 people. Each resident was to receive two doses of the vaccine over the course of a month, along with interventions to help treat drinking water at home, and educational messages about good hygiene and sanitation...

PATH [to 6 January 2018]

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

Announcement | December 27, 2017

[PATH welcomes WHO's prequalification of a new bivalent oral polio vaccine from China](#)

Another affordable vaccine against polio will help close the supply gap and improve accessibility for low-income countries

PATH welcomes the World Health Organization's (WHO) prequalification of a new bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) developed by Chinese vaccine manufacturer Beijing Bio-Institute Biological Products (BBIBP). The vaccine will help meet heightened demand for bOPV during this current critical phase of polio eradication in polio-endemic countries and other countries at high risk for resurgence.

PATH provided technical assistance to BBIBP in the key early stages of the WHO prequalification application process, including document preparation for the Product Summary File. PATH also designed and conducted a Phase 3 clinical trial in Kenya to demonstrate the vaccine's performance in a setting outside of China and where it is likely to be used most...

Plan International [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 6 January 2018]

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

Vietnam – 5. January 2018

[SOS Children's Villages marks 30 years in Vietnam](#)

The organisation's return to the country in 1987 represents a 'great humanitarian' moment. SOS Children's Villages Vietnam is marking the 30th year since it resumed work in the country's post-war period and today provides family care, community support and educational programmes.

across the once-divided nation.

The anniversary is a significant milestone for SOS Children's Villages in Vietnam. In 1967, the country became one of the first outside Europe where the organisation provided care and support for children, young people and families. Programmes were halted in the mid-1970s and it was not until December 1987 that agreement was reached to return...

Tostan [to 6 January 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 6 January 2018]

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

December 7, 2017 | Alexandria, VA.

[Hilton Prize Coalition Recognizes 25 Fellows: Emerging Humanitarian Leaders to Watch](#)

World Vision [to 6 January 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 6 January 2018]

<http://cmfr-phil.org/media-ethics-responsibility/>

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 6 January 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

[Myanmar: Detention of Journalists Threatens Press Freedom](#)

January 5, 2018

Myanmar detained two Reuters journalists, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, for alleged violation of the Official Secrets Act.

Transparency International [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 6 January 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

January 03, 2018 / *Blog*

[Working TOGETHER benefits children with disabilities in hard-to-reach areas](#)

In Sri Lanka, the TOGETHER project (Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities together to include Children with Disabilities in Sri Lankan Society) has brought together key civil society organizations and local authorities to empower children with disabilities within society.

CONCORD [to 6 January 2018]

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

[European NGO confederation for relief and development]

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 6 January 2018]

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

[Action Aid, Age International, British Red Cross, CAFOD, Care International, Christian Aid, Concern Worldwide, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Plan UK, Save the Children, Tearfund and World

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 6 January 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 6 January 2018]

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

04 January 2018

[Gavi welcomes new UNICEF executive director](#)

Former USAID Administrator Henrietta Fore replaces Tony Lake as UNICEF chief.

Global Fund [to 6 January 2018]

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

News

[Stop TB and Global Fund Deepen Cooperation to Find Missing Cases of TB](#)

18 December 2017

The Stop TB Partnership and the Global Fund today signed a new collaboration agreement to contribute towards the goal of finding and treating an additional 1.5 million people with tuberculosis who are currently missed by health systems.

Under the TB Strategic Initiative, the Stop TB Partnership will work with national TB programs and partners in 13 countries, providing technical support through a combination of innovative

approaches and best practices to remove barriers to accessing TB services, with a particular focus on key populations and vulnerable groups...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 6 January 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 6 January 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 6 January 2018]

<http://www.ineesite.org/en/news>

3 January 2018

[The Detention of Palestinian Children and Its Impact on Their Education and Development](#)

Jadaliyya

This article shows how the detention of Palestinian children by Israeli occupation forces impacts education and development. It explores children's experiences in detention, and how these impact on subsequent life chances. It also looks at child responses to the continued occupation by Israel. This is done in the context of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and Israeli violations of international law. The primary research on which this article is based focuses on Israeli human rights violations and military detention of minors. This negatively affects a child's development within their community, and their legal right to an education. Data is collected from ex-detainee experiences and accounts from open-ended questionnaires and interviews.

InterAction [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 6 January 2018]

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

19 Dec 17

[End of year message from the Start Network Director](#)

by Sean Lowrie

Blog Post

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 6 January 2018]

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

02/01/2018

[What have we learnt from the Transforming Surge Capacity project?](#)

In 2015, the Start Network launched a three-year Transforming Surge Capacity (TSC) project financed by the UK government to make surge capacity more effective and efficient across the whole humanitarian sector by promoting collaboration and coordination. The project's final learning report is now available.

28/12/2017

[The CHS e-learning course is now available in Bengali](#)

The popular e-learning course on the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) is now available in Bengali. The course can be accessed on Kaya, the Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA)'s online learning platform.

Development Initiatives [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 6 January 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

23 December 2017

[Planning from the future: A new approach to aid](#)

On 12 December, PHAP organized a briefing on Humanitarian Futures: Capacities for 21st century humanitarian organizations.

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Center for Global Development [to 6 January 2018]

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

12/21/17

[Fuel Subsidy Reform in Developing Countries: Direct Benefit Transfer of LPG Cooking Gas Subsidy in India](#)

Neeraj Mittal , [Anit Mukherjee](#) and [Alan Gelb](#)

India's reform of household subsidies for the purchase of LPG cooking gas stands out for a several reasons. The paper provides a detailed picture of the reform through its various stages, including how the process was conceptualized, coordinated, and implemented. It analyzes how such a reform must be able to adapt to concerns as they arise and to new information, how digital

technology was used and how it is possible to use a voluntary self-targeting “nudge” to defuse potential resistance to income-based targeting.

ODI [to 6 January 2018]

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

Selected Research/Publications

Resource guide for NDC finance

Toolkits | January 2018 | Charlene Watson, James Rawlins, Matthew Halstead

Developed by the LEADS GP Finance Working Group, this guide presents a selection of resources on financing nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

Every child counts: understanding the needs and perspectives of children with disabilities in the State of Palestine

Research reports and studies | December 2017 | Nicola Jones, Bassam Abu Hamad, Kifah Odeh, Paola Perezniato, Ola Abu Al Ghaib, Georgia Plank, Elizabeth Presler-Marshall and Mohammed Shaheen

This report explores how Palestinian children with disabilities are marginalised and excluded and how they could be better supported.

Resilience Scan: July-September 2017

Publication series | December 2017 | Amy Kirbyshire, Emma Lovell, Hani Morsi, Paul Sayers, Thomas Tanner and Lena Weingärtner

This Resilience Scan summarises writing and debates in the field of resilience during the third quarter of 2017.

Fishing for data: the role of private data platforms in addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and overfishing

Briefing papers | December 2017 | Miren Gutierrez, Alfonso Daniels and Guy Jobbins

We look at opportunities to support monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and overfishing.

How solar household systems contribute to resilience

Working and discussion papers | December 2017 | Andrew Scott, Leah Worrall, Jesper Hörnberg and Long Seng To

This paper explores the relationship between the energy services provided by solar household devices, and the resilience of their users to climate change.

Urban Institute [to 6 January 2018]

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

Brief Education and Training

Graduate and Professional School Debt

Sandy Baum, Patricia Steele

January 4, 2018

Brief Education and Training

Financing Graduate and Professional Education

Sandy Baum, Patricia Steele

January 4, 2018

Research Report Housing and Housing Finance

The Case for More, Not Less: Shortfalls in Federal Housing Assistance and Gaps in Evidence for Proposed Policy Changes

Corianne Scally, Samantha Batko, Susan J. Popkin, Nicole DuBois
January 3, 2018

Brief Race and Ethnicity

Racial Inequities in the Washington, DC, Region: 2011–15

Leah Hendey
December 27, 2017

Brief Health and Health Policy

Work Requirements in Social Safety Net Programs: A Status Report of Work Requirements in TANF, SNAP, Housing Assistance, and Medicaid

Heather Hahn, Eleanor Pratt, Eva H. Allen, Genevieve M. Kenney, Diane K. Levy, Elaine Waxman
December 22, 2017

World Economic Forum [to 6 January 2018]

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

News 20 Dec 2017

How Can Cities Leverage the Potential of the 'Sharing Economy'?

