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:: Week in Review

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

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Governance – Leadership

<u>United States of America - Speech by M. Emmanuel Macron, President of the Republic, to the United States Congress</u>

Washington, 25/04/2018

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...NEED FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

But we must remember the warning of President Theodore Roosevelt: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, handed on for them to do the same."

This is an urgent reminder indeed. Because now, going beyond our bilateral ties, beyond our very special relationship, Europe and the United States must face together the global challenges of this century. And we cannot take for granted our transatlantic history and bonds. At the core, our Western values themselves are at risk.

We have to succeed facing these challenges, and we cannot succeed forgetting our principles and our history.

In fact, the 21st century has brought a series of new threats and new challenges that our ancestors might not ever have imagined.

Our strongest beliefs are challenged by the rise of a yet unknown new world order. Our societies are concerned about the future of their children.

All of us gathered here in this noble Chamber, we - elected officials - all share the responsibility to demonstrate that democracy remains the best answer to the questions and doubts that arise today.

Even if the foundations of our progress are disrupted, we must stand firmly and fight to make our principles prevail.

But we bear another responsibility inherited from our collective history. Today, the international community needs to step up our game and build the 21st century world order, based on the perennial principles we established together after World War II.

The rule of law, the fundamental values on which we secured peace for 70 years are now questioned by urgent issues that require our joint action.

Together with our international allies and partners, we are facing inequalities created by globalization; threats to the planet, our common good; attacks on democracies through the rise of illiberalism; and the destabilization of our international community by new powers and criminal states.

All these risks aggrieve our citizens.

Both in the United States and in Europe we are living in a time of anger and fear, because of these current global threats.

But these feelings do not build anything. You can play with fears and anger for a time. But they do not construct anything. Anger only freezes and weakens us. And, as Franklin Delano Roosevelt said during his first inaugural speech, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself". Therefore, let me say we have two possible ways ahead.

We can choose isolationism, withdrawal, and nationalism. This is an option. It can be tempting to us as a temporary remedy to our fears.

But closing the door to the world will not stop the evolution of the world. It will not douse, but inflame, the fears of our citizens. We have to keep our eyes wide open to the new risks, right in front of us.

I am convinced that if we decide to open our eyes wider, we will be stronger. We will overcome the dangers. We will not let the rampaging work of extreme nationalism shake a world full of hopes for greater prosperity.

It is a critical moment. If we do not act with urgency as a global community, I am convinced that the international institutions, including the United Nations and NATO, will no longer be able to exercise their mandate and stabilizing influence. We would then inevitably and severely undermine the liberal order we built after World War II.

Other powers, with a stronger strategy and ambition, will then fill the void we would leave empty. Other powers will not hesitate one second to advocate their own model, to shape the 21st century world order.

Personally, if you ask me, I do not share the fascination for new strong powers, the abandonment of freedom, and the illusion of nationalism.

Therefore, distinguished members of Congress, let us push them aside, write our own history and birth the future we want.

We have to shape our common answers to the global threats that we are facing.

The only option then is to strengthen our cooperation. We can build the 21st century world order, based on a new breed of multilateralism. Based on a more effective, accountable, and results-oriented multilateralism. A strong multilateralism.

This requires more than ever the United States' involvement, as your role was decisive for creating and safeguarding today's free world. The United States invented this multilateralism. You are the one now who has to help to preserve and reinvent it.

This strong multilateralism will not outshine our national cultures and national identities. It is exactly the other way around. A strong multilateralism will allow our cultures and identities to be respected, to be protected and to flourish freely together.

Why? Because precisely our own culture is based, on both sides of the Atlantic, on this unique taste for freedom, on this unique attachment to liberty and peace. This strong multilateralism is the unique option compatible with our nations, our cultures, our identities.

With the US President, with the support of every 535 members of this joint session, representing the whole American nation, we can actively contribute together to building the 21st-century world order, for our people.

The United States and Europe have a historical role in this respect, because it is the only way to defend what we believe in, to promote our universal values, to express strongly that human rights, the rights of minorities and shared liberty are the true answer to the disorders of the world.

I believe in these rights and values.

I believe that against ignorance, we have education. Against inequalities, development. Against cynicism, trust and good faith. Against fanaticism, culture. Against disease and epidemics, medicine. Against the threats on the planet, science.

I believe in concrete action. I believe the solutions are in our hands.

I believe in the liberation of the individual, and in the freedom and responsibility of everyone to build their own lives and pursue happiness...

...The United States and the American people are an essential part of our confidence in the future, in democracy, in what women and men can accomplish in this world when we are driven by high ideals and an unbreakable trust in humanity and progress.

Today the call we hear is the call of history. This is a time of determination and courage. What we cherish is at stake. What we love is in danger. We have no choice but to prevail.

And together, we shall prevail.

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Governance – Disinformation

Editor's Note:

We have read this press release several times and remain startled at its implications...

<u>Tackling online disinformation: Commission proposes an EU-wide Code of Practice</u> *European Commission - Press release* Brussels, 26 April 2018

Today, the Commission is proposing measures to tackle disinformation online, including an EU-wide Code of Practice on Disinformation, support for an independent network of fact-checkers, and a series of actions to stimulate quality journalism and promote media literacy.

The recent Facebook/Cambridge Analytica revelations demonstrated exactly how personal data can be exploited in electoral contexts, and are a timely reminder that more is needed to secure resilient democratic processes. Today the European Commission is taking steps forward in the fight against disinformation to ensure the protection of European values and security.

Vice-President for the Digital Single Market Andrus Ansip said: "Disinformation is not new as an instrument of political influence. New technologies, especially digital, have expanded its reach via the online environment to undermine our democracy and society. Since online trust is easy to break but difficult to rebuild, industry needs to work together with us on this issue. Online

platforms have an important role to play in fighting disinformation campaigns organised by individuals and countries who aim to threaten our democracy."

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, said: "We are calling on all actors, in particular platforms and social networks who have a clear responsibility, to act on the basis of an action plan aiming at a common European approach so that citizens are empowered and effectively protected against disinformation. We will closely monitor the progress made and may propose further actions by December, including measures of regulatory nature, should the results prove unsatisfactory."

Commissioner for the Security Union Sir Julian King said: "The weaponisation of on-line fake news and disinformation poses a serious security threat to our societies. The subversion of trusted channels to peddle pernicious and divisive content requires a clear-eyed response based on increased transparency, traceability and accountability. Internet platforms have a vital role to play in countering the abuse of their infrastructure by hostile actors and in keeping their users, and society, safe."

Based on the independent <u>report</u> published in March 2018 by the High-Level Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation as well as wider consultations carried out over the past six months, the Commission defines disinformation as "verifiably false or misleading information that is created, presented and disseminated for economic gain or to intentionally deceive the public, and may cause public harm"...

To address these concerns and trends, the Commission is proposing a series of measures to tackle disinformation online. These include:

A Code of Practice on Disinformation: By July, and as a first step, online platforms should develop and follow a common Code of Practice with the aim of:

Ensuring transparency about sponsored content, in particular political advertising, as well as restricting targeting options for political advertising and reducing revenues for purveyors of disinformation;

Providing greater clarity about the functioning of algorithms and enabling third-party verification:

Making it easier for users to discover and access different news sources representing alternative viewpoints;

Introducing measures to identify and close fake accounts and to tackle the issue of automatic bots;

Enabling fact-checkers, researchers and public authorities to continuously monitor online disinformation;

An independent European network of fact-checkers: this will establish common working methods, exchange best practices, and work to achieve the broadest possible coverage of factual corrections across the EU; they will be selected from the EU members of the International Fact Checking Network which follows a strict International Fact Checking NetworkCode of Principles;

A secure European online platform on disinformation to support the network of factcheckers and relevant academic researchers with cross-border data collection and analysis, as well as access to EU-wide data;

Enhancing media literacy: Higher level of media literacy will help Europeans to identify online disinformation and approach online content with a critical eye. To this end, the

Commission will encourage fact-checkers and civil society organisations to provide educational material to schools and educators and organise a European Week of Media Literacy;

Support for Member States in ensuring the resilience of elections against increasingly complex cyber threats, including online disinformation and cyber attacks;

Promotion of voluntary online identification systems to improve the traceability and identification of suppliers of information and promote more trust and reliability in online interactions and in information and its sources;

Support for quality and diversified information: The Commission is calling on Member States to scale up their support of quality journalism to ensure a pluralistic, diverse and sustainable media environment. The Commission will launch a call for proposals in 2018 for the production and dissemination of quality news content on EU affairs through data-driven news media;

A Coordinated Strategic Communication Policy, drafted by the Commission services, combining current and future EU initiatives on online disinformation with those of Member States, will set out outreach activities aimed at countering false narratives about Europe and tackling disinformation within and outside the EU.

Next steps

The Commission will shortly convene a multi-stakeholder forum to provide a framework for efficient cooperation among relevant stakeholders, including online platforms, the advertising industry and major advertisers, and to secure a commitment to coordinate and scale up efforts to tackle disinformation. The forum's first output should be an EU–wide Code of Practice on Disinformation to be published by July 2018, with a view to having a measurable impact by October 2018.

By December 2018, the Commission will report on the progress made. The report will also examine the need for further action to ensure the continuous monitoring and evaluation of the outlined actions.

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Press/Media Freedom

New Report: Attacks on the Record - The State of Global Press Freedom, 2017–2018

Freedom House

Press Release - April 25, 2018

Press freedom is facing new threats in major democracies as well as in repressive states, where authorities are focusing their efforts on social media and other online platforms after reducing the independence of major print and broadcast outlets.

"Populist leaders today constitute a new and growing challenge to free expression in open societies, and interference from Russia and China has compounded the threat," said Michael J. Abramowitz, president of Freedom House. "The assault on press freedom is an attack against a core institution of democracy. Elected leaders who try to discredit factual, critical reporting are undermining democratic accountability and reasoned political debate."

In advance of World Press Freedom Day, Freedom House compiled information from its most recent <u>Freedom in the World</u>, <u>Freedom on the Net</u>, and <u>Nations in Transit</u> research projects and

from its in-country <u>programs</u>. The analysis shows that media independence is under pressure in every region of the world, but also that dedicated journalists are still playing a vital role in even the most hostile environments.

While journalists face harassment and arrest in a growing number of countries, their work remains crucial in forcing leaders to answer for their abuses. From South Africa to Russia, courageous reporters have defied powerful interests to bring stories to the public, enabling their audiences to take action. "A free press allows citizens to hold their governments to account and, when necessary, to bring about real change," Abramowitz said.

View the full report here: https://freedomhouse.org/report/special-reports/attacks-record-state-global-press-freedom-2017-2018

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Human Rights - "Digital Rights"

Ranking Digital Rights

New America's Open Technology Institute

April 2018 :: 148 pages

Funders: John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation; Ford Foundation; Open Society Foundations; U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor PDF:

https://rankingdigitalrights.org/index2018/assets/static/download/RDRindex2018report.pdf

Executive summary [Excerpts]

The Ranking Digital Rights 2018 Corporate Accountability Index evaluated 22 of the world's most powerful internet, mobile, and telecommunications companies on their disclosed commitments and policies affecting freedom of expression and privacy. These companies held a combined market capitalization of approximately USD 4.7 trillion. Their products and services are used by a majority of the world's 4.2 billion internet users...

The 2018 Index evaluated companies on 35 indicators examining disclosed commitments and policies affecting freedom of expression and privacy, including corporate governance and accountability mechanisms. To view in-depth results and data visualizations, download full datasets, and access related resources, news, and updates, please visit: https://rankingdigitalrights.org/index2018...

Recommendations

If the internet is to be designed, operated, and governed in a way that protects and respects human rights, we must all play our part. Companies, governments, investors, civil society organizations, and individuals—as employees of companies, as citizens of nations, as consumers of products, and as users of a globally interconnected internet—must all take responsibility and act.