- The World Economic Forum has released a new white paper, Collaboration in Cities: From Sharing to 'Sharing Economy', identifying and answering key questions for cities about the sharing economy
- What does the sharing economy mean for cities? Who are the actors of the sharing economy? What are the drivers of sharing? What is being shared in cities? How can cities share? What are the issues and challenges in the sharing economy? How should sharing be regulated?
- Case studies from cities around the world – including Seattle, London, New York, Melbourne, São Paulo, Kigali, Seoul, Amsterdam, Barcelona and Kamaishi – show how sharing is transforming citizens' lives, boosting economies, social cohesion and the environment.
- The complete paper is available here

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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 6 January 2018]

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

News

He makes tadpoles with eyes on their tails. Could that one day help solve birth defects in humans?

STAT - January 2, 2018

STAT profiles the pioneering work of Michael Levin and colleagues at the Allen Discovery Center at Tufts University.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 6 January 2018]

<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 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 6 January 2018]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 6 January 2018]

<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 •

2017.12.22 *Events*

Event Report: GHIT R&D Forum

GHIT held its inaugural R&D Forum on December 8, 2017. 130 domestic and international researchers participated, joining discussions on GHIT invested projects ranging from target research to clinical trials. In addition, GHIT executives, along with representatives from the Japan Agency for Medical Development (AMED), EDCTP, and UNITAID, discussed co-funding partnerships.

Speakers from GHIT's product development partner organizations shared lessons learned and explored related R&D challenges and opportunities through interactive sessions with the broader participant group.

Productive questions and answer sessions following each panel covered such topics as how to find appropriate partners, the ingredients of successful cross-border R&D partnerships, issues pertaining to the conduct of clinical trials in low- and middle-income countries, and aligning strategies between funders.

Speaker information and presentations are available [here](#).

Grameen Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>
01/05/2018

[Grameen Foundation to launch WomenLink II in India and the Philippines](#)

Grameen Foundation is proud to announce WomenLink II, a renewed partnership with Wells Fargo to catalyze economic empowerment through the breakthrough use of digital financial services among poor and low-income women.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

IKEA Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 6 January 2018]

<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
Research Jan 05 2018

[How Zika Infection Drives Fetal Demise](#)

An interferon cell receptor spurs cell suicide in mouse fetuses infected with Zika virus and could play a role in certain pregnancy complications.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

http://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release
December 20, 2017 *News Release*

[New KFF Resource Tracks Developments in States' Section 1115 Medicaid Waivers](#)

A new resource from the Kaiser Family Foundation enables users to keep abreast of Section 1115 Medicaid waivers that are pending or have been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. KFF's Medicaid waiver tracker includes interactive maps that allow users to view states' approved and pending waivers...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

<http://www.akdn.org/our-agencies/aga-khan-foundation>
No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

December 20, 2017 | *Press Releases* | *100&Change*

[Sesame Workshop & International Rescue Committee Awarded \\$100 Million for Early Childhood Education of Syrian Refugees](#)

Three Finalists Awarded \$15 Million Each in Global Competition for Bold Solutions to Critical Problems of Our Time

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

News

[The David and Lucile Packard Foundation Names Lisa Clark Human Resources Director](#)

December 19, 2017

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation announced today that Lisa Clark has joined the Foundation as its Director of Human Resources. In this role, she will serve as a member of the Foundation's executive leadership team, focused on talent management and employee engagement

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 6 January 2018]

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

January 3, 2018

Marketplace Pulse: Mixed Harvest

Report - ACA

With no individual mandate and expanded non-comprehensive coverage, the divisions between states will deepen, and market conditions will deteriorate for unsubsidized farmers and others seeking coverage in states that don't protect their risk pool.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 6 January 2018]

<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..."

January 5, 2018

Open Philanthropy Project pours funds into high-risk research [via Nature]

Nature features Dustin Moskovitz and his wife Cari Tuna's Open Philanthropy Project, which has significantly boosted its spending to \$200 million this...

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 6 January 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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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

January 2018 Volume 46, Issue 1, p1-122, e1-e12

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

January 2018 Volume 54, Issue 1, p1-156, e1-e40

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

Research Articles

[HPV Vaccination Among Foreign-Born Women: Examining the National Health Interview Survey 2013–2015](#)

Leslie E. Cofie, Jacqueline M. Hirth, Fangjian Guo, Abbey B. Berenson, Kyriakos Markides, Rebeca Wong

p20–27

Published online: October 23, 2017

American Journal of Public Health

January 2018 108(1)

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

DELAYED ACCESS TO CARE

[Conflict Settings: The Importance of Timely Access to Health Care](#)

Harry S. Shannon

108(1), pp. 13–15

[Access to Medical Care for Palestinians in Israel: Delays in a Difficult Historical Context](#)

A. Mark Clarfield and Ido D. Dechtman

108(1), pp. 15–16

[Long-Term Health Consequences of Movement Restrictions for Palestinians, 1987–2011](#)

Clea A. McNeely, Brian K. Barber, Rita Giacaman, Robert F. Belli and Mahmoud Daher

108(1), pp. 77–83

IRMA

[A Humanitarian Crisis: Lessons Learned From Hurricane Irma](#)

Tara Rava Zolnikov

108(1), pp. 27–28

AJPH NUREMBERG TRIAL

TORTURE

[From Nuremberg to Guantanamo Bay: Uses of Physicians in the War on Terror](#)

Sondra S. Crosby and Gilbert Benavidez

108(1), pp. 36–41

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 97, Issue 6, 2017

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/97/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

2 January 2018 Vol: 168, Issue 1

19 December 2017 Vol: 167, Issue 12

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

[New issues; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 6 January 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

December 2017; volume 2, issue 4

<http://gh.bmj.com/content/2/4?current-issue=y>

Analysis

[Collecting data for global surgical indicators: a collaborative approach in the Pacific Region](#)

Glenn Douglas Guest, Elizabeth McLeod, William R G Perry, Vilami Tangi, Joao Pedro, Ponifasio Ponifasio, Johnny Hedson, Jemesa Tudravu, Douglas Pikacha, Eric Vreede, Basil Leodoro, Noah Tapaua, James Kong, Bwabwa Oten, Deacon Teapa, Stephanie Korin, Leona Wilson, Samson Mesol, Kabiri Tuneti, John G Meara, David A Watters

DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000376 Published 25 November 2017

Abstract

In 2015, the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery (LCoGS) recommended six surgical metrics to enable countries to measure their surgical and anaesthesia care delivery. These indicators have subsequently been accepted by the World Bank for inclusion in the World Development Indicators. With support from the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Pacific Islands Surgical Association, 14 South Pacific countries collaborated to collect the first four of six LCoGS indicators. Thirteen countries collected all four indicators over a 6-month period from October 2015 to April 2016. Australia and New Zealand exceeded the recommended LCoGS target for all four indicators. Only 5 of 13 countries (38%) achieved 2-hour access for at least 80% of their population, with a range of 20% (Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands) to over 65% (Fiji and Samoa). Five of 13 (38%) countries met the target surgical volume of 5000 procedures per 100 000 population, with six performing less than 1600. Four of 14 (29%) countries had at least 20 surgical, anaesthesia and obstetric providers in their workforce per 100 000 population, with a range of 0.9 (Timor Leste) to 18.5 (Tuvalu). Perioperative mortality rate was reported by 13 of 14 countries, and ranged from 0.11% to 1.0%. We believe it is feasible to collect global surgery indicators across the South Pacific, a diverse geographical region encompassing high-income and low-income countries. Such metrics will allow direct comparison between similar nations, but more importantly provide baseline data that providers and politicians can use in advocacy national health planning.

Analysis

[From blockchain technology to global health equity: can cryptocurrencies finance universal health coverage?](#)

Brian M Till, Alexander W Peters, Salim Afshar, John G Meara
November 10, 2017, 2 (4) e000570; DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000570

Abstract

Blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies could remake global health financing and usher in an era global health equity and universal health coverage. We outline and provide examples for at least four important ways in which this potential disruption of traditional global health funding mechanisms could occur: universal access to financing through direct transactions without third parties; novel new multilateral financing mechanisms; increased security and reduced fraud and corruption; and the opportunity for open markets for healthcare data that drive discovery and innovation. We see these issues as a paramount to the delivery of healthcare worldwide and relevant for payers and providers of healthcare at state, national and global levels; for government and non-governmental organisations; and for global aid organisations, including the WHO, International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group.

Research

[Monitoring Sustainable Development Goal 3: how ready are the health information systems in low-income and middle-income countries?](#)

Juliet Nabyonga-Orem
October 25, 2017, 2 (4) e000433; DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000433

Abstract

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) present a broader scope and take a holistic multisectoral approach to development as opposed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). While keeping the health MDG agenda, SDG3 embraces the growing challenge of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors. The broader scope of the SDG agenda, the need for a multisectoral approach and the emphasis on equity present monitoring challenges to health information systems of low-income and middle-income countries. The narrow scope and weaknesses in existing information systems, a multiplicity of data collection systems designed along disease programme and the lack of capacity for data analysis are among the limitations to be addressed. On the other hand, strong leadership and a comprehensive and longer-term approach to strengthening a unified health information system are beneficial. Strengthening country capacity to monitor SDGs will involve several actions: domestication of the SDG agenda through country-level planning and monitoring frameworks, prioritisation of interventions, indicators and setting country-specific targets. Equity stratifiers should be country specific in addressing policy concerns. The scope of existing information systems should be broadened in line with the SDG agenda monitoring requirements and strengthened to produce reliable data in a timely manner and capacity for data analysis and use of data built. Harnessing all available opportunities, emphasis should be on strengthening health sector as opposed to SDG3 monitoring. In this regard, information systems in related sectors and the private sector should be strengthened and data sharing institutionalised. Data are primarily needed to inform planning and decision-making beyond SDG3 reporting requirements.

Research

[Thirty-year trends in the prevalence and severity of female genital mutilation: a comparison of 22 countries](#)

Alissa Koski, Jody Heymann
November 25, 2017, 2 (4) e000467; DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000467

Abstract

Introduction Female genital mutilation (FGM) harms women's health and well-being and is widely considered a violation of human rights. The United Nations has called for elimination of the practice by 2030.

Methods We used household survey data to measure trends in the prevalence of FGM in 22 countries. We also examined trends in the severity of the practice by measuring changes in the prevalence of flesh removal, infibulation and symbolic 'nicking' of the genitals. We evaluated the extent to which measurement error may have influenced our estimates by observing the consistency of reports for the same birth cohorts over successive survey waves.

Results The prevalence of all types of FGM fell in 17 of 22 countries we examined. The vast majority of women who undergo FGM have flesh removed from their genitals, likely corresponding to the partial or total removal of the clitoris and labia. Infibulation is still practised throughout much of sub-Saharan Africa. Its prevalence has declined in most countries, but in Chad, Mali and Sierra Leone the prevalence has increased by 2–8 percentage points over 30 years. Symbolic nicking of the genitals is relatively rare but becoming more common in Burkina Faso, Chad, Guinea and Mali.

Conclusion FGM is becoming less common over time, but it remains a pervasive practice in some countries: more than half of women in 7 of the 22 countries we examined still experience FGM. The severity of the procedures has not changed substantially over time. Rigorous evaluation of interventions aimed at eliminating or reducing the harms associated with the practice is needed.

Research

[Adverse effects of exposure to armed conflict on pregnancy: a systematic review](#)

Despite the varying degrees of bias which must be considered for the available evidence, the data with the lowest risk of bias suggest a relationship between exposure to armed conflict and low birth weight. In light of the current level of displacement experienced by such populations, the identification of pregnancies at risk could improve the efficacy of antenatal care. Clinicians should consider additional ultrasound scanning where appropriate to monitor for restricted growth in such pregnancies.

James Keasley, Jessica Blickwedel, Siobhan Quenby

November 28, 2017, 2 (4) e000377; DOI: 10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000377

BMC Health Services Research

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Research article

[A systematic review of the economic impact of rapid diagnostic tests for dengue](#)

Dengue fever is rapidly expanding geographically, with about half of the world's population now at risk. Among the various diagnostic options, rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs) are convenient and prompt, but limit...

Authors: Jacqueline Kyungah Lim, Neal Alexander and Gian Luca Di Tanna

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:850

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Research article

[Improving equity in health care financing in China during the progression towards Universal Health Coverage](#)

China is reforming the way it finances health care as it moves towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) after the failure of market-oriented mechanisms for health care. Improving financing equity is a major pol...

Authors: Mingsheng Chen, Andrew J. Palmer and Lei Si

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2017 17:852
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Research article

[Characteristics of wild polio virus outbreak investigation and response in Ethiopia in 2013–2014: implications for prevention of outbreaks due to importations](#)

Ethiopia joined the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1996, and by the end of December 2001 circulation of indigenous Wild Polio Virus (WPV) had been interrupted. Nonetheless, the country experienc...

Authors: Ayesheshem Ademe Tegegne, Fiona Braka, Meseret Eshetu Shebeshi, Aron Kassahun Aregay, Berhane Beyene, Amare Mengistu Mersha, Mohammed Ademe, Abdulahi Muhyadin, Dadi Jima and Abyot Bekele Wyessa

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:9

Published on: 5 January 2018

Research article

[The global effect of maternal education on complete childhood vaccination: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

There is an established correlation between maternal education and reduction in childhood mortality. One proposed link is that an increase in maternal education will lead to an increase in health care access a...

Authors: Jennifer Forshaw, Sarah M. Gerver, Moneet Gill, Emily Cooper, Logan Manikam and Helen Ward

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Published on: 28 December 2017

Research article

[Hepatitis B vaccination coverage among healthcare workers at national hospital in Tanzania: how much, who and why?](#)

Hepatitis B vaccination for healthcare workers (HCWs) is a key component of the WHO Hepatitis B Elimination Strategy 2016–2021. Data on current hepatitis B vaccine coverage among health care workers in Sub-Sah...

Authors: Dotto Aaron, Tumaini J. Nagu, John Rwegasha and Ewaldo Komba

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2017 17:786

Published on: 20 December 2017

Research article

[Delivery cost analysis of a reactive mass cholera vaccination campaign: a case study of Shanchol™ vaccine use in Lake Chilwa, Malawi](#)

Cholera is a diarrheal disease that produces rapid dehydration. The infection is a significant cause of mortality and morbidity. Oral cholera vaccine (OCV) has been propagated for the prevention of cholera. Ev...

Authors: Patrick G. Ilboudo and Jean-Bernard Le Gargasson

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2017 17:779

Published on: 19 December 2017

Abstract

Background

Cholera is a diarrheal disease that produces rapid dehydration. The infection is a significant cause of mortality and morbidity. Oral cholera vaccine (OCV) has been propagated for the prevention of cholera. Evidence on OCV delivery cost is insufficient in the African context. This study aims to analyze Shanchol vaccine delivery costs, focusing on the vaccination campaign in response of a cholera outbreak in Lake Chilwa, Malawi.

Methods

The vaccination campaign was implemented in two rounds in February and March 2016. Structured questionnaires were used to collect costs incurred for each vaccination related activity, including vaccine procurement and shipment, training, microplanning, sensitization, social mobilization and vaccination rounds. Costs collected, including financial and economic costs were analyzed using Choltool, a standardized cholera cost calculator.

Results

In total, 67,240 persons received two complete doses of the vaccine. Vaccine coverage was higher in the first round than in the second. The two-dose coverage measured with the immunization card was estimated at 58%. The total financial cost incurred in implementing the campaign was US\$480275 while the economic cost was US\$588637. The total financial and economic costs per fully vaccinated person were US\$7.14 and US\$8.75, respectively, with delivery costs amounting to US\$1.94 and US\$3.55, respectively. Vaccine procurement and shipment accounted respectively for 73% and 59% of total financial and economic costs of the total vaccination campaign costs while the incurred personnel cost accounted for 13% and 29% of total financial and economic costs. Cost for delivering a single dose of Shanchol was estimated at US\$0.97.

Conclusion

This study provides new evidence on economic and financial costs of a reactive campaign implemented by international partners in collaboration with MoH. It shows that involvement of international partners' personnel may represent a substantial share of campaign's costs, affecting unit and vaccine delivery costs.