Corporate transparency and accountability is incomplete without transparent and accountable governments that fulfill their duty to protect human rights. Meanwhile, companies should be held responsible for all the ways that their products, services, and business operations affect users' rights, over which they have any influence or control.

All companies evaluated in the Index can make many changes immediately, even in the absence of legal and policy reform. Detailed recommendations are listed throughout the

Index report and in the individual company report cards. They fall under seven broad categories:

- **1. Strengthen corporate governance**. Companies should not only articulate clear commitments to respect users' freedom of expression and privacy, but also disclose concrete evidence that they have institutionalized these commitments through board and executive oversight, company-wide training, internal reporting, and whistleblowing programs.
- **2. Get serious about risk assessment.** Companies should implement comprehensive due diligence processes to ensure they can anticipate and mitigate any negative impact that their products, services, and business operations may have on users' rights.
- **3. Provide meaningful grievance and remedy mechanisms.** Companies should have channels for users and other affected parties to file grievances if their rights have been violated as a result of company actions. Companies should also have clearly disclosed processes for responding to complaints and providing appropriate redress.
- **4. Be transparent and accountable.** Companies should publish regular information and data on their official websites that helps users and other stakeholders understand the circumstances under which personal information is accessed by third parties, speech is censored or restricted, and access to a service is blocked or restricted.
- **5. Strengthen privacy.** Companies should clearly inform users about what happens to their information, minimize collection and use of data to what is necessary for provision and service, and provide users with maximum control over what information they provide and with whom it is shared.
- **6. Strengthen security.** Companies should disclose credible evidence of their efforts to secure users' information. Specifically, they should show that they maintain industry standards of strong encryption and security, conduct security audits, monitor employee access to information, and have an established process for handling data breaches.
- **7. Innovate for human rights.** Collaborate with government and civil society. Invest in the development of new technologies and business models that strengthen human rights, and maximize individual control and ownership over personal data and content.

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Innovation/IP - Gender

World Intellectual Property Day 2018 Celebrates Women's Accomplishments: New WIPO Figures Show Highest-Ever Rate of Women Inventors, but Gender Gap Persists

Geneva, April 26, 2018 PR/2018/817 The fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and chemistry show the highest rates of women named as inventors in international patent applications filed via WIPO, new figures indicate, as <u>World IP Day 2018</u> celebrates women driving positive change across the globe.

New data reveal that in total, women were listed in 31 percent of the 243,500 international patent applications published by WIPO in 2017, up from 23 percent a decade WIPO Director General Francis Gurry said these new data show positive trends and underlined this year's World IP Day theme "Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity." But he noted that a pronounced gender gap exists.

"Today we celebrate the innovative, creative accomplishments of women around the globe and across history who expand the frontiers of knowledge and culture," said Mr. Gurry. "However, international patent applications are an important benchmark for measuring innovative activity in the contemporary, global economy - and anything less than full parity between men and women is an obvious cause for concern."...

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Development – Agricultural Value Chains

The Future of Food: Maximizing Finance for Development in Agricultural Value Chains

April 24, 2018 :: 4 pages Working Paper

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- :: To achieve the SDGs, more effort needs to be made to attract private sector investment and make sure it works for developing countries and poor people.
- :: Maximizing investment in agricultural value chains can improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of poor people, who rely mainly on agriculture to make a living.
- :: Improving the enabling environment for private sector investment, smart use of public financing and promoting responsible investment can help maximize finance for agricultural development

This report highlights financing gaps, identifies a range of potential funding sources, and suggests possible actions to help crowd-in more private investment, while optimizing the use of public resources.

The recommended actions are aligned with the aim to address the market failures that lead to inadequate levels of privately provided goods and services to achieve global development goals. Implementation of MFD in agricultural value chains will require an approach to diagnostics that is more oriented to the private sector, as well as structured, inclusive public-private dialogue to help inform the design of a robust reform and investment program.

Main Messages:

- :: Current levels of investment in agricultural value chains are insufficient to achieve key development goals including ending poverty and hunger and boosting shared prosperity through more and better jobs.
- :: Crowding-in private investment in the agriculture sector can help achieve development goals and optimize the use of scarce public resources
- :: Sources of finance for private sector investments in agricultural value chains are expanding. Sources include own-savings, local and international banks, value chains actors, impact investors, development financing institutions, private sector foundations, and agricultural investment funds.

- :: Factors that can help maximize finance for agricultural development include: Improving the enabling environment for the private sector, promoting responsible investment, improving the policy and regulatory environment; using public financing to improve private incentives and to reduce transaction costs and risks—including through blended finance.
- :: There is still a critical need for public resources to finance essential public goods and services such as human capital, agricultural research, and complementary public infrastructure.

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Development - Remittances

Record high remittances to low- and middle-income countries in 2017

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2018 — Remittances to low- and middle-income countries rebounded to a record level in 2017 after two consecutive years of decline, says the World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief.

The Bank estimates that officially recorded remittances to low- and middle-income countries reached \$466 billion in 2017, an increase of 8.5 percent over \$429 billion in 2016. Global remittances, which include flows to high-income countries, grew 7 percent to \$613 billion in 2017, from \$573 billion in 2016.

The stronger than expected recovery in remittances is driven by growth in Europe, the Russian Federation, and the United States. The rebound in remittances, when valued in U.S. dollars, was helped by higher oil prices and a strengthening of the euro and ruble.

Remittance inflows improved in all regions and the top remittance recipients were India with \$69 billion, followed by China (\$64 billion), the Philippines (\$33 billion), Mexico (\$31 billion), Nigeria (\$22 billion), and Egypt (\$20 billion).

Remittances are expected to continue to increase in 2018, by 4.1 percent to reach \$485 billion. Global remittances are expected to grow 4.6 percent to \$642 billion in 2018.

Longer-term risks to growth of remittances include stricter immigration policies in many remittance-source countries. Also, de-risking by banks and increased regulation of money transfer operators, both aimed at reducing financial crime, continue to constrain the growth of formal remittances.

The global average cost of sending \$200 was 7.1 percent in the first quarter of 2018, more than twice as high as the Sustainable Development Goal target of 3 percent. Sub-Saharan Africa remains the most expensive place to send money to, where the average cost is 9.4 percent. Major barriers to reducing remittance costs are de-risking by banks and exclusive partnerships between national post office systems and money transfer operators. These factors constrain the introduction of more efficient technologies—such as internet and smartphone apps and the use of cryptocurrency and blockchain—in remittance services...

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Featured Journal Content – Heritage Stewardship

Science

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Advancing the ethics of paleogenomics

By Jessica Bardill, Alyssa C. Bader, Nanibaa' A. Garrison, Deborah A. Bolnick, Jennifer A. Raff, Alexa Walker, Ripan S. Malhi, the Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics (SING) Consortium

Science27 Apr 2018 : 384-385 Full Access Summary

Recent scientific developments have drawn renewed attention to the complex relationships among Indigenous peoples, the scientific community, settler colonial governments, and ancient human remains (1, 2). Increasingly, DNA testing of ancestral remains uncovered in the America s is being used in disputes over these remains (3). However, articulations of ethical principles and practices in paleogenomics have not kept pace (4), even as results of these studies can have negative consequences, undermining or complicating community claims in treaty, repatriation, territorial, or other legal cases. Paleogenomic narratives may also misconstrue or contradict community histories, potentially harming community or individual identities. Paleogenomic data can reveal information about descendant communities that may be stigmatizing, such as genetic susceptibilities to disease. Given the potential consequences for Indigenous communities, it is critical that paleogenomic researchers consider their ethical obligations more carefully than in the past.

Recommendations [Excerpt]

Recent technological advances have also enabled paleogenomic studies of DNA from dental calculus, hair, coprolites, and even soil, providing alternatives to destructive analysis of the bones and teeth of ancestors. However, community engagement is still needed in these contexts. Indigenous perspectives on the sacredness of materials from the body and earth should be considered, and paleogenomic studies of these materials can have social, political, and legal consequences for Indigenous communities.

To aid the process of community engagement, we offer these guiding questions for paleogenomic researchers to consider:

- :: In the absence of known descendant or culturally affiliated communities, which Indigenous peoples, tied to land where ancestors were buried, will be consulted?
- :: Who is the appropriate community body (e.g., tribal council, tribal IRB, elders) or representative (e.g., tribal president, historic preservation officer) to initiate discussions with about paleogenomic analyses?
- :: What are potential ethical pitfalls of this research or harms that could affect the community? What cultural concerns of the community, such as destruction of ancestral remains, need to be considered?
 - :: How will the community benefit from the paleogenomic research?
- :: How will the community provide input on study design and interpretation of results? How frequently does the community wish to be contacted during the project?
- :: When community members participate directly in the project (e.g., as advisers or laboratory technicians), will they coauthor research publications and presentations? How do communities and individuals wish to be recognized in research products?
- :: What happens after the project ends? Who will have access to the data generated? How will remaining samples from ancestors be handled, stored, returned, or reburied?

Because Indigenous communities have diverse practices and views on genomics, the nature and structure of engagement will vary. Although it may not always be obvious how to proceed if different potentially linked communities hold differing views, we believe engaging with Indigenous communities should be as integral to the research process as hypothesis development...

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Brussels Syria donor conference fails to go 'nearly far enough'

Joint NGO reactive: CARE, IRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, Save the Children, Oxfam, Humanity and Inclusion, Action Against Hunger, World Vision

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

As the 6th international conference on the Syria crisis concluded today, nine international organisations welcomed the commitments that were made, and noted the following in reaction to its outcomes:

On aid:

Though the crisis is now in its eighth year, the unmet and growing needs of millions of men, women and children mean that donor countries cannot show any sign of fatigue. This conference did not go nearly far enough to provide adequate support to the millions of Syrians who are in need of assistance and are facing an uncertain future.

On the need to follow through on jobs, education and resettlement commitments:

The promises made in Brussels, whilst welcome, will not keep a child from having to work in Lebanon, nor send every child to school in Jordan unless there are robust mechanisms to ensure that commitments are translated into action.

This includes the commitments to create more than one million jobs for Syrian refugees and to get millions of Syrian children back into school. Women's role in the workforce, for example, should be turned from a positive slogan to real opportunities that allow families to live with dignity. Furthermore, donors and countries hosting refugees need to ensure that all Syrians have legal protections, and that the most vulnerable have pathways to resettlement, and other refugees have access to other forms of admission such as family reunification.

On protection of Syrian civilians:

Politicians must offer their support, not their sympathy to the Syrian people. Civilians are bearing the brunt of the continuous violence and attacks on hospitals and schools. Countries meeting in Brussels sent a strong message of support by calling for protection of civilians trapped in the conflict and reaffirming that returns of Syrians to and within the country is not possible so long as the conditions for a safe, dignified and voluntary return are not met.

The international community also stressed the importance of unimpeded and sustained access to civilians inside Syria, which is central to any effective delivery of life-saving aid and to enhanced protection.

But donor countries have once again done nothing to increase resettlement beyond the paltry 3 per cent of Syrian refugees they have taken in, favouring instead to leave them in Syria's neighbouring countries, which are hosting more than five million refugees.

On reconstruction:

We welcome the fact that the conference recognised that reconstruction is not yet appropriate or possible inside Syria, as long as the conflict continues and an inclusive solution has not been reached. In the meantime, donor countries should support longer-term delivery of basic services, access to jobs and livelihoods opportunities, and access to identity documents inside Syria and neighbouring countries, which will help remove future obstacles to recovery.

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) Polio this week as of 24 April 2018 [GPEI]

- :: In January, children in Raqqa city, Syria, <u>received polio vaccines for the first time in two years</u> as families return to their homes.
- :: The GPEI Post-Certification Strategy (PCS), which is aimed at ensuring the availability of core functions to sustain a polio-free world after global certification (such as outbreak response capacity, surveillance, immunization and containment), is now available to <u>read on our website</u>. The PCS will be presented to Member States at the World Health Assembly (WHA) in May.
- :: Recommendations and meeting outcomes from the recent Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) meeting are now <u>published</u>. Among other things, the group reviewed and endorsed the main elements of the PCS, and reviewed proposed recommendations relating to global containment and immunization policies for countries hosting polio essential facilities (PEFs).
- :: The Polio Oversight Board has released a statement welcoming and actively supporting steps being taken by the international community to prevent and stop sexual misconduct. The full statement may be read here.