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Research article

[The use of empirical research in bioethics: a survey of researchers in twelve European countries](#)

Authors: Tenzin Wangmo and Veerle Provoost

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2017 18:79

Published on: 22 December 2017

Abstract

Background

The use of empirical research methods in bioethics has been increasing in the last decades. It has resulted in discussions about the 'empirical turn of bioethics' and raised questions related to the value of empirical work for this field, methodological questions about its quality and rigor, and how this integration of the normative and the empirical can be achieved. The aim of this paper is to describe the attitudes of bioethics researchers in this field towards the use of empirical research, and examine their actual conduct: whether they use empirical research methods (and if so, what methods), and whether (and how) they have made attempts at integrating the empirical and the normative.

Methods

An anonymous online survey was conducted to reach scholars working in bioethics/biomedical ethics/ethics institutes or centers in 12 European countries. A total of 225 bioethics researchers

participated in the study. Of those, 200 questionnaires were fully completed, representing a response rate of 42.6%. The results were analysed using descriptive statistics.

Results

Most respondents (n = 175; 87.5%) indicated that they use or have used empirical methods in their work. A similar proportion of respondents (61.0% and 59.0%) reported having had at least some training in qualitative or quantitative methods, respectively. Among the 'empirical researchers', more than a fifth (22.9%) had not received any methodological training. It appears that only 6% or less of the 'empirical researchers' considered themselves experts in the methods (qualitative or quantitative) that they have used. Only 35% of the scholars who have used empirical methods reported having integrated empirical data with normative analysis, whereas for their current projects, 59.8% plan to do so.

Conclusions

There is a need to evaluate the current educational programs in bioethics and to implement rigorous training in empirical research methods to ensure that 'empirical researchers' have the necessary skills to conduct their empirical research in bioethics. Also imperative is clear guidance on the integration of the normative and the empirical so that researchers who plan to do so have necessary tools and competences to fulfil their goals.

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Opinion

Simulations for designing and interpreting intervention trials in infectious diseases

Interventions in infectious diseases can have both direct effects on individuals who receive the intervention as well as indirect effects in the population. In addition, intervention combinations can have comp...

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Commentary

Models and analyses to understand threats to polio eradication

To achieve complete polio eradication, the live oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) currently used must be phased out after the end of wild poliovirus transmission. However, poorly understood threats may arise when ...

Authors: James S. Koopman

Citation: BMC Medicine 2017 15:221

Published on: 22 December 2017

Abstract

To achieve complete polio eradication, the live oral poliovirus vaccine (OPV) currently used must be phased out after the end of wild poliovirus transmission. However, poorly understood threats may arise when OPV use is stopped. To counter these threats, better models than those currently available are needed. Two articles recently published in BMC Medicine address these issues.

Mercer et al. (BMC Med 15:180, 2017) developed a statistical model analysis of polio case data and characteristics of cases occurring in several districts in Pakistan to inform resource allocation decisions. Nevertheless, despite having the potential to accelerate the elimination of polio cases, their analyses are unlikely to advance our understanding OPV cessation threats. McCarthy et al. (BMC Med 15:175, 2017) explored one such threat, namely the emergence and transmission of

serotype 2 circulating vaccine derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) after OPV2 cessation, and found that the risk of persistent spread of cVDPV2 to new areas increases rapidly 1–5 years after OPV2 cessation. Thus, recently developed models and analysis methods have the potential to guide the required steps to surpass these threats. 'Big data' scientists could help with this; however, datasets covering all eradication efforts should be made readily available.

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EDITORIALS

[Universal health coverage must include older people](#)

— Ritu Sadana, Agnes Soucat & John Beard

POLICY & PRACTICE

[A life-course approach to health: synergy with sustainable development goals](#)

— Shyama Kuruvilla, Ritu Sadana, Eugenio Villar Montesinos, John Beard, Jennifer Franz Vasdeki, Islene Araujo de Carvalho, Rebekah Bosco Thomas, Marie-Noel Brunne Drisse, Bernadette Daelmans, Tracey Goodman, Theadora Koller, Alana Officer, Joanna Vogel, Nicole Valentine, Emily Wootton, Anshu Banerjee, Veronica Magar, Maria Neira, Jean Marie Okwo Bele, Anne Marie Worning & Flavia Bustreo

Abstract

A life-course approach to health encompasses strategies across individuals' lives that optimize their functional ability (taking into account the interdependence of individual, social, environmental, temporal and intergenerational factors), thereby enabling well-being and the realization of rights. The approach is a perfect fit with efforts to achieve universal health coverage and meet the sustainable development goals (SDGs). Properly applied, a life-course approach can

increase the effectiveness of the former and help realize the vision of the latter, especially in ensuring health and well-being for all at all ages. Its implementation requires a shared understanding by individuals and societies of how health is shaped by multiple factors throughout life and across generations. Most studies have focused on noncommunicable disease and ageing populations in high-income countries and on epidemiological, theoretical and clinical issues. The aim of this article is to show how the life-course approach to health can be extended to all age groups, health topics and countries by building on a synthesis of existing scientific evidence, experience in different countries and advances in health strategies and programmes. A conceptual framework for the approach is presented along with implications for implementation in the areas of: (i) policy and investment; (ii) health services and systems; (iii) local, multisectoral and multistakeholder action; and (iv) measurement, monitoring and research. The SDGs provide a unique context for applying a holistic, multisectoral approach to achieving transformative outcomes for people, prosperity and the environment. A life-course approach can reinforce these efforts, particularly given its emphasis on rights and equity.

PERSPECTIVES

Policy implications of big data in the health sector

— Effy Vayena, Joan Dzenowagis, John S Brownstein & Aziz Sheikh

...Conclusion

In the field of health-related big data, the public needs to be reassured that security measures are mandated and enforced. Policies can, and should, address the adoption of appropriate technologies, the evaluation and monitoring of security systems and accountability and transparency mechanisms, e.g. legal remedies and compensation for those harmed by security breaches. Data security, as a societal and technological norm, will continue to evolve while the big-data approach demands more regulatory oversight, responsive policies and technical skills. Future policies must take into account the distinct challenges posed by big data as well as the potential benefits. They also need to be applicable to the full range of stakeholders, not least to the general public and must be accompanied by a level of accountability that, over time, is sufficient to maintain the public's trust and confidence in data usage.

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[The role of public health information in assistance to populations living in opposition and contested areas of Syria, 2012–2014](#)

The Syrian armed conflict is the worst humanitarian tragedy this century. With approximately 470,000 deaths and more than 13 million people displaced, the conflict continues to have a devastating impact on the...

Authors: Emma Diggie, Wilhelmina Welsch, Richard Sullivan, Gerbrand Alkema, Abdihamid Warsame, Mais Wafai, Mohammed Jasem, Abdulkarim Ekzayez, Rachael Cummings and Preeti Patel

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[Scaling up HIV self-testing in sub-Saharan Africa: a review of technology, policy and evidence](#)

Indravudh, Pitchaya P.; Choko, Augustine T.; Corbett, Elizabeth L.

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Ross, Jonathan; Cunningham, Chinazo O.; Hanna, David B.

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Volume 13, Issue 2, 2018

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Review

[Full-participation of students with physical disabilities in science and engineering laboratories](#)

Hervens Jeannis, James Joseph, Mary Goldberg, Katherine Seelman, Mark Schmeler & Rory A. Cooper

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[Medical Requirements During a Natural Disaster: A Case Study on WhatsApp Chats Among Medical Personnel During the 2015 Nepal Earthquake](#)

Moumita Basu, Saptarshi Ghosh, Arnab Jana, Somprakash Bandyopadhyay, Ravikant Singh

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[Rubella vaccination in India: identifying broad consequences of vaccine introduction and key knowledge gaps](#)

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[A systematic literature review on the use and outcomes of maternal and child healthcare services by undocumented migrants in Europe](#)

Undocumented migrants, in particular pregnant women and their newborns, constitute a particularly vulnerable group of migrants. The aim of this study was to systematically review the academic literature on the use and outcomes of maternal and child healthcare by undocumented migrants in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries.

Lea de Jong; Milena Pavlova; Marjolein Winters; Bernd Rechel

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Equal Opportunity, Equal Work: Increasing Women's Participation in the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative Africa Indoor Residual Spraying Project](#)

Abigail Donner, Allison Belemvire, Ben Johns, Keith Mangam, Elana Fiekowsky, Jayleen Gunn, Mary Hayden and Kacey Ernst

Global Health: Science and Practice December 2017, 5(4):603-616;

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Promotion of gender policies led to increased hiring of women in supervisory roles in a large indoor residual spraying (IRS) program with no meaningful differences in IRS output between men and women spray operators.