Summary of newly-reported viruses this week:

Pakistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental sample has been reported, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo: One case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) reported, from Haut Katanga province.

Nigeria: Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) has been confirmed, following isolation of the virus from three environmental samples collected between 10 January and 20 March, from two environmental sites in Jigawa state.

Somalia: Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 3 (cVDPV3) has been confirmed, following isolation of the virus from four environmental samples collected between 8-22 March, from two environmental sites in Banadir province.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 28 April 2018]

Yemen

:: WHO scales up support to mitigate child malnutrition in Yemen 18 April 2018

<u>Iraq</u> - No new announcements identified <u>Nigeria</u> - No new announcements identified <u>South Sudan</u> - No new announcements identified The Syrian Arab Republic - No new announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 28 April 2018]

<u>Cameroon</u> - No new announcements identified

Central African Republic - No new announcements identified.

Democratic Republic of the Congo - No new announcements identified

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified.

Libya - No new announcements identified.

Myanmar - No new announcements identified

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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, largescale humanitarian crises.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syrian Arab Republic: The Humanitarian Crisis in Syria as of 23 April 2018 [EN/AR]

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 17 – 23 April 2018 | Issue 12

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<u>UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies</u>

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

Somalia

:: OCHA Somalia Flash Update #2 - Humanitarian impact of heavy rains | 26 April 2018

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified.

Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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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 28 April 2018] http://www.un.org/en/unpress/

27 April 2018

HR/5392

Closing 2018 Session, Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Adopts **Recommendations including Collective Rights to Lands, Territories, Resources**

Following a fortnight of meetings, the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues concluded its seventeenth session this afternoon, adopting a raft of recommendations which reflected this year's central theme — indigenous peoples' collective rights to lands, territories and resources — and urged the Secretary-General to convene regional consultations in the coming months on ways to enhance their participation in the work of the United Nations.

27 April 2018

SC/13321

Calling for Renewed Efforts to End Decades-old Western Sahara Conflict, Security **Council Extends Mission, Adopting Resolution 2414 (2018)**

The Security Council today extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) until 31 October 2018, calling for a "realistic, practicable and enduring" political solution to end the decades-old conflict.

26 April 2018 SC/13318

Amid Rising Tensions, Potentially Explosive Miscalculations, Everyone in Middle East Must 'Step Away from the Brink', Regional Coordinator Tells Security Council

Amid escalating tensions, outside interference and growing risks of potentially explosive miscalculations, from Gaza to Syria to Yemen, everyone in the region must "step away from the brink", the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process told the Security Council today.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

Gaza deaths: Israel must address excessive use of force, Zeid says

<u>UN human rights experts says deaths in custody reinforce concerns about 'structural racism' in UK</u>

<u>UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein at the end of his official visit to Ethiopia</u>

<u>UN human rights expert to visit UK to assess racism post Brexit vote</u>

UN Human Rights Office and African Union strengthen strategic partnership on rights protection

Nicaragua: Experts say appalled by Government's violent response to peaceful protests

Human Rights are key to progress in North Korea talks, says UN expert

<u>Canada: UN expert urges new measures to target gender-based violence, especially against</u> indigenous women

Human Rights Council [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.ohchr.org/en/hrbodies/hrc/pages/hrcindex.aspx

27 April 2018

<u>Human Rights Council to hold panel discussion on 27 April to commemorate the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela</u>

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018]

http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Children/Pages/ChildrenIndex.aspx No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018]

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

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified

UN OCHA [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

27 April 2018

The CAR Humanitarian Fund releases \$ 11 Million to Support Humanitarian Response

26 April 2018

oPt Humanitarian Fund releases US\$ 2.2 million in funds to meet urgent humanitarian needs ...

Ten aid workers missing in South Sudan

Government of Cook Islands launch Country Preparedness Package with Pacific Humanitarian T...

UN Humanitarian Chief welcomes donor pledge of \$4.4 bln to help affected people in Syria a...

24 April 2018

UN chiefs call for increased support for vulnerable Syrians and the region, as Brussels co...

Syria Humanitarian Fund allocates over US\$16 million to respond to East Ghouta and Afrin e...

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 28 April 2018]

https://centre.humdata.org/
No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 21 April 2018] https://www.unicef.org/media/ Selected Press Releases

Ten things you didn't know about malaria

- Every two minutes, a child dies of malaria .

Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that remains, in many regions of the world, a major public health problem . Ninety-one countries currently experience ongoing malaria transmission. Almost half the world's population - about 3.2 billion people - are at risk of malaria. In 2016 alone, 216 million new cases of malaria were reported, and approximately 445,000 people died of the disease – most of them children.

<u>Geneva Palais briefing note on the situation of children affected by the earthquakes</u> in Papua New Guinea

GENEVA, 24 April 2018 - This is a summary of what was said by Christophe Boulierac, UNICEF spokesperson in Geneva – to whom quoted text may be attributed – at today's press briefing at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

Twelve things you didn't know about immunization

Vaccines keep children alive and healthy by protecting them against disease. Yet in 2016, an estimated 1.4 million children under five died from vaccine-preventable diseases. Approximately one-fourth of deaths among children under 5 were from pneumonia, diarrhoea and measles, and could have been mostly prevented by vaccines. Globally 1 in 7 children – over 19 million – missed out on routine vaccines, including 13 million who have never been vaccinated, putting them and their communities at risk of disease and death. Low immunization coverage compromises gains in all other areas of health for mothers and children. The poorest, most vulnerable children who need immunization the most continue to be the least likely to get it.

500,000 children affected by drought in Afghanistan – UNICEF

KABUL, 23 April 2018 – The extremely dry winter has affected 22 provinces across Afghanistan and now threatens to negatively impact the lives of one million people, with an additional two million who could feel its effects over the coming months.

Nearly 5 million Syrian children accessing education despite over seven years of war on children

BRUSSELS/AMMAN, 23 April 2018 - Against all odds, 4.9 million Syrian children continue to have access to education despite more than seven long years of war, violence and displacement.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 28 April 2018] http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html *Briefing Notes*

UNHCR appeals to Greece over situation at Evros 27 Apr 2018

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR and OECD launch action plan to boost refugee employment 24 Apr 2018

<u>UN Refugee Agency lauds US assistance to Rohingya</u> 23 Apr 2018

UNHCR regret at deportations of Venezuelans from Trinidad and Tobago 23 Apr 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected Announcements 2018-04-27 16:04

<u>Bangladesh's Rohingya Refugee Camps Face 'Life Threatening' Funding Crisis: Aid</u> Agencies

Cox's Bazar – Work by aid agencies in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps is under imminent threat unless urgent funding is secured in the next six weeks, according to IOM.

IOM Steps in to Aid New Rohingya Boat Arrivals in Indonesia

2018-04-27 16:03

Jakarta – The UN Migration Agency has stepped in to provide humanitarian assistance to 84 ethnic Rohingya from Myanmar who have arrived by boat in Aceh, Indonesia this month.

<u>UN Migration Agency Releases First Displacement Tracking Matrix Results on Venezuelan Flows in Brazil</u>

2018-04-27 16:02

Brazil – Most Venezuelans interviewed crossing Brazil's northern border are between the prime working ages of 25 and 40 years old and nearly two thirds are men.

<u>IOM, UNICEF, UNHCR Step Up Protection for Children on the Move in Libya</u> 2018-04-27 15:56

Libya – IOM, UNICEF and UNHCR are enhancing migrant and refugee child protection measures in Libya. In March 2018, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix identified some 29,370 unaccompanied migrant children in Libya – although the real figure could be much higher.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 20,927 in 2018; Deaths Reach 587 2018-04-27 15:52

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 20,927 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea through the first 115 days of 2018, with about 43 per cent arriving in Italy and the remainder divided between Greece (37%) and Spain (19%).

UNAIDS [to 28 April 2018] http://www.unaids.org/en 27 April 2018

Reaching people who inject drugs with HIV services in Finland

Urgent work ahead for Start Free Stay Free AIDS Free

26 April 2018

The injustices faced by transgender women in Peru

Mobile phones provide massive potential to move towards e-health systems

25 April 2018

UNAIDS ambassadors speak out to stop discrimination

Egyptian medical students meet to address stigma and discrimination in health-care settings

WHO & Regional Offices [to 28 April 2018]

WHO Regional Offices

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Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

- :: World Malaria Day 2018; Ready to Beat Malaria 28 April 2018
- :: <u>Strengthen Health System to achieve universal health coverage Dr Moeti</u> 25 April 2018
- :: Immunization partners launch week-long campaign across Africa 24 April 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: <u>'Malaria Champions of the Americas' contest seeks nominations for best efforts in malaria</u> capacity building (04/25/2018)
- :: <u>Uruquayan footballer Edinson Cavani joins PAHO to promote vaccination</u> (04/25/2018)
- :: Vaccination Week in the Americas launches in Cuba for the first time (04/23/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: Reach every child, adolescent and pregnant woman in the WHO South-East Asia Region with <u>life-saving vaccines</u> By Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

WHO European Region EURO

- :: <u>Photo story "Leaving no one behind saving lives through immunization" exhibit</u> 28-04-2018
- :: European Immunization Week vaccination is a right and responsibility for all 23-04-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: World Immunization Week 2018: Protected Together, #VaccinesWork 23 April 2018
- :: <u>Investing in the health of Syrians is an investment in the future of Syria, WHO says</u> 23 April 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

- :: Viet Nam ready to eliminate malaria HA NOI, 25 APRIL 2018 -
- :: <u>Micronesia achieves regional goal for reducing hepatitis B in children</u> SUVA, Fiji, 24 April 2018

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/27/04/18

Celebrating the Veterinary Profession for a more Sustainable Future

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 28 April 2018]

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

23 April 2018

Press Release

Urgent need to save women, girls on the front lines

UNITED NATIONS, New York—The United Nations and the European Union will host a Syrian Crisis Donors Conference in Brussels this week to raise funds to help millions of people affected by the Syria conflict.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 28 April 2018] http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter.html Selected Press Releases/Announcements

<u>In Brussels, donors pledge \$4.4 billion for affected Syrians and countries in the</u> region

Delegates to a conference co-hosted by the European Union and United Nations and in Brussels pledged some US\$4.4 billion in 2018 to efforts to reach 22 million affected people inside Syria and in...

Posted on April 26, 2018

<u>In Brussels, UN calls for increased support for vulnerable Syrians and host populations</u>

As the 'Brussels Conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region' opens, UN Chiefs are calling urgently for increased support for vulnerable Syrians, refugees and the communities hosting...

Posted on April 24, 2018

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 28 April 2018]

http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/

24 April 2018 - Secretary-General appoints new Multi-Stakeholder Group to support the Technology Facilitation Mechanism

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 28 April 2018]

http://unsdsn.org/news/

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 28 April 2018]

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

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

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

Launch of Open SDG Data Hub

As part of the Federated Information Systems for the SDGs initiatives presented at the 49th Session of the UN Statistical Commission, the Statistics Division has launched an Open SDG Data Hub to promote the exploration, analysis, and use of authoritative SDG data sources for evidence-based decision-making and reviews. It enables the presentation and dissemination of SDG data and statistics. It also makes the global SDG Indicators database readily available as geospatial data webservices, suitable for the production of maps and other data visualizations and analyses, and easy to download in multiple formats.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.unenvironment.org/

26 Apr 2018 Press release

16 banks and United Nations produce first guidance to help banking industry become more transparent on climate-related risks and opportunities

- :: The innovative methodology, developed with the support of management consultancies Oliver Wyman and Mercer, will help the banking industry implement the ground-breaking recommendations of the Financial Stability Board's (FSB) Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- :: The guidance will help banks better manage and be more transparent about the risks that the transition to the low-carbon economy presents to their business. It will also help them seize the corresponding opportunities

- :: The methodology is the output of a unique collaborative process bringing together the banking industry, risk and investment management experts and climate scientists from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the International Energy Agency
- :: A complementary methodology focused on the assessment of risks and opportunities from the physical impacts of climate change is planned for release in late June

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 28 April 2018] http://www.unisdr.org/archive
27 Apr 2018

European scientists convene on disaster risk

A new European Science and Technology Advisory Group (E-STAG) convened this week in Sofia, Bulgaria, to focus on improving disaster risk knowledge in 55 countries across Europe and Central Asia.

26 Apr 2018

WTO opens dialogue on trade and disasters

The World Trade Organization today called for greater dialogue on the impacts of the growing number of disasters on world trade and the role trade can play in building resilience to disasters.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 28 April 2018] https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html
23 April 2018, New York

At development financing forum, top UN officials urge breakaway from 'short-termism'

The United Nations will support countries' path to sustainable development by brokering partnerships, pursuing innovative finance, leveraging resources and building the necessary capacities, senior officials said Monday, highlighting the need for a change of mind-set from "short-termism" to long-term investments...

UNESCO [to 28 April 2018] http://en.unesco.org/news 27 April 2018

Upholding the principle of the rule of law through education

25 April 2018

The right to education: crucial expression of the accountability across the Agenda 2030

New York: On 16 April 2018, UNESCO joined the co-organizers of the event "Inclusive and equitable lifelong learning and the right to education for all, without discrimination", held within the series of the Dialogues on SDGs and Human Rights.

The event, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Bulgaria, Ecuador, Mongolia, Norway and Portugal, and organized by OHCHR, in partnership with UNESCO and UNICEF, brought together distinguished ambassadors, high-level UN officials, diplomats, civil society and major education stakeholders, to explore what human rights can bring to <u>Sustainable Development Goal 4</u> implementation and vice versa...

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 28 April 2018] http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/press/allpress.html?ref=fp *No new digest content identified.*

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 28 April 2018] http://unhabitat.org/media-centre/news/

Posted April 27, 2018

A Handing Over Ceremony of Multi-Purpose Flood Shelter, Emergency Water tank and Concrete Drainages took place on April 24, 2018 in Ward No.14 in Pakokku, Magway Region

24 April 2018 A Handing Over Ceremony of Multi-Purpose Flood Shelter, Emergency Water tank and Concrete Drainages took place on April 24, 2018 in Ward No.14 in Pakokku, Magway Region. The European Union funded Myanmar Climate Change...

<u>Land Conference in Sudan to discuss challenges and opportunities for peace and stability through good land governance</u>

Through the support of Qatar Fund for Development and the United Nations Darfur Fund in Sudan; UN-Habitat, UNDP, FAO, the Global Land Tool Network (GLTN), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Physical Development (MoENPD), and Darfur Land... Posted April 25, 2018

Message on the occasion of World Malaria Day

Posted April 25, 2018

Utilizing Minecraft to design Wadi El Joz Community Garden in East Jerusalem

East Jerusalem, April 17th, 2018 – UN Habitat in partnership with Bimkom – Planners for Planning Rights, Al Enaya Community Center and the Green Mosques Youth Group inaugurated Wadi Al Joz community garden, which was developed as... Posted April 23, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 28 April 2018] http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/26-04-2018

Origin labelling of food a boost for local economies and sustainable development

A new study - Strengthening sustainable food systems through geographical indications by FAO and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development - has found that food products linked to their place of origin are economically and socially beneficial to rural areas and promote sustainable development.

Investing in agriculture vital for Syria's future

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has urged countries attending an international pledging conference for Syria to invest in agriculture as an engine of stabilization and recovery. 24-04-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 28 April 2018]

 $\underline{\text{http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm}}$

Press release

Decent Work pledge for Occupied Palestinian Territory

27 April 2018

First visit by an ILO Director-General to the Palestinian Territory in two decades aims to consolidate cooperation between the Organization and Palestinian partners.

Blog: Occupational Safety and Health

Building the next generation in occupational safety and health

27 April 2018

Olympic Games

ILO, Tokyo 2020 sign agreement to promote decent work in run-up to the Games 26 April 2018

The International Labour Organization and Tokyo 2020 sign an agreement to promote socially responsible labour practices in the run-up to the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in the Japanese capital.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.icao.int/

26/4/18

New Dominican Republic aviation connectivity case study to shine spotlight on economic planning and growth benefits

ICAO Secretary General meets with Chancellor Merkel and highlights challenges and opportunities for aviation during Berlin Aviation Summit

25/4/18

New Jamaica "solar-at-gate" pilot project a big step toward more sustainable aircraft gate power solutions for small island States

<u>Council President Aliu highlights ICAO's support as Turkey seeks to establish new platform for Europe-Asia cooperation</u>

23/4/18

ICAO continues worldwide series of Safety Management Symposiums in Singapore

ICAO Secretary General highlights secure and seamless travel and its benefits for aviation development to Argentine Ministers and WTTC/18

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 28 April 2018] http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx23/04/2018

Compensation regime for Hazardous and Noxious Cargoes a step closer

Ratifications from Canada and Turkey bring key compensation treaty covering the transport of hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) by ship closer to entry into force.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 28 April 2018] https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release *No new digest content identified.*

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 28 April 2018] http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html
27 April 2018

UNIDO and Japan partner to contribute to community recovery and social reconciliation in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 27 April 2018 - The Government of Japan has announced that it will fund a project to strengthen community resilience through conflict resolution and youth vocational skills training in Somalia. This is one of eight new projects implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Ethiopia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Nigeria, Somalia and the Syrian Arab Republic, with Japanese funding totaling US\$5.2 million.

<u>Internally displaced people harvest the benefits of hard work and determination in</u> northern Iraq

The Harshm camp on the outskirts of the city of Erbil houses around 1,500 internally displaced Iraqi families, who fled towns and villages in northern Iraq when they were captured by the so-called Islamic State in mid-2014.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 28 April 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 24 April 2018

New standard for facility management just published

If the future of work is all about employee experience, what about the workplace? The need to keep on top of the ever-changing trends in how and where people work makes facility management an essential aspect of organizational success... which is why new international guidelines have just been published.

<u>ISO 41001</u>, Facility management – Management systems – Requirements with guidance for use, has just been published to help FM teams achieve optimum efficiency. Drawing on international best practice, the new management system standard constitutes a benchmark for developing and driving an effective strategic, tactical and operational FM regime. It will also assist organizations seeking to outsource FM, as those providers who are able to demonstrate compliance with the standard will provide them with an assurance regarding their approach and processes...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 28 April 2018]

http://media.unwto.org/news

23 April 2018

Strong outbound tourism demand from both traditional and emerging markets in 2017

Madrid, Spain, 23 April 2018 - Virtually all source markets reported higher tourism spending in 2017, reflecting continued strong demand for international tourism across all world regions. Both emerging and advanced economies fuelled growth, led by the United States which spent US\$ 12 billion more on travel abroad. China spent US\$ 8 billion more, consolidating its leadership as the biggest spender in the world. The Russian Federation spent US\$ 7 billion more and Brazil US\$ 5 billion more, both rebounding from weaker spending in previous years. Strong tourism expenditure reflects enhanced connectivity, increased visa facilitation and a global economic upswing.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 28 April 2018] http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/

Apr 20, 2018

World Intellectual Property Day 2018 Celebrates Women's Accomplishments: New WIPO Figures Show Highest-Ever Rate of Women Inventors, but Gender Gap Persists

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.cbd.int/press-releases/ No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Opening Remarks to the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs on the FY 2019 Budget Request for USAID

April 26, 2018

Statement from USAID Administrator Mark Green on World Malaria DayApril 25, 2018

Today, on World Malaria Day, I reaffirm the commitment of the United States to ending malaria. Despite being preventable, malaria is a leading cause of sickness and death across much of sub-Saharan Africa. The disease disproportionately impacts the rural poor and traps families in a vicious cycle of disease and poverty.

<u>Statement by Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on the Second Anniversary of the Murder of Xulhaz Mannan</u>

April 25, 2018

On April 25, 2016, USAID employee Xulhaz Mannan was brutally murdered for his advocacy for human rights in Bangladesh. On the second anniversary of this tragedy, we reflect on Xulhaz's courage and conviction as a champion for human rights, non-discrimination, and inclusion. We also renew our call for the authorities in Bangladesh to bring to justice the perpetrators of this heinous crime.

Administrator Mark Green's Opening Remarks to the Senate Appropriations

Committee's State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee on the

FY 2019 Budget Request for the U.S. Agency for International Development

April 24, 2018

<u>USAID Administrator Mark Green's Meetings During the 2018 Spring Meeting of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund</u>

April 23, 2018

Readout

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green met with a number of partner countries and organizations during the Spring Meetings, and discussed support for partner countries on their journey to self-reliance; actions to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse in the aid sector; stabilization and development in the Sahel; the humanitarian response to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and Syrian refugees in Jordan;

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assistance to vulnerable Venezuelans who have fled to neighboring countries to escape repression and deprivation; epidemic preparedness and maternal and child health; supporting economic and governance reforms in partner countries; and reform of the United Nations Development System.

DFID [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-international-development Selected Press Releases

<u>UK increases commitment to protect oceans from plastics and fight illegal wildlife</u> trade

26 April 2018 DFID Press release

Statement by International Development Secretary on Save the Children

26 April 2018 DFID Press release

International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:

Following the launch of a statutory inquiry by the Charity Commission, Save the Children UK has decided to withdraw from bidding for new UK Government funding until DFID is satisfied that they can meet the high standards we expect of all our partners.

I am committed to driving up standards across the aid sector and I expect every organisation that we work with to have rigorous reporting and complaints mechanisms in place to protect beneficiaries and employees alike.

<u>Penny Mordaunt announces UK aid commitment to protect civilians, aid workers and hospitals targeted by the Asad regime</u>

25 April 2018 DFID Press release

The UK will provide lifesaving emergency medical support and help protect medical facilities and brave humanitarian workers that are being deliberately targeted with bombs and chemical weapons by the Asad regime, the International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt will say in Brussels today (Wednesday 25 April).

UK aid will help to train doctors and nurses to deliver trauma care in the most extreme conflict zones and to immediately respond to attacks, including how to remove shrapnel and treat blast injuries, burns and wounds from mortar fire. It will also provide essential medical supplies such as sutures, oxygen, blood and anaesthetics.

UK support aims to keep medical facilities open and has provided blast proofing materials and sandbags to reinforce underground medical facilities and limit the damage from attacks...

UK confirms new support to World Bank after Securing Key reforms

22 April 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 28 April 2018]

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

26/04/2018

EU mobilises strong international commitment at the Brussels II Conference "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region"

On 24 and 25 April, the EU and the UN co-chaired the Brussels II Conference "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region". The Conference brought together delegations from over 85 countries, international organisations, and civil society who...

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African Union [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.au.int/

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April 27, 2018

Africa making major policy strides in agriculture

April 27, 2018

<u>Statement of the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union on the Inter-</u> Korean Summit

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.asean.org/news

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April 27th, 2018

ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Statement on Developments in the Korean Peninsula

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers welcomed the Inter-Korean Summit of 27 April 2018, as well as the announcement of plans for a meeting between US President Donald Trump and Democratic People's Republic of Korea leader Kim Jong Un in the near future. The Ministers welcomed the outcome of the Summit which could enhance inter-Korean relations for [...]

European Commission [to 28 April 2018]

http://europa.eu/rapid/search-result.htm?query=18&locale=en&page=1 26/04/2018

<u>Vaccination: Commission calls for stronger EU cooperation against preventable</u> diseases

- Vaccination: Commission calls for stronger EU cooperation against preventable diseases European Commission - Press release Brussels, 26 April 2018 Vaccination: Commission calls for stronger EU cooperation against preventable diseases Today, the Commission is issuing a set of recommendations for how the EU can strengthen cooperation in the fight against diseases that can be prevented by vaccines.