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Articles

[Legal advocacy as a tool to advance Roma Health](#)

Tamar Ezer, Alpha Abdikeeva, Martin McKee

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S1744133117000238>

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Abstract

Roma in central Europe face many violations of their rights, including those that impede their access to high-quality health care. Legal frameworks have the potential to address these violations, whereas legal advocacy services offer a means for enforcement of rights. We undertook key informant interviews with Roma civil society organisations and selected knowledgeable individuals in Macedonia, Romania and Serbia to identify lessons from the development of these services. Achievements were reported in four areas. Legal empowerment, with employment of Roma paralegals was especially effective, increasing awareness of the ability to challenge violations. Documentation of human rights violations is an important basis for advocacy, but does not guarantee redress, and may work best in combination with legal empowerment or international pressure. Strategic litigation can play a key role in removing bureaucratic obstacles that prevent Roma from exercising their right to access to health care. Progress in changing the narrative on Roma in the mainstream media has been limited but examples of good practice exist. Although much remains to be done, Roma groups report that legal advocacy has strengthened their ability to challenge rights violations, thereby enhancing their ability to access effective and responsive care.

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 1, 1 January 2018

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Editor's Choice

[The commercialization of traditional medicine in modern Cambodia](#)

Bandeth Ros; Gillian Lê; Barbara McPake; Suzanne Fustukian

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[National responses to global health targets: exploring policy transfer in the context of the UNAIDS '90–90–90' treatment targets in Ghana and Uganda](#)

Ellen McRobie; Fred Matovu; Aisha Nanyiti; Justice Nonvignon; Daniel Nana Yaw Abankwah ...

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Research

[Strengthening scaling up through learning from implementation: comparing experiences from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Uganda](#)

Many effective innovations and interventions are never effectively scaled up. Implementation research (IR) has the promise of supporting scale-up through enabling rapid learning about the intervention and its ...

Authors: Sara Bennett, Shehrin Shaila Mahmood, Anbrasi Edward, Moses Tetui and Elizabeth Ekirapa-Kiracho

Citation: Health Research Policy and Systems 2017 15(Suppl 2):108

Published on: 28 December 2017

Research

[Using Theories of Change to inform implementation of health systems research and innovation: experiences of Future Health Systems consortium partners in Bangladesh, India and Uganda](#)

The Theory of Change (ToC) is a management and evaluation tool supporting critical thinking in the design, implementation and evaluation of development programmes. We document the experience of Future Health S...

Authors: Ligia Paina, Annie Wilkinson, Moses Tetui, Elizabeth Ekirapa-Kiracho, Debjani Barman, Tanvir Ahmed, Shehrin Shaila Mahmood, Gerry Bloom, Jeff Knezovich, Asha George and Sara Bennett

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Special Feature: The Lake Chad Basin: an overlooked crisis?

by Humanitarian Practice Network October 2017

The 70th edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Joe Read, focuses on the humanitarian crisis in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin. The violence perpetrated by Boko Haram and the counter-insurgency campaign in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Niger has created a humanitarian crisis affecting some 17 million people. Some 2.4 million have been displaced, the vast majority of them in north-eastern Nigeria. Many are living in desperate conditions, without access to sufficient food or clean water. The Nigerian government's focus on defeating Boko Haram militarily, its reluctance to acknowledge the scale and gravity of the humanitarian crisis

and the corresponding reticence of humanitarian leaders to challenge that position have combined to undermine the timeliness and effectiveness of the response.

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Research Article

18 December 2017

[The monetary value of human lives lost due to neglected tropical diseases in Africa](#)

Authors: Joses Muthuri Kirigia and Gitonga N. Mburugu

Abstract

Background

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are an important cause of death and disability in Africa. This study estimates the monetary value of human lives lost due to NTDs in the continent in 2015.

Methods

The lost output or human capital approach was used to evaluate the years of life lost due to premature deaths from NTDs among 10 high/upper-middle-income (Group 1), 17 middle-income (Group 2) and 27 low-income (Group 3) countries in Africa. The future losses were discounted to their present values at a 3% discount rate. The model was re-analysed using 5% and 10% discount rates to assess the impact on the estimated total value of human lives lost.

Results

The estimated value of 67,860 human lives lost in 2015 due to NTDs was Int\$5,12,472,607. Out of that, 14.6% was borne by Group 1, 57.7% by Group 2 and 27.7% by Group 3 countries. The mean value of human life lost per NTD death was Int\$231,278, Int\$109,771 and Int\$37,489 for Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 countries, respectively. The estimated value of human lives lost in 2015 due to NTDs was equivalent to 0.1% of the cumulative gross domestic product of the 53 continental African countries.

Conclusions

Even though NTDs are not a major cause of death, they impact negatively on the productivity of those affected throughout their life-course. Thus, the case for investing in NTDs control should also be influenced by the value of NTD morbidity, availability of effective donated medicines, human rights arguments, and need to achieve the NTD-related target 3.3 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (on health) by 2030.

International Health

Volume 9, Issue 6, 1 November 2017

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COMMENTARY

[Refugees, migrants, and displaced populations: the United Nations New York Declaration and the WHO International Health Regulations](#)

Richard Seifman

International Health, Volume 9, Issue 6, 1 November 2017, Pages 325–326,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihx034>

Abstract

The World Health Assembly approved the International Health Regulations (IHR) committing countries to strengthen their capacity to address public health emergencies of international concern. A mechanism to assess a country's capacity, the Joint External Evaluation (JEE), is a means to assist countries to assess their health system preparedness. The assessment teams include public health and veterinary experts, but include those with specialized knowledge about refugee, immigrant, and internally displaced persons situations. Such experts have not been regularly included in the JEE assessment teams previously. Particularly where there are significant existing or prospective populations of this cohort, the author asserts they need to be.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Quantitative survey on health and violence endured by refugees during their journey and in Calais, France](#)

Malika Bouhenia; Jihane Ben Farhat; Matthew E Coldiron; Saif Abdallah; Delphine Visentin ...

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[The Elephant in the room: toward a more ethical approach with accountability toward intended beneficiaries in humanitarian aid](#)

Ramin Asgary; Ronald J Waldman

International Health, Volume 9, Issue 6, 1 November 2017, Pages 343–348,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/inthealth/ihx033>

Abstract

There is considerable tension between the concept of accountability to beneficiaries and its practice in humanitarian aid. The beneficiaries live in a relationship that is asymmetric; upward or horizontal accountability within the aid system alone—even with the best of intentions—might be short-sighted. Could beneficiaries be effectively involved in programming, priority setting or allocation of resources? Is there space for a rights-based approach in aid delivery and operations? The mind-set, governance and structure of operations in aid agencies may need significant institutional reform to share the process of decision-making, and to transform the current dynamic from connecting resources to brokering better governance, true collaboration and co-operation among all stakeholders. This article provides a background and overview of accountability in aid, sheds light onto its underlying challenges, and positive and negative effects through the lens of organizational and social ethics, explores practical and feasible ways to strengthen beneficiaries' participation and empowerment, and call upon aid agencies to integrate beneficiaries' views in aid operations, and exercise true solidarity.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

[Impact of cleaner fuel use and improved stoves on acute respiratory infections: evidence from India](#)

Prabhat Lamichhane; Anurag Sharma; Ajay Mahal

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Volume 6, Issue 2, 2017

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Research Article

[Drone Deaths Violate Human Rights: The Applicability of the ICCPR to Civilian Deaths Caused by Drones](#)

Author: [Jessica Lynn Corsi](#)

Research Article

[The Legal Status of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(2007\) in Contemporary International Human Rights Law](#)

Author: [Sylvanus Gbendazhi Barnabas](#)

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

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Africa's Urban Risk and Resilience

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FEATURED REVIEW ARTICLE

[Understanding Membership in a World of Global Migration: \(How\) Does Citizenship Matter? \(pages 823–867\)](#)

Irene Bloemraad and Alicia Sheares

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Abstract

This article synthesizes the literature on citizenship and immigration to evaluate the heft of citizenship and theorize why it matters. We examine why citizenship laws vary cross-nationally and why some immigrants acquire citizenship while others do not. We consider how citizenship influences rights, identities, and participation and the mechanisms by which citizenship could influence lives. We consider frameworks, such as cultural and performative citizenship, that de-center legal status and the nation-state. Ultimately, we argue for a claims-making approach to citizenship, one that is a relational process of recognition, includes actors outside the individual/state dyad, and focuses on claims to legitimate membership.