Questions & Answers: EU cooperation on vaccine preventable diseases

26/04/2018 - Questions & Answers: EU cooperation on vaccine preventable diseases European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 26 April 2018 Questions & Answers: EU cooperation on vaccine preventable diseases What are the benefits of vaccination? Vaccination is one of the greatest successes of public health. Before vaccines existed, many children would die young, or become crippled for life.

<u>Tackling online disinformation: Commission proposes an EU-wide Code of Practice</u>

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 26 April 2018 Today, the Commission is proposing measures to tackle disinformation online, including an EU-wide Code of Practice on Disinformation, support for an independent network of fact-checkers, and a series of actions to stimulate quality journalism and promote media literacy.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

<u>Artificial intelligence: Commission outlines a European approach to boost investment and set ethical guidelines</u>

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 25 April 2018 Today the European Commission is presenting a series of measures to put artificial intelligence (AI) at the service of Europeans and boost Europe's competitiveness in this field.

OECD [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.oecd.org/

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 22, 2018

OAS General Secretariat Condemns Violence in Nicaragua

The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) condemns the violence that has caused further deaths in Nicaragua in recent days.

We urge an immediate end to the violence that has caused these deaths, as well as a significant number of injuries.

Violent confrontation has never been a political solution, and we urge the opening of spaces for participation that rebuild coexistence between the sides.

We know that the Nicaraguan people do not want more violence and confrontation, and that their history entails the deepest desire to choose the path of dialogue and understanding.

These spaces of participation could be established in the manner proposed by the Nicaraguan Episcopal Conference or other religious actors who have the trust of Nicaraguan society.

The General Secretariat of the OAS maintains its willingness to cooperate to ensure the effective functioning of the institutions within the framework of the rule of law and reiterates its commitment to help find solutions on the path of peace and coexistence.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 28 April 2018]

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

25/04/2018

<u>Al-Othaimeen Calls for Unhindered Access to Humanitarian Relief in all Areas in Syria</u>

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, warned against the siege policy which has become a serious phenomenon in the Syrian crisis in recent times, where about 4 million people live in besieged areas and areas difficult to reach, citing the siege of the eastern Ghouta and all forms of shelling to which it has been subjected to, and its targeting with internationally banned chemical weapons. He said that what happened is part of a series of cruel and inhumane practices in Syria that is contrary to the most basic rules of international humanitarian law, amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity.

24/04/2018

<u>Developing Policies and Action Plan on the Well-being of the Elderly in the Islamic World</u>

The OIC and its institutions aim to develop a policy and plan of action for the well-being of the elderly in the Islamic World. In fact, the Member States are aware that efforts made on elderly issues in these countries are still limited.

Group of 77 [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.g77.org/

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by H.E. Ms. Sahar Nasr, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt, at the general debate of the Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up on the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (New York, 23 April 2018)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms. Sheyam Elgarf, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, at the Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature in Commemoration of International Mother Earth Day (New York, 23 April 2018)

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UNCTAD [to 28 April 2018]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives] 25 Apr 2018 –

Gum arabic: growing demand means new opportunities for African producers

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.wcoomd.org/

26 April 2018

WCO launches the Security Project for West and Central Africa

On the occasion of the 23rd Conference of Directors General of Customs of the WCO West and Central Africa (WCA) Region, the WCO launched its new Security Project during a ceremony held in Conakry, Guinea on 25 April 2018.

The WCO Security Project aims to help Member administrations in West and Central Africa respond, through <u>Programme Global Shield</u>, to the security challenges posed by the threat of improvised explosive devices (IEDs). This Project follows up on the <u>WCO Punta Cana Resolution of 2015</u> and the subsequent adoption of the WCO Global Counter Terrorism Strategy. The Government of Japan provides financial support to the Project, with a contribution of over 3 million US dollars...

26 April 2018

WCO celebrates the World Intellectual Property Day 2018

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.wto.org/english/news e/news e.htm

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives] 26 April 2018

DG Azevêdo opens symposium on link between trade and natural disasters

A symposium held at the WTO's headquarters today, 26 April 2018, provided an opportunity for participants to share ideas on how the international trade community can help countries respond to and recover from natural disasters and build resilience to such events in the future. The opening speech was delivered by WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases

23 April 2018

Women parliamentary leaders to work for more inclusive politics

Women Speakers of Parliament will identify clear actions to eliminate barriers to women's political participation, end harassment of female MPs, and promote inclusive parliaments. The 12th Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament, organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Chamber of Deputies of Bolivia, will bring together the most senior women parliamentary leaders to address gender issues in parliaments, and explore avenues for more inclusive political institutions where every voice counts.

International Court of Justice [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.icj-cij.org/en/press-releases
No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018]

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

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<u>World Bank and United Nations Office for Project Services Sign Solar Project to Restore Electricity to Over One Million Yemenis</u>

Washington, April 27, 2018 - The World Bank and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) signed an agreement today for a US\$50 million project to improve access to electricity in rural and...

<u>Joint Statement on Continuous Advancement of Standards to Prevent Sexual Harassment, Abuse, and Exploitation</u>

In a meeting on 21 April 2018 convened by Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands and Penny Mordaunt, Secretary of State for International Development, United...

Date: April 24, 2018 Type: Statement

The Future of Food: Maximizing Finance for Development in Agricultural Value Chains

April 24, 2018 Type: Publication

Highlights

- :: To achieve the SDGs, more effort needs to be made to attract private sector investment and make sure it works for developing countries and poor people.
- :: Maximizing investment in agricultural value chains can improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of poor people, who rely mainly on agriculture to make a living.

:: Improving the enabling environment for private sector investment, smart use of public financing and promoting responsible investment can help maximize finance for agricultural development

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Record high remittances to low- and middle-income countries in 2017

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2018 — Remittances to low- and middle-income countries rebounded to a record level in 2017 after two consecutive years of decline, says the World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IMF [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.imf.org/en/News/Search?type=News+Article

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April 27, 2018

Outlook for Global Stability: A Bumpy Road Ahead

...The IMF's Global Financial Stability Report, which we published last week, found that, while global growth momentum remains strong, short-term risks have increased recently amid rising trade tensions, while medium-term risks to growth and financial stability remain elevated.

The main challenge for policymakers is to address financial vulnerabilities, without undermining growth. They must also avoid inward-looking policies — particularly on trade — that may damage longer-term prospects for the global economic and financial system...

April 26, 2018

<u>Statement by IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde on Her Participation in the Paris Conference on Terrorism Financing</u>

April 22, 2018

IMF Executive Board Approves New Framework for Enhanced Engagement on Governance

African Development Bank Group [to 28 April 2018]

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

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

<u>African Development Bank launches "Say No to Famine" project in Somalia Food</u> security and healthy food for all Africans

27/04/2018 - The African Development Bank's Deputy Director General for East Africa, Nnenna Nwabufo, represented the institution at the launch of the Say No to Famine – Short-Term Regional Emergency Response Project (STRERP) for Somalia.

African Development Bank calls for domestic financing solutions alongside aid in fight against malaria

24/04/2018 - On the occasion of World Malaria Day 2018, April 25, the African Development Bank has released Money and Mosquitoes: The Economics of Malaria in an Age of declining Aid. Authors include Harvard University's Nobel laureate economist Eric Maskin; African Development Bank Group Vice-President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, Célestin Monga; Josselin Thuilliez of the French National Centre for Scientific

Research, and Jean-Claude Berthélémy, Professor of Economics at the University of Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne and Corresponding Member of the Institut de France.

Asian Development Bank [to 28 April 2018]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]
24 April 2018

ADB Operations Reach \$32.2 Billion in 2017 — ADB Annual Report

The ADB Annual Report 2017, released today, provides a clear, comprehensive, and detailed record of ADB's operations, activities, and financial results over the past year.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018] https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news

24 Apr 18

Global policy-makers, private sector actors and civil society leaders to discuss remittances, investments and development in the Asia Pacific region

When: 8-10 May 2018

What: Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development (GFRID) 2018 - Asia-Pacific

Where: Sasana Kijang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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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 <u>not</u> 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 28 April 2018]

http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org/en

Yémen

Les ONG Internationales au Yémen affligées et outrées par les attaques contre les civils

25 avril 2018

Amref Health Africa [to 28 April 2018]

http://amref.org/news/news/

April 25th, 2018

<u>Amref calls for overall increased investment in malaria control activities across</u> Kenya

On this year's <u>World Malaria Day</u> under the theme "Ready to beat Malaria", <u>Amref Health</u> <u>Africa in Kenya</u> joins partners in reaffirming our commitment to working with the global malaria community towards the common goal of a world free of malaria...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 28 April 2018]

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

BRAC [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 26, 2018

How to eliminate malaria: At the last mile in Bangladesh

by Farhan Patwary and Zarfisha Alam

Mosquito bites are unpleasant for everyone. Most of the time, we simply shrug them off as a brief feeling of discomfort though. That is not the case for many people around the globe though, such as the 216 million people affected by malaria, a preventable disease that claimed the lives of nearly 445,000 people in 2015 alone.

CARE International [to 28 April 2018]

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

25th Apr 2018

Joint NGO reactive to 6th International Conference on Syria

Joint NGO reactive: CARE, IRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, Save the Children, Oxfam, Humanity and Inclusion, Action Against Hunger, World Vision. As the 6th international conference on the Syria crisis concluded this Wednesday, nine international organisations welcomed the commitments that were made by attendees, and noted the following in reaction to ...

25th Apr 2018

International organisations in Yemen aggrieved and outraged by attacks on civilians

Following more indefensible attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure this week, international nongovernment organisations in Yemen strongly condemn an upsurge in violence across the country that is having gross and disproportionate impact on civilian safety, infrastructure and humanitarian space.

23rd Apr 2018

Brussels II Syria conference must not fall short, eight leading aid agencies warn

Focus on aid, increased pledges and accountability for previous commitments needed.

22nd Apr 2018

<u>Humanitarian Organisations in Yemen Condemn Attacks and Call for Immediate</u> <u>Protection of Aid Workers</u>

International Non-Government Organisations working in Yemen condemn in the strongest terms the abhorrent attack on an ICRC vehicle that resulted in the killing of an employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross earlier today, 21 April 2018.

Clubhouse International [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.drc.dk/news

26.04.2017

Syria Brussels Conference: From promise to practice

The Danish Refugee Council welcomes the substantial support of 4.4 billion USD offered to Syria's displaced and the host communities, as the 6th international conference on the Syria crisis in Brussels concluded today. Now, it is important to go from promise to practice and show the support the Syrians need and deserve, DRC Secretary General, Christian Friis Bach noted in a statement.

ECPAT [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.ecpat.net/news

25 April 2018

New research says "culture of silence" muzzles Khmer child victims of sexual exploitation

New research released by ECPAT today warns that despite some improvements in tackling the sexual exploitation of children in recent years, thousands of young Cambodians are still victims of this crime – and most are prevented from speaking up or going to police by a "culture of silence."

Although the report praises changes made in the way that child sexual exploitation is prosecuted by the court system, for example through the use of child-friendly justice (such as TV screens for court room child testimonies), the news for victims in Cambodia is mostly negative.

Fountain House [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.handicap-international.us/press releases

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 23, 2018

<u>Heifer International announces grant from Walmart Foundation to improve farmer livelihoods in Mexico</u>

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Rural, small-scale farmers in four states in Southern Mexico will soon gain market access to a large-scale consumer base in a new groundbreaking project. This initiative will provide economic stability to communities in need, while meeting growing market demand for high-quality, sustainably sourced food.

HelpAge International [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/ No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Kosovo: 19 years after conflict, over 1,600 people still missing

A significant slowdown in the process of resolving cases has meant that over 1,600 families continue to endlessly wait for their loved ones who went missing for nearly two decades. 27-04-2018 | News release

ICRC President's address: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention

In fragile contexts around the world we are facing a protection crisis: its roots lie in the grave, ongoing failure of the international community to protect ordinary men, women and children caught up in conflicts and the inability to fundamentally c 25-04-2018 | Statement

South Sudan: Relief operations postponed after gunshots fired at ICRC compound

Gunshots were directly fired at the ICRC field base in Leer just after midnight on April 10th. One ICRC guard suffered minor injuries to his leg and received medical care in Leer. 23-04-2018 | News release

IFRC [to 28 April 2018]

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

Africa, Kenya

Red Cross responds as floods displace more than 210,000 people across Kenya

Nairobi/Geneva, 25 April 2018 – The Kenya Red Cross Society is providing emergency relief to thousands of people impacted by rising flood waters that continue to wreak havoc in many parts of Kenya. Since torrential rains started last month, homes and f ...

Syria

<u>IFRC and Syrian Arab Red Crescent appeal for increased support ahead of Brussels</u> pledging conference for Syria

Damascus/Beirut/Geneva, 23 April 2018 – As the humanitarian catastrophe in Syria continues into its 8th year, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) are appealing for increase ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

<u>Joint NGO reactive: CARE, IRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, Save the Children, Oxfam, Humanity and Inclusion, Action Against Hunger, World Vision</u>

April 25, 2018

Statement

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Saudi-led bombing of wedding in Yemen may amount to a war crime

April 24, 2018

IRCT [to 28 April 2018] http://www.irct.org/
No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief [to 28 April 2018] http://www.islamic-relief.org/ *No new digest content identified.*

Landsea [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.landesa.org/press-and-media-categories/press-releases/ No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.medecinsdumonde.org/ No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 21 April 2018]

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

Press release

MSF: USTR Special 301 Report Calls Out Countries for Protecting Public Health

NEW YORK, APRIL 27, 2018—The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) released its annual "Special 301 Report" today, which reviews countries based on their intellectual property (IP) rights protection and enforcement. Countries that are deemed by the U.S. to not protect IP strongly enough are placed on this watch list.

Press release

Yemen: MSF Condemns Airstrikes on a Wedding Party in Hajjah

SANA'A, YEMEN/NEW YORK, APRIL 24, 2018—The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) received 63 wounded in a hospital it supports in Hajjah, <u>Yemen</u>, following a series of nighttime airstrikes by the Saudi and Emirati-led coalition on a wedding party in a remote, impoverished village in Bani Qays district on April 22.

Press release

<u>Italian Court Ruling Sends Worrying Signal to Humanitarian Operations in</u> **Mediterranean**

APRIL 24, 2018—An Italian court rejected an appeal today by the German humanitarian organization Jugend Rettet to release its search and rescue ship Iuventa, which was seized and impounded by Italian authorities in August 2017. Karline Kleijer, emergency program manager for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), gave the following statement...

Mercy Corps [to 28 April 2018]

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

DR Congo, April 26, 2018

Mercy Corps Doubles its Humanitarian Response in DR Congo

Global organization plans to help half-million Congolese in urgent need

GOMA, DR Congo – Since the beginning of 2018, the global organization Mercy Corps has doubled its humanitarian response in the Democratic Republic of Congo and plans to help more than half a million Congolese over the next year, making it one of the largest organizations working in the country.

For the past six months, the United Nations designated the crisis in DR Congo on the same level as Syria and Yemen, both of which are considered the most challenging and complex humanitarian emergencies in the world. An estimated 13.1 million people urgently need humanitarian assistance in the face of armed conflict, insecurity and chronic poverty - 5.6 million more people than in 2017. In response, the U.N. asked for \$1.7 billion, the country's largest ever funding appeal, but only \$528 million was pledged at a recent conference...

Nepal, April 25, 2018

Mercy Corps: Cautious Optimism Felt In Nepal Three Years After Earthquake Gorkha

Global organization powered recovery and preparedness for 164,000 people

KATHMANDU, NEPAL – Since the massive April 2015 earthquake in Nepal, the global organization Mercy Corps has continued long-term recovery efforts, improved early warning systems and implemented disaster risk reduction strategies to help people rebuild from the devastation that impacted roughly 40 percent of the country's population.

"In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, we provided emergency assistance to 135,000 men, women and children. But since then, we've been working side-by-side with communities to empower people to build back their lives and help them prepare for future crises," says Sanjay Karki, Mercy Corps' country director for Nepal...

Yemen, April 25, 2018

<u>International Organisations in Yemen Aggrieved and Outraged by Attacks on</u> Civilians

Following more indefensible attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure this week, international nongovernment organisations in Yemen strongly condemn an upsurge in violence across the country that is having gross and disproportionate impact on civilian safety, infrastructure and humanitarian space.

We are aggrieved and outraged by reports of Saudi-led Coalition airstrikes on a wedding in Yemen's Hajjah governorate on Monday morning that killed at least 22 people and injured more than 60 others, including children, later followed by a hit on a petrol station that killed at least 18. This follows distressing reports of at least 15 civilians killed by an airstrike on a house in Ibb earlier this month. Airstrikes in Sa'ada have hit in close proximity to INGO premises and a sustained strikes in Hodeida this month have forced hundreds of families to flee. In Taizz, ongoing shelling and ground clashes have reportedly now forced tens of thousands of people from their homes since the beginning of the year. Frontlines near Ibb have pushed more people from their homes, and several missiles fired into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by Ansar Allah forces are reported to have targeted civilian infrastructure and hit private civilian property. These incidents are indicative of worrying trends in a war that has deep consequences for civilian populations.

Attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure are unacceptable. We are alarmed by the apparent disregard of all parties to the conflict for the safety of women, men and children whose civilian status affords them protection from acts of war. Sustained violence, economic decline, the erosion of services and impediments to the delivery of humanitarian aid are driving a staggering scale of humanitarian need across the country.

We appeal to all parties to this conflict and those with influence over them to respect the laws of war and take immediate steps to ensure the protection of civilians. We urge them to cease attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure, and to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to people who need it to survive.

Finally, we call on the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen to investigate and report on all recent violations.

Yemen needs a political solution, not a military one, and parties to this conflict must take responsibility for finding a way to end this war.

Statement endorsed by:

Action Against Hunger

CARE

Danish Refugee Council

Global Communities

Humanity and Inclusion

International Medical Corps

INTERSOS

Médecins du Monde

Mercy Corps

Norwegian Refugee Council

Saferworld

Save the Children

ZOA

Operation Smile [to 28 April 2018]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 28 April 2018]

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

23 April 2018

Worse to come as first rains cause damage in Rohingya camps in Bangladesh

Damage and fear caused by the first rains of the monsoon season in the Rohingya refugee camps are an ominous warning of what is to come.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.nrc.no/

Published 27. Apr 2018

Heavy flooding hammers vulnerable communities in Somalia

Over 427,000 people have been affected by heavy flooding across Somalia in April.

"Our staff on the ground have seen the elderly, women and children struggling to survive while their flimsy shelters are knee-high full of stagnant water. And worst is likely yet to come. Countless displaced communities are sheltering in flood-prone areas. With limited access to proper toilets and clean water, it's a ticking time bomb for disease outbreaks like cholera and malaria," warned Victor Moses, Somalia Country Director for Norwegian Refugee Council.

Published 27. Apr 2018

NRC assisted nine million people in 2017

Roald Høvring

NRC reached more than nine million people in 2017. This represents an increase of 3.7 million people from the year before.

Published 26. Apr 2018

Accessing education in the midst of the Syria crisis

Kristine Kolstadl

Since the beginning of the conflict in Syria, over half of the Syrian population has been displaced. One in four schools has been damaged, destroyed or are being used as temporary shelters, leaving an estimated 2.08 million children and youth in Syria out of school. Education is a fundamental human right for all children and youth. It provides children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to build their own future and provides the opportunity for them to develop the voice through which other rights can be claimed and protected.

Pact [to 28 April 2018] http://www.pactworld.org/ No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.pih.org/blog No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 28 April 2018] http://www.path.org/news/index.php No new digest content identified.

Plan International [to 28 April 2018]

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

Save The Children [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.savethechildren.net/news

Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Brussels Syria donor conference fails to go 'nearly far enough'

Joint NGO reactive: CARE, IRC, Mercy Corps, NRC, Save the Children, Oxfam, Humanity and Inclusion, Action Against Hunger, World Vision [See Week in Review above for more detail]

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/about-sos/press/press-releases Somalia - 27 April 2018

Building capacity to address protracted challenges

The SOS Children's Villages National Director in Somalia sees a growing urgency to keep families together during drought and other emergencies

Youth employability – 26 April 2018

Let's Colour: boosting youth employability with the power of paint

After a successful pilot year, SOS Children's Villages and AkzoNobel, a leading global paints and coatings company, continue to renovate SOS living spaces and provide training for young people to improve their employment prospects. The programme is now expanding to six more countries and therefore reaching young people in a total of 10 countries.

Health - 25 April 2018

World Malaria Day: Preventing the disease in Mombasa

In the city of Mombasa, on the coast of Kenya, malaria is prevalent and children are most at risk of infection. The SOS Children's Village in Mombasa is combating the disease through an effective prevention campaign.

Tostan [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.tostan.org

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International _[to 28 April 2018]

http://www.womenforwomen.org/press-releases http://www.tostan.org

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 28 April 2018]

http://wvi.org/

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/ Selected Press Releases No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 28 April 2018]

https://freedomhouse.org/news

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

Iran: Disrupting Telegram Harms Iranian Citizens

April 26, 2018

Iranian authorities have begun disrupting access to Telegram, the country's most popular social media platform of around 40 million monthly users.

Press Releases

New Report: Attacks on the Record - The State of Global Press Freedom, 2017–2018 April 25, 2018

Press freedom is facing new threats in major democracies as well as in repressive states, where authorities are censorship social media after reducing the independence of traditional outlets.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Transparency International [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases/ 26 Apr 2018

Mongolia's anti-corruption agency under threat

Following recent calls for the resignation of the head of Mongolia's leading anti-corruption body, Transparency International urges the president of Mongolia to stop undermining anti-corruption efforts nationwide and cease threats to fire the country's top watchdog.

23 Apr 2018

New EU proposals for whistleblower protection is a bold step in the right direction

Today, the European Commission published its long-awaited proposal for an EU-wide Whistleblower Directive, which is a bold step in recognising the importance and rights of whistleblowers, according to Transparency International EU

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ChildFund Alliance [to 28 April 2018]

https://childfundalliance.org/

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 28 April 2018]

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

Apr 24, 2018

CONCORD's initial reaction to EU report on Financing for Development

The EU presented its first report on financing for development in years at the UN FFD Summit in New York, on April 23rd. CONCORD welcomes this opportunity for greater transparency on the EU's efforts to support the realisation of the 2030 Agenda.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 28 April 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 25/04/2018

Rohingya crisis

DEC appeal launched on 4 October 2017; £26 million raised to date (including £5m UK Aid Match); appeal remains open.

The Elders [to 28 April 2018] http://theelders.org/news-media *Press release* 23 April 2018

The Elders warn Brexit "hard border" could pose threat to peace in Northern Ireland

Hailing the Good Friday Agreement as an inspiration to others around the world, The Elders warn against the imposition of a "hard border" in the event of the UK leaving the EU's Single Market and Customs Union after Brexit

END Fund [to 28 April 2018]

https://end.org/media-hub/ Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 28 April 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org
No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.gavi.org/library/news/press-releases/ No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/?topic=&type=NEWS;&country=No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 28 April 2018]

http://prizecoalition.charity.org/ An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 28 April 2018]

https://icvanetwork.org/

April, 2018

World Bank and Refugees: An ICVA Briefing Paper

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 28 April 2018] http://www.ineesite.org/en/news

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.interaction.org/

Apr 26, 2018

Recognizing Leaders in Global Development and Humanitarian Assistance

Every year, InterAction's annual awards recognizes outstanding leaders within the global development and...