POLICIES, PROCESSES, AND POLITICS: WHAT SHAPES MIGRATION PATTERNS?

[The Role of Migration Policy Changes in Europe for Return Migration to Senegal \(pages 868–892\)](#)

Marie-Laurence Flahaux

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[The Effect of Visas on Migration Processes \(pages 893–926\)](#)

Mathias Czaika and Hein de Haas

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Viewpoint

[The Importance of Continued US Investment to Sustain Momentum Toward Global Health Security](#)

Jennifer B. Nuzzo, DrPH, SM; Anita J. Cicero, JD; Thomas V. Inglesby, MD
JAMA. 2017;318(24):2423-2424. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.17188

This Viewpoint discusses the importance of the United States' commitment to support the Global Health Security Agenda to help protect the nation and the world from epidemic disease.

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January 2018, Vol 172, No. 1, Pages 1-104

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Viewpoint

[Improving the Study of New Medicines for Children With Rare Diseases](#)

Florence T. Bourgeois, MD, MPH; Thomas J. Hwang, AB

JAMA Pediatr. 2018;172(1):7-9. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.4012

This Viewpoint describes challenges in establishing guidelines for drugs to treat pediatric orphan diseases, and identifies legislative and administrative approaches to improvement.

Original Investigation

[Cost-effectiveness of Strategies for Offering Influenza Vaccine in the Pediatric Emergency Department](#)

Rebecca J. Hart, MD; Michelle D. Stevenson, MD, MS; Michael J. Smith, MD, MSCE; et al.
JAMA Pediatr. 2018;172(1):e173879. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.3879

This cost-effectiveness analysis compares 4 strategies for pediatric emergency department–based influenza vaccine: offering vaccine to all patients, only to patients younger than 5 years, only to high-risk patients (all ages), or to no patients.

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Feature article

[The Ebola clinical trials: a precedent for research ethics in disasters](#)

Philippe Calain

Abstract

The West African Ebola epidemic has set in motion a collective endeavour to conduct accelerated clinical trials, testing unproven but potentially lifesaving interventions in the course of a major public health crisis. This unprecedented effort was supported by the recommendations of an ad hoc ethics panel convened in August 2014 by the WHO. By considering why and on what conditions the exceptional circumstances of the Ebola epidemic justified the use of unproven interventions, the panel's recommendations have challenged conventional thinking about therapeutic development and clinical research ethics. At the same time, unanswered ethical questions have emerged, in particular: (i) the specification of exceptional circumstances, (ii) the specification of unproven interventions, (iii) the goals of interventional research in terms of individual versus collective interests, (iv) the place of adaptive trial designs and (v) the exact meaning of compassionate use with unapproved interventions. Examination of these questions, in parallel with empirical data from research sites, will help build pragmatic foundations for disaster

research ethics. Furthermore, the Ebola clinical trials signal an evolution in the current paradigms of therapeutic research, beyond the case of epidemic emergencies.

Response

[Aspects of disaster research ethics applicable to other contexts](#)

Bridget Haire

[Individual and public interests in clinical research during epidemics: a reply to Calain](#)

Annette Rid

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Vol 20, No 1 (2018): January

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Jan 06, 2018 Volume 391 Number 10115 p1-94 e1

Comment

[The polio endgame: securing a world free of all polioviruses](#)

Michel Zaffran, Michael McGovern, Reza Hossaini, Rebecca Martin, Jay Wenger

Dec 23, 2017 Volume 390 Number 10114 p2739-2870 e60-e62

Editorial

[Our responsibility to protect the Rohingya](#)

The Lancet

Articles

[Worldwide incidence and prevalence of inflammatory bowel disease in the 21st century: a systematic review of population-based studies](#)

Siew C Ng, Hai Yun Shi, Nima Hamidi, Fox E Underwood, Whitney Tang, Eric I Benchimol, Remo Panaccione, Subrata Ghosh, Justin C Y Wu, Francis K L Chan, Joseph J Y Sung, Gilaad G Kaplan

The Lancet Commissions

[The path to longer and healthier lives for all Africans by 2030: the Lancet Commission on the future of health in sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Irene Akua Agyepong, Nelson Sewankambo, Agnes Binagwaho, Awa Marie Coll-Seck, Tumani Corrah, Alex Ezeh, Abebaw Fekadu, Nduku Kilonzo, Peter Lamptey, Felix Masiye, Bongani Mayosi, Souleymane Mboup, Jean-Jacques Muyembe, Muhammad Pate, Myriam Sidibe, Bright Simons, Sheila Tlou, Adrian Gheorghe, Helena Legido-Quigley, Joanne McManus, Edmond Ng, Maureen O'Leary, Jamie Enoch, Nicholas Kassebaum, Peter Piot

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Jan 2018 Volume 6 Number 1 e1-e120

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[Patterns of civilian and child deaths due to war-related violence in Syria: a comparative analysis from the Violation Documentation Center dataset, 2011–16](#)

Debarati Guha-Sapir, Benjamin Schlüter, Jose Manuel Rodriguez-Llanes, Louis Lillywhite, Madelyn Hsiao-Rei Hicks

[Trends in, and projections of, indicators of universal health coverage in Bangladesh, 1995–2030: a Bayesian analysis of population-based household data](#)

Md Shafiur Rahman, Md Mizanur Rahman, Stuart Gilmour, Khin Thet Swe, Sarah Krull Abe, Kenji Shibuya

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Jan 2018 Volume 18 Number 1 p1-122 e1-e32

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/laninf/issue/current>

Personal View

[Urgent challenges in implementing live attenuated influenza vaccine](#)

Anika Singanayagam, Maria Zambon, Ajit Lalvani, Wendy Barclay

Summary

Conflicting reports have emerged about the effectiveness of the live attenuated influenza vaccine. The live attenuated influenza vaccine appears to protect particularly poorly against currently circulating H1N1 viruses that are derived from the 2009 pandemic H1N1 viruses. During the 2015–16 influenza season, when pandemic H1N1 was the predominant virus, studies from the USA reported a complete lack of effectiveness of the live vaccine in children. This finding led to a crucial decision in the USA to recommend that the live vaccine not be used in 2016–17 and to switch to the inactivated influenza vaccine. Other countries, including the UK, Canada, and Finland, however, have continued to recommend the use of the live vaccine. This policy divergence and uncertainty has far reaching implications for the entire global community, given the importance of the production capabilities of the live attenuated influenza vaccine for pandemic preparedness. In this Personal View, we discuss possible explanations for the observed reduced effectiveness of the live attenuated influenza vaccine and highlight the underpinning scientific questions. Further research to understand the reasons for these observations is essential to enable informed public health policy and commercial decisions about vaccine production and development in coming years.

Lancet Public Health

Jan 2018 Volume 3 Number 1 e1-e51

<http://thelancet.com/journals/lanpub/>

Editorial

[Protecting migrant women](#)

The Lancet Public Health

Europe is facing massive movements of refugees and migrants—women, girls, men, and boys of all ages. The journey to Europe is perilous; migrants often face high levels of violence, extortion, and exploitation along the way, reaching a paroxysm with recent reports of slave auctions in Libya.

Articles

[Prevalence and circumstances of forced sex and post-migration HIV acquisition in sub-Saharan African migrant women in France: an analysis of the ANRS-PARCOURS retrospective population-based study](#)

Sub-Saharan African migrant women are a key population at risk of HIV infection in Europe. Using data from the ANRS-PARCOURS study, we aimed to assess the prevalence of forced sex after migration and its association with post-migration acquisition of HIV as well as the circumstances of forced sex after migration, including housing and administrative insecurity, among sub-Saharan African migrant women living in the Paris Region, France.