Apr 23, 2018

NGOs and Risk Study Enters Second Phase, Survey Now Available

In 2016, InterAction convened a group of major international humanitarian organizations to generate in-depth...

Start Network [to 28 April 2018]

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

28 Apr 18

Applying learning to the Migration Emergency Response Fund

Unpacking the complexities of mixed migration flows by Daniel Squire

The <u>Migration Emergency Response Fund (MERF)</u> is a rapid-response, context specific, contingency fund run by the Start Network to respond to changes in the context, spikes, ongoing gaps and acute needs among refugees and other migrants along the central Mediterranean route. When the MERF was being designed we asked some key questions:

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.alnap.org/

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 28 April 2018]

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

25/04/2018

GUK's Anjum Nahed Chowdhury: "Affected communities need to know that they have rights, and that no one should be able to abuse them"

Although Anjum Nahed Chowdhury's ambition was to work in a bank, she is now the Director of Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK). As Christian Aid is our 'member of the month', she tells us about her organisation's work to support Rohingya refugees in Cox Bazaar.

25/04/2018

Christian Aid's Naosheen Afroz: "Community participation takes place at every level"

Naosheen Nafroz is in charge of Christian Aid's integrated emergency humanitarian response to the Rohingya population in Cox Bazar. She is also the accountability coordinator. We had a chat with her against the background of the recent publication of Christian Aid's Accountability Assessment of the Rohingya Response in Bangladesh.

25/04/2018

Member of the Month: Christian Aid

This month we are putting our member Christian Aid in the spotlight. They have recently certified against the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) for the second consecutive time. Together with Gana Unnayan Kendra (GUK), their partner in Bangladesh, they have also released a particularly telling report in which they assess the degree to which the humanitarian sector is accountable to Rohingya refugees.

25/04/2018

<u>"This is the first time anyone has listened to us" - A short overview of accountability meaures in the Rohingya response in Bangladesh</u>

In February Christian Aid released a report providing data and analysis about the implementation of accountability systems for the Rohingya camps in the Cox Bazar area, Bangladesh. They assessed to what degree the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability is applied, in particular commitments 4 and 5.

25/04/2018

Christian Aid's Paul Valentin wants to put survivors in the driver seat

In this video message, Paul Valentin, Christian Aid's International Director, celebrates their recent CHS certification. He calls upon every staff member to apply the CHS in order to enhance their collective accountability towards affected people and communities and, ultimately, have humanitarian responses led by survivors.

23/04/2018

Training about CHS takes place in Gaziantep

Osman Consulting organised a training session about the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in Gaziantep, Turkey, from 9 to 11 April. The group, consisting of 30 participants, represented some 15 Syrian organisations operating in Syria and Turkey.

23/04/2018

Alignment with CHS helps prevent children's malnutrition in South Sudan

Medair's nutrition team operates four static nutrition clinics in the Renk area in South Sudan. Thanks to their alignment with the CHS, they revisited their approach to identify children in need of nutrition treatment, which allowed them to prevent cases of worsening malnutrition, medical complications and even death.

Development Initiatives [to 28 April 2018]

http://devinit.org/news/

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 28 April 2018]

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

Annual Call for Proposals

R2HC 6TH annual CALL will be launched in June 2018

R2HC aims to improve health outcomes by strengthening the evidence base for public health interventions in humanitarian crises.

The Sphere Project [to 28 April 2018]

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

26 April 2018 | Sphere

Sphere Handbook 2018 undergoing final production stages

Following an intense year of drafting, consultation and review, the fourth edition of the Sphere Handbook is approaching the final stages of production. The consolidated manuscript of four foundational chapters and four technical chapters will be submitted to the Sphere Executive Board for validation and approval in May.

The Sphere Board, the 16-member statutory body overseeing Sphere, will review the content, evidence, presentation, and coherence of the Handbook including an analysis of the process which led to its finalisation with global input. Upon validation, the finalized text will be prepared for publication and translated into three additional languages. All language versions - English,

French, Spanish, and Arabic - are planned to be released simultaneously upon launch, in the fall of 2018...

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 28 April 2018]

https://phap.org/

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 28 April 2018]

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

4/26/18

<u>Unequal Ventures: Baseline Study of Gender and Entrepreneurship in East Java,</u> Indonesia

Mayra Buvinic and Tanvi Jaluka

Women own a large and growing proportion of businesses in Indonesia, estimated at over half of all micro, small, and medium enterprises. However, women's economic outcomes are not equal to those of men

ODI [to 28 April 2018]

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

Selected Research/Publications

<u>Channelling private investment to infrastructure: what can multilateral development banks realistically do?</u>

Working and discussion papers | April 2018 | Chris Humphrey

This paper reviews how multilateral development banks can coordinate demand for infrastructure investment and supply of institutional investment resources.

Urban Institute [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.urban.org/publications

April 27, 2018

The Impact of Proposed Changes to HMDA

Data collected under the auspices of the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) allow researchers and policymakers to identify and track important information about the mortgage market. Starting this year, additional data fields are due to be collected, revealing information that can help policymakers improve access to mortgages and avoid a repeat of the recent housing crisis. But proposed legislation gaining momentum in Congress

Laurie Goodman, Ellen Seidman, Bhargavi Ganesh

April 27, 2018

Brief

Trauma-Informed Community Building and Engagement

Residents in public housing and other low-income or marginalized communities live with the daily stressors of violence and concentrated poverty, which stem from historic and structural conditions of racism, disenfranchisement, and isolation. Part of this trauma is the result of an extensive history of broken promises made by those intervening in marginalized communities. It is essential for community-building and engagement

Elsa Falkenburger, Olivia Arena, Jessica Wolin

April 26, 2018

Small-Dollar Mortgages for Single-Family Residential Properties

There is a significant lack of financing available for low-cost homes, which many first-time homebuyers and low- and middle-income families rely on to move from renting to homeownership. This brief examines the availability of small-dollar mortgages (up to \$70,000) for home purchases, refinances, and improvements, presenting a wealth of information on borrower and loan characteristics, production channels, and the geographic Alanna McCargo, Bing Bai, Taz George, Sarah Strochak April 25, 2018

Research Report

Inclusive Recovery in US Cities

Some cities have harnessed economic recoveries to improve on inclusion, or the opportunity for all residents—particularly historically excluded populations—to benefit from and contribute to economic prosperity. In this report, we conduct the first empirical analysis of how economic health and inclusion interact in US cities over several decades. We report on trends in economic health and inclusion across many cities and within a

Erika C. Poethig, Solomon Greene, Christina Plerhoples Stacy, Tanaya Srini, Brady Meixell April 25, 2018

Research Report

Housing Finance at a Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, April 2018

The April 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing housing credit availability, non-agency issuance activities, GSE portfolio wind-down, and a special quarterly feature on GSE loan composition, repurchase rates, defaults, and loss severity Laurie Goodman, Alanna McCargo, Edward Golding, Jim Parrott, Sheryl Pardo, Todd M. Hill, Jun Zhu, Bing Bai, Karan Kaul, Bhargavi Ganesh, Sarah Strochak, Andrea Reyes April 24, 2018 Research Report

Understanding Endowments

College and university endowment size varies by institution sector and selectivity. Endowment assets are concentrated at a very small number of colleges and universities that enroll relatively few low-income students and the schools with the largest endowments tend to be highly selective. However, the high-endowment schools use some of their wealth to reduce the prices they charge low-income students, who pay less to attend

Sandy Baum, Victoria Lee April 23, 2018

Brief

Building Evidence Culture and Capacity in Federal Agencies

Policymakers are increasingly interested in using data and evaluations to improve the results of federal programs. In 2016, Congress created the bipartisan Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, charged with developing recommendations to support analysis, research, and evaluation of government programs. The Commission's 2017 report included recommendations in three areas: improving access to data, strengthening privacy

Demetra Smith Nightingale, Molly M. Scott

April 23, 2018

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 28 April 2018]

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

Forum News 23 Apr 2018

Busting the Blockchain Hype: How to Tell if Distributed Ledger Technology is Right for You

- · Blockchain hype is damaging to the overall development work required to reap the benefits of this new technology
- · Companies need to answer, at most, 11 questions to see if blockchain is the right solution for their problems, according to research and analysis of blockchain's use in a variety of projects worldwide
- The first condensed question-and-answer visual toolkit on blockchain technology was jointly created by the World Economic Forum <u>Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution</u> and the Forum's Global Future Council on Blockchain

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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 28 April 2018]

https://www.alleninstitute.org/what-we-do/frontiers-group/news-press/news/ No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases APRIL 23, 2018

Global Financing Facility Replenishment Event to Be Co-hosted by Governments of Norway and Burkina Faso, World Bank Group, and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Event in Oslo in November aims to urgently raise funds to save the lives of 38 million women, children and adolescents in 50 countries

OSLO, NORWAY, April 23, 2018 – Every year in 50 countries across the world, more than 5 million mothers and children die from preventable causes, and countries lose billions of dollars to poor health and nutrition. The estimated annual financing shortfall is about US\$33 billion on a global level. To end preventable maternal, newborn and child deaths by 2030, countries are acting now to fill the funding gap by investing in the Global Financing Facility (GFF).

The Governments of Norway and Burkina Faso, the World Bank Group, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced today that they will co-host the GFF replenishment event on November 6, 2018, in Oslo, Norway. The Government of Norway, one of the initiators of and largest investors in the GFF, will also host a conference focused on development finance, in partnership with the GFF, on November 5, 2018, the day before the GFF replenishment event...

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

Blue Meridian Partners [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018]

https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 28 April 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 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 28 April 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 • No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 26, 2018

New funds for new ideas in economic policymaking

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has launched a two-year, \$10 million exploratory effort to support research on new ideas and intellectual frameworks in economics and economic policymaking. The new effort will be part of the foundation's Special Projects, which have included incubating potential initiatives, as well as enabling collaboration with other foundations.

Beyond Neoliberalism: Rethinking Political Economy

The Hewlett Foundation launched the Madison Initiative to tackle the problem of democratic dysfunction, with a strategy focused on the practice of politics — looking for levers to reduce or mitigate the tribalism that prevents our elected officials from working together effectively. Yet finding ways to address societal problems is not solely a matter of...

By Larry Kramer

April 26, 2018

How the arts help communities heal after a disaster: Q&A with Kristen Madsen of Creative Sonoma

The Hewlett Foundation announced today \$1.2 million in grants to help local arts organizations affected by the wildfires that devastated communities across the North Bay in the fall of 2017. Among the eight organizations receiving grants from the fund is Creative Sonoma, a program of the Sonoma County Economic Development Board that supports the local...

_April 26, 2018

Hewlett Foundation announces \$1.2 million in grants to address impacts of North Bay wildfires on local arts organizations

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Media Contact: Heath Wickline 650.234.4662 hwickline@hewlett.org Eight organizations receive grants of \$100,000 to \$205,000 to address long-term recovery needs MENLO PARK, Calif. (April 26, 2018)— The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation announced today that it has made eight grants totaling \$1.2 million to arts organizations in Sonoma and Napa counties affected by... April 26, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news

Our News

When Research Informs Policy: Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Approves Motion for "Crossover" Youth

April 27, 2018

Our <u>Foster Youth Strategic Initiative</u> seeks to ensure that youth who are aging out of the child welfare system become self-sufficient and thriving adults, paying special attention to high need sub-populations: youth who are involved in both the child welfare and the juvenile justice systems, sometimes called crossover youth....