Julie Pannetier, Andrainolo Ravalihasy, Nathalie Lydié, France Lert, Annabel Desgrées du Lou on behalf of the Parcours study group

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Original Investigations

[On Effective Graphic Communication of Health Inequality: Considerations for Health Policy Researchers \(pages 801–835\)](#)

YUKIKO ASADA, HANNAH ABEL, CHRIS SKEDGEL and GRACE WARNER

Version of Record online: 11 DEC 2017 | DOI: 10.1111/1468-0009.12300

[Better Measurement for Performance Improvement in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: The Primary Health Care Performance Initiative \(PHCPI\) Experience of Conceptual Framework Development and Indicator Selection \(pages 836–883\)](#)

JEREMY VEILLARD, KRYCIA COWLING, ASAF BITTON, HANNAH RATCLIFFE, MEREDITH KIMBALL, SHANNON BARKLEY, LAURE MERCEREAU, ETHAN WONG, CHELSEA TAYLOR, LISA R.

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Version of Record online: 11 DEC 2017 | DOI: 10.1111/1468-0009.12301

Nature

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Volume 553 Number 7686 pp6-114 4 January 2018

Letters

[Unexpectedly large impact of forest management and grazing on global vegetation biomass](#)

Karl-Heinz Erb, Thomas Kastner, Christoph Plutzer, Anna Liza S. Bais, Nuno Carvalhais+ [et al.](#)

Abstract

Carbon stocks in vegetation have a key role in the climate system^{1,2,3,4}. However, the magnitude, patterns and uncertainties of carbon stocks and the effect of land use on the stocks

remain poorly quantified. Here we show, using state-of-the-art datasets, that vegetation currently stores around 450 petagrams of carbon. In the hypothetical absence of land use, potential vegetation would store around 916 petagrams of carbon, under current climate conditions. This difference highlights the massive effect of land use on biomass stocks. Deforestation and other land-cover changes are responsible for 53–58% of the difference between current and potential biomass stocks. Land management effects (the biomass stock changes induced by land use within the same land cover) contribute 42–47%, but have been underestimated in the literature. Therefore, avoiding deforestation is necessary but not sufficient for mitigation of climate change. Our results imply that trade-offs exist between conserving carbon stocks on managed land and raising the contribution of biomass to raw material and energy supply for the mitigation of climate change. Efforts to raise biomass stocks are currently verifiable only in temperate forests, where their potential is limited. By contrast, large uncertainties hinder verification in the tropical forest, where the largest potential is located, pointing to challenges for the upcoming stocktaking exercises under the Paris agreement.

Volume 552 Number 7685 pp291-430 21 December 2017

Editorials

[Extreme weather explicitly blamed on humans for the first time](#)

Scientists take the bold step of saying phenomena wouldn't have happened without global warming.

Nature Medicine

December 2017, Volume 23 No 12 pp1385-1499

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Perspective

[Chasing Seasonal Influenza — The Need for a Universal Influenza Vaccine](#)

Catharine I. Paules, M.D., Sheena G. Sullivan, M.P.H., Ph.D., Kanta Subbarao, M.B., B.S., M.P.H., and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.

[Closing text]

... However imperfect, though, current influenza vaccines remain a valuable public health tool, and it is always better to get vaccinated than not to get vaccinated. In this regard, the CDC estimates that influenza vaccination averted 40,000 deaths in the United States between the 2005–2006 and 2013–2014 seasons.² Yet we can do better. Although targeted research to improve current vaccine antigens, platforms, and manufacturing strategies may in the short term lead to enhanced effectiveness of seasonal influenza vaccines, to achieve the ultimate objective of a universal influenza vaccine, a broad range of expertise and substantial resources will be required to fill gaps in our knowledge and develop a transformative approach to influenza-vaccine design.⁵

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Perspective

[Evidence-Based Health Policy](#)

Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., and Amitabh Chandra, Ph.D.
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Pediatrics

January 2018, VOLUME 141 / ISSUE
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Articles

[Reading Aloud and Child Development: A Cluster-Randomized Trial in Brazil](#)

Adriana Weisleder, Denise S.R. Mazzuchelli, Aline Sá Lopez, Walfrido Duarte Neto, Carolyn Brockmeyer Cates, Hosana Alves Gonçalves, Rochele Paz Fonseca, João Oliveira, Alan L. Mendelsohn

Pediatrics Jan 2018, 141 (1) e20170723; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-0723

This cluster-randomized trial shows that a parenting program promoting reading aloud enhanced child language and cognitive development in a low-income community in Brazil.

[Astrovirus Infection and Diarrhea in 8 Countries](#)

Maribel Paredes Olortegui, Saba Rouhani, Pablo Peñataro Yori, Mery Siguas Salas, Dixner Rengifo Trigos, Dinesh Mondal, Ladaporn Bodhidatta, James Platts-Mills, Amidou Samie, Furqan Kabir, Aldo Lima, Sudhir Babji, Sanjaya Kumar Shrestha, Carl J. Mason, Adil Kalam, Pascal Bessong, Tahmeed Ahmed, Estomih Mduma, Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Ila Lima, Rakhi Ramdass, Lawrence H. Moulton, Dennis Lang, Ajila George, Anita K.M. Zaidi, Gagandeep Kang, Eric R. Houpt, Margaret N. Kosek, on behalf of the MAL-ED Network

Pediatrics Jan 2018, 141 (1) e20171326; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2017-1326

We present evidence of astrovirus burden in vulnerable communities and suggestive protective immunity to infection, incentivizing ongoing vaccine development for viral gastroenteritis in young children.

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Editorial

[Sexually transmitted infections—Research priorities for new challenges](#)

Nicola Low, Nathalie J. Broutet

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Viewpoints

[Madagascar can build stronger health systems to fight plague and prevent the next epidemic](#)

Matthew H. Bonds, Mohammed A. Ouenzar, Andres Garchitorena, Laura F. Cordier, Meg G.

McCarty, Michael L. Rich, Benjamin Andriamihaja, Justin Haruna, Paul E. Farmer

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... The outbreak was officially detected a week later, preceding the infection of more than 2,200 confirmed, probable, and suspected cases as of November 2017, making it one of the world's worst plague epidemics in the past half century [2,3]. Though curable with antibiotics if detected early, more than 200 people have died.

The response of the international community and the national government brought the epidemic significantly under control after some initial delay. Rapid diagnostic tests (RDTs), antibiotics, and protective gear arrived in the capital en masse and were distributed with a host of international actors. Widespread sensitization campaigns were implemented, patients were identified and treated, and thousands of community health workers (CHWs) conducted contact tracing to prevent the spread. However, supply chains and infrastructure throughout Madagascar are weak, and there have been persistent shortages of needed equipment and materials in exposed regions that are traditionally at low risk of plague. The lack of RDTs at many health facilities meant that many cases went unrecognized or were treated empirically at advanced stages, resulting in unchecked transmissions, including to as many as 70 health workers [1]. The risk of a larger epidemic spreading throughout the country this year is now low, but with the seasonal dynamics typically peaking in December and January, vigilance remains critical...

Editorial

[Ten failings in global neglected tropical diseases control](#)

Peter J. Hotez

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Over the course of the last decade, the global community has made tremendous progress towards neglected tropical disease (NTD) control or even elimination, especially for some of the 20 conditions now recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) [1]. However, there remain important and substantive gaps in our achievements. Some of these gaps are glaring and obvious, and the fact that they continue to be ignored by global leaders and policymakers approaches a moral failing or outrage. Listed here are 10 of what I consider to be our greatest missed opportunities, including some that I previously highlighted as priorities for the new WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros [2]...

PLoS One

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

Research Article

[Impact of influenza vaccine on childhood otitis media in Taiwan: A population-based study](#)

Pei-Wen Wu, Chien-Chia Huang, Wei-Chieh Chao, Chi-Chin Sun, Cheng-Hsun Chiu, Ta-Jen Lee
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Research Article

[High human papillomavirus \(HPV\) prevalence in South African adolescents and young women encourages expanded HPV vaccination campaigns](#)

Zizipho Z. A. Mbulawa, Cari van Schalkwyk, Nai-Chung Hu, Tracy L. Meiring, Shaun Barnabas, Smritee Dabee, Heather Jaspan, Jean-Mari Kriek, Shameem Z. Jaumdally, Etienne Muller, Linda-Gail Bekker, David A. Lewis, Janan Dietrich, Glenda Gray, Jo-Ann S. Passmore, Anna-Lise Williamson

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Research Article

[Maternal influenza vaccine strategies in Kenya: Which approach would have the greatest impact on disease burden in pregnant women and young infants?](#)

Meredith L. McMorrow, Gideon O. Emukule, David Obor, Bryan Nyawanda, Nancy A. Otieno, Caroline Makokha, Joshua A. Mott, Joseph S. Bresee, Carrie Reed

| published 28 Dec 2017 PLOS ONE

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Research Article

[Screening for cervical cancer in imprisoned women in Brazil](#)

Elaine Regina Prudêncio da Silva, Albert Schiaveto de Souza, Taiana Gabriela Barbosa de Souza, Daniel Henrique Tsuha, Ana Rita Barbieri

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

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Preventive Medicine

Volume 105, Pages 1-412 (December 2017)

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00917435/105?sdc=2>

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<http://rspb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/284/1865?current-issue=y>

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Public Health

January 2018 Volume 154

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

Editors' Choice

['Why are we not doing more for them?': genocide prevention lessons from the Kindertransport](#)

J. Angel, D.P. Evans

This Editors' Choice article on this topic includes:

- :: Antisemitic persecution came from individual, institutional, and legal sources.
- :: Family breakup before, during, and after the Kindertransport had a lifelong impact on the participants.
- :: New homes in the UK were described as kind, indifferent, exploitive, and selfless.
- :: The psychological ramifications of genocide survival and adaptation were pervasive.
- :: Nearly all of the participants felt we have not learned from the past

Public Health Ethics

Volume 10, Issue 3 November 2017

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

Vaccine Exemption Policies – A Discussion

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Public Health Reports

Volume 132, Issue 6, November/December 2017

<http://phr.sagepub.com/content/current>

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Qualitative Health Research

Volume 28, Issue 1, January 2018

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

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Research Ethics

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Reproductive Health

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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Science

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EDITORIAL

Progress on reproducibility

Jeremy Berg

Summary

Ideas supported by well-defined and clearly described methods and evidence are one of the cornerstones of science. After several publications indicated that a substantial number of scientific reports may not be readily reproducible, the scientific community and public began engaging in discussions about mechanisms to measure and enhance the reproducibility of scientific projects. In this context, several innovative steps have been taken in recent years. The results of these

efforts confirm that improving reproducibility will require persistent and adaptive responses, and as we gain experience, implementation of the best possible practices.

Policy Forum

[Air pollution's hidden impacts](#)

By Joshua Graff Zivin, Matthew Neidell
Science05 Jan 2018 : 39-40 Restricted Access

Summary

Nearly every country in the world regulates air pollution. But how much pollution control is enough? Answering that question requires considerable information about the costs as well as the benefits of regulation. Historically, efforts to measure benefits have focused on averting major health insults, such as respiratory or cardiovascular events that result in hospitalizations or death, which typically only afflict the most vulnerable segments of the population. These health episodes are clearly consequential—e.g., the U.S. Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 avert an estimated 160,000 deaths and 86,000 hospitalizations annually (1)—but may only represent the tip of the proverbial iceberg, compared to the number of cases of respiratory impairment and other health insults that affect many healthy people every day but do not require hospitalizations or even formal health care encounters. The ubiquity of these less lethal impacts, revealed by emerging economic research on labor productivity and human capital accumulation, suggests that even modest impacts at the individual level can add up to considerable, society-wide impacts across the globe.

Review

[Declining oxygen in the global ocean and coastal waters](#)

By Denise Breitburg, Lisa A. Levin, Andreas Oschlies, Marilaure Grégoire, Francisco P. Chavez, Daniel J. Conley, Véronique Garçon, Denis Gilbert, Dimitri Gutiérrez, Kirsten Isensee, Gil S. Jacinto, Karin E. Limburg, Ivonne Montes, S. W. A. Naqvi, Grant C. Pitcher, Nancy N. Rabalais, Michael R. Roman, Kenneth A. Rose, Brad A. Seibel, Maciej Telszewski, Moriaki Yasuhara, Jing Zhang

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Policy Forum

[What can machine learning do? Workforce implications](#)

By Erik Brynjolfsson, Tom Mitchell
Science22 Dec 2017 : 1530-1534 Restricted Access

Summary

Digital computers have transformed work in almost every sector of the economy over the past several decades (1). We are now at the beginning of an even larger and more rapid transformation due to recent advances in machine learning (ML), which is capable of accelerating the pace of automation itself. However, although it is clear that ML is a “general purpose technology,” like the steam engine and electricity, which spawns a plethora of additional innovations and capabilities (2), there is no widely shared agreement on the tasks where ML systems excel, and thus little agreement on the specific expected impacts on the workforce and on the economy more broadly. We discuss what we see to be key implications for the workforce, drawing on our rubric of what the current generation of ML systems can and cannot do [see the supplementary materials (SM)]. Although parts of many jobs may be “suitable for ML” (SML), other tasks within these same jobs do not fit the criteria for ML well; hence, effects on employment are more complex than the simple replacement and substitution story emphasized by some. Although economic effects of ML are relatively limited today, and we are not facing the

imminent “end of work” as is sometimes proclaimed, the implications for the economy and the workforce going forward are profound.

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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.

Sustainability

Volume 9, Issue 10 (October 2017)

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/9/10>

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Torture Journal

Volume 27 - Issue No. 2

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 18, Issue 5, December 2017

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UN Chronicle

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Prevention

This issue focuses on the importance of fostering and maintaining a commitment to a culture of prevention. The articles provide a variety of perspectives on building and sustaining peace. They explore the relationship between conflict and crises, and themes such as the empowerment of civil society, media and information literacy, women's role in ongoing peace processes, and desertification.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

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Special Section: Increasing Understanding for Syrian Refugee Children with Empirical Evidence

Editorial

[Increasing understanding for syrian refugee children with empirical evidence](#)

[Selcuk R. Sirin](#) & [J. Lawrence Aber](#)

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Article

[Digital game-based education for Syrian refugee children: Project Hope](#)

[Selcuk Sirin](#), [Jan L. Plass](#), [Bruce D. Homer](#), [Sinem Vatanartiran](#) & [Tzuchi Tsai](#)

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Article

[Syria: refugee parents' experiences and need for parenting support in camps and humanitarian settings](#)

[Aala El-Khani](#), [Fiona Ulph](#), [Sarah Peters](#) & [Rachel Calam](#)

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Article

[Who cannot access education? Difficulties of being a student for children from Syria in Turkey](#)

[Pinar Uyan-Semerici](#) & [Emre Erdoğan](#)

Pages: 30-45

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Article

Traumatic events, social support and depression: Syrian refugee children in Turkish camps

Brit Oppedal, Serap Özer & Selçuk R. Şirin

Pages: 46-59

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Article

Children facing war: their understandings of war and peace

Serap Özer, Brit Oppedal, Selçuk Şirin & Gökçe Ergün

Pages: 60-71

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World Heritage Review

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World Heritage and Modern Heritage

Modern heritage – the architecture, town planning and landscape design of the modern era, or the last two hundred years or so – is still underrepresented on the World Heritage List. And yet it is an integral part of many urban ensembles, which represent a majority of sites on the List. Raising awareness of the significance of this heritage, and addressing issues on its preservation and valorization, is the focus of the World Heritage Centre's Modern Heritage Programme, and of many heritage experts. Drawing attention to these structures, and encouraging the development of legal protection for them, is beginning to build momentum.

In this issue, we will look closely at the Sydney Opera House (Australia), from its construction to its role today as a vibrant cultural centre; Grimeton Radio Station (Sweden), a monument to early wireless transatlantic communication built in 1922-1924 and still in working condition; and the city of Brasilia (Brazil), that landmark of town planning by urban planner Lucio Costa and architect Oscar Niemeyer. We will also learn about the evolution of the identification of modern heritage in the Arab region, and in an interview with Hubert Jan Henket, architect and co-founder of the International Committee for Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement (DOCOMOMO), we will explore the recognition of modern heritage, international collaboration and other aspects of conservation.

In addition, the issue presents the 21 new sites inscribed on the World Heritage List during the 41st session of the World Heritage Committee in Krakow, from 2 to 12 July 2017. These include two sites that are the first to be inscribed in their country: Mbanza Kongo in Angola, and in Eritrea, the site of Asmara: A Modernist City of Africa. Asmara is an exceptional example of early modernist urbanism at the beginning of the 20th century and its application in an African context. As pointed out in the lead article by Afredo Conti, Vice President of ICOMOS, the international community has started recognizing modern heritage that until recently was barely valued at all. Identifying and preserving our modern heritage is indeed an important issue of the moment.

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Director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

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