IKEA Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.hhmi.org/news No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.kff.org/

April 23, 2018 News Release

<u>Analysis: Most Short-Term Health Plans Don't Cover Drug Treatment or Prescription</u>
<u>Drugs, and None Cover Maternity Care</u>

A new Kaiser Family Foundation analysis of short-term, limited duration health plans for sale through two major national online brokers finds big gaps in the benefits they offer. Through an executive order and proposed new regulations, the Trump Administration is seeking to encourage broader use of short-term, limited duration health...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

Kellogg Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 24, 2018

<u>Updated study outlines potential gains to U.S. economy and a pathway for economic growth</u>

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. – The United States economy could be \$8 trillion larger by 2050 if the country eliminated racial disparities in health, education, incarceration and employment, according to "The Business Case for Racial Equity: A Strategy for Growth." The gains would be equivalent to a continuous boost in GDP growth of 0.5 percent per year, increasing the competitiveness of the country for decades to come. The <u>national study</u> released today by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) and Altarum concludes that while racial inequities needlessly stifle economic growth, there is a path forward.

"More than half of U.S. workers and consumers will be people of color by 2050," said La June Montgomery Tabron, president and CEO of the Kellogg Foundation. "Civic and business leaders who anticipate demographic shifts will be poised for growth. The Business Case for Racial Equity' makes the connection between today's talent investment strategies and tomorrow's workforce. We know that promoting racial equity has a powerful positive effect on the lives and futures of children and their families. The data in this report indicate that advancing racial equity in policies and practices holds the potential for significant economic growth as well."

The report projects a tremendous boost to the country's workforce and consumer spending when organizations take the necessary steps to advance racial equity. Better jobs, health and education would spark an additional \$109 billion of food purchases each year, \$286 billion on housing, \$147 billion on transportation, \$44 billion on entertainment and \$30 billion on clothing and apparel. Federal tax revenues would increase by \$450 billion annually and state and local tax revenues would increase by \$100 billion...

MacArthur Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.macfound.org/

April 26, 2018 - Grantee Research

Study Finds Big Tech Lacks Transparency on Privacy and Online Speech

Top companies fail to disclose key policies and practices affecting their users' freedom of expression and privacy, according to the <u>Ranking Digital Rights 2018 Corporate Accountability Index</u>. The report, supported by MacArthur through a grant to the <u>New America Foundation</u>, benchmarks 22 companies whose products and services are collectively used by more than half of the world's 4.2 billion internet users. It finds that Facebook discloses less about how it handles user data than most of its U.S. peers, and companies including Google, Twitter, Apple, Samsung, AT&T, Vodafone, Telefónica and Orange disclosed too little about how user information is shared for targeted advertising.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.moore.org/

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/issues/media-information No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 28 April 2018]

http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room/press-releases No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/news-media/ No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 28 April 2018]

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

April 27, 2018 Blog Post

Can We Create a Fair Shot at Health?

Sheri Johnson

No one in the U.S. should have less of a chance to be healthy because of where they live, how much money they make, or the color of their skin. By building strong communities our children will become more resilient and healthier adults.

April 26, 2018 Blog Post

Power of Partnerships

Najaf Ahmad

The U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams joined RWJF President and CEO Rich Besser to discuss how the power of partnerships can help transform communities and advance equity.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 28 April 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..."

April 26, 2018

For New Medicines, Turn to Pioneers [via Harvard Gazette]

Most transformative meds originate in curiosity-driven science, evidence says

April 26, 2018

<u>Most Transformative Meds Originate in Curiosity-Driven Science, Evidence Says [via Harvard Gazette)</u>

Most transformative meds originate in curiosity-driven science, evidence says

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<u>Brain Science Institute at Brown Receives \$100 Million Gift [via Washington Post, Associated Press]</u>

Robert and Nancy Carney have donated \$100 million to Brown University's brain science institute to advance the understanding of the...

SDG Philanthropy Platform

http://sdafunders.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).

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

https://sloan.org/about/press No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 28 April 2018]

https://wellcome.ac.uk/news Q&A / Published: 23 April 2018 Why do we need vaccines?

Vaccines are one of our most effective health interventions, but are often misunderstood. In this Q&A, we explain what they are, how they work and why they are important.

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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

May 2018 Volume 46, Issue 5, p479-600

http://www.ajicjournal.org/current

Message from APIC

Newly revised guide to clinically important microbes—available in print and digital formats

Published in issue: May 2018

Major Articles

<u>Lessons from the domestic Ebola response: Improving health care system resilience to high consequence infectious diseases</u>

Diane Meyer, Tara Kirk Sell, Monica Schoch-Spana, Matthew P. Shearer, Hannah Chandler, Erin Thomas, Dale A. Rose, Eric G. Carbone, Eric Toner p533–537

Published online: December 15, 2017

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2018 Volume 54, Issue 5, p611-726, e83-e98 http://www.ajpmonline.org/current [New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2018 108(5) http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current IMMIGRATION

Health, Social Movements, and Australian Immigration Detention

Ryan Essex 108(5), pp. 614–615

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 98, Issue 4, 2018 http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/98/4 [New issue; No digest content identified]

Annals of Internal Medicine

17 April 2018 Vol: 168, Issue 8 http://annals.org/aim/issue
[New issue; No digest content identified

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/ (Accessed 28 April 2018) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2018 - Volume 3 - 2 http://gh.bmj.com/content/3/2 [Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content (Accessed 28 April 2018) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content (Accessed 28 April 2018) [No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmedethics/content (Accessed 28 April 2018) Research article

<u>Screening audit' as a quality assurance tool in good clinical practice compliant</u> research environments

With the growing amount of clinical research, regulations and research ethics are becoming more stringent. This trend introduces a need for quality assurance measures for ensuring adherence to research ethics ...

Authors: Sinyoung Park, Chung Mo Nam, Sejung Park, Yang Hee Noh, Cho Rong Ahn, Wan Sun

Yu, Bo Kyung Kim, Seung Min Kim, Jin Seok Kim and Sun Young Rha

Citation: BMC Medical Ethics 2018 19:30

Published on: 25 April 2018

BMC Medicine

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcmed/content (Accessed 28 April 2018) Research article 23 April 2018

<u>Differences in the health transition patterns of migrants and non-migrants aged 50</u> and older in southern and western Europe (2004–2015)

Most previous research on migrant health in Europe has taken a cross-sectional perspective, without a specific focus on the older population. Having knowledge about inequalities in health transitions over the life course between migrants and non-migrants, including at older ages, is crucial for the tailoring of policies to the demands of an ageing and culturally diverse society. We analyse differences in health transitions between migrants and non-migrants, specifically focusing on the older population in Europe.

Authors: Matias Reus-Pons, Clara H. Mulder, Eva U. B. Kibele and Fanny Janssen

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content (Accessed 28 April 2018)

Research article

Tolerability of trivalent inactivated influenza vaccine among pregnant women, 2015

Thailand recommends influenza vaccination among pregnant women. We conducted a cohort study to determine if the prevalence of adverse events following immunization (AEFIs) with influenza vaccine among Thai pre...

Authors: Suvanna Asavapiriyanont, Wanitchaya Kittikraisak, Piyarat Suntarattiwong, Darunee Ditsungnoen, Surasak Kaoiean, Podjanee Phadungkiatwatana, Nattinee Srisantiroj, Tawee

Chotpitayasunondh, Fatimah S. Dawood and Kim A. Lindblade

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2018 18:110

Published on: 23 April 2018

BMC Public Health

http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles (Accessed 28 April 2018) Study protocol

<u>Impact evaluation of a community engagement intervention in improving childhood immunization coverage: a cluster randomized controlled trial in Assam, India</u>

To improve immunization coverage, most interventions that are part of the national immunization program in India address supply-side challenges. But, there is growing evidence that addressing demand-side facto...

Authors: Santanu Pramanik, Arpita Ghosh, Rituu B. Nanda, Marlou de Rouw, Philip Forth and

Sandra Albert

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:534

Published on: 23 April 2018

BMC Research Notes

http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content (Accessed 28 April 2018) [No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

April 2018 - Volume 8 - 4 http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current [Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 4, April 2018, 225-296 http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/4/18-000418/en/ [Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 44, Issue 3 Pages: 343-506 May 2018 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current [Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

April 2018 Volume 40, Issue 4, p497-668 http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current

Conflict and Health

http://www.conflictandhealth.com/ [Accessed 28 April 2018] Research

Water, sanitation, and hygiene access in southern Syria: analysis of survey data and recommendations for response

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) are immediate priorities for human survival and dignity in emergencies. In 2010, > 90% of Syrians had access to improved drinking water. In 2011, armed conflict began and ...

Authors: Mustafa Sikder, Umar Daraz, Daniele Lantagne and Roberto Saltori

Citation: Conflict and Health 2018 12:17

Published on: 23 April 2018

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 68 Pages 1-146 (May 2018)

https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/68/suppl/C

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 3

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

PAEDIATRIC AND NEONATAL INFECTIONS

The impact of malnutrition on childhood infections

Walson, Judd L.; Berkley, James A.

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases. 31(3):231-236, June 2018.

Abstract:

Purpose of review

Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children with malnutrition, predominantly in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. This review summarizes the mechanisms by which malnutrition and serious infections interact with each other and with children's environments. Recent findings

It has become clear that whilst malnutrition results in increased incidence, severity and case fatality of common infections, risks continue beyond acute episodes resulting in significant postdischarge mortality. A well established concept of a 'vicious-cycle' between nutrition and infection has now evolving to encompass dysbiosis and pathogen colonization as precursors to infection; enteric dysfunction constituting malabsorption, dysregulation of nutrients and metabolism, inflammation and bacterial translocation. All of these interact with a child's diet and environment. Published trials aiming to break this cycle using antimicrobial prophylaxis or water, sanitation and hygiene interventions have not demonstrated public health benefit so far. Summary

As further trials are planned, key gaps in knowledge can be filled by applying new tools to reexamine old questions relating to immune competence during and after infection events and changes in nutritional status; and how to characterize overt and subclinical infection, intestinal permeability to bacteria and the role of antimicrobial resistance using specific biomarkers.

Developing World Bioethics

March 2018 Volume 18, Issue 1 Pages 1-64

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dewb.2018.18.issue-1/issuetoc

Special Issue: Rebuilding Patient-Physician Trust in China, Developing a Trust-

Oriented Bioethics

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 28, Issue 4, 2018

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

Article

Fit for purpose? A review of guides for gender-equitable value chain development

<u>Dietmar Stoian, Jason Donovan, Marlène Elias</u> & <u>Trent Blare</u>

Pages: 494-509

Published online: 23 Apr 2018

Article

<u>Elucidating linkages between women's empowerment in livestock and nutrition: a qualitative study</u>

Mindy Price, Alessandra Galie, Jennifer Marshall & Ngozichukwuka Agu

Pages: 510-524

Published online: 23 Apr 2018

Article

Effective evaluation of projects on violence against women and girls

Michaela Raab & Wolfgang Stuppert

Pages: 541-551

Published online: 23 Apr 2018

Development Policy Review

Volume 36, Issue 3 Pages: i-iv, 263, 265-386 May 2018

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dpr.2018.36.issue-2/issuetoc

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 4, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 1 - February 2018

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-

preparedness/latest-issue

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

April 2018 Volume 42, Issue 2 Pages 205–404

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.2018.42.issue-2/issuetoc

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

01 April 2018; volume 19, issue 4 http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/4?current-issue=y [Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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As more organizations commit to sustainability, there is an increasing concern to incorporate social sustainability throughout their business operations. To conceptualize and integrate the notion, some organizations use preexisting indicators to demonstrate the value and impact of sustainability, while others look beyond the measurement of impacts by constructing their own system of indicators. This paper draws on a comprehensive literature review to determine a broadly acceptable framework of social sustainability indicators to be conceptualized and integrated into the business world.

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'He who helps the guilty, shares the crime'? INGOs, moral narcissism and complicity in wrongdoing

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Abstract

Humanitarian organisations often work alongside those responsible for serious wrongdoing. In these circumstances, accusations of moral complicity are sometimes levelled at decision makers. These accusations can carry a strong if unfocused moral charge and are frequently the source of significant moral unease. In this paper, we explore the meaning and usefulness of complicity and its relation to moral accountability. We also examine the impact of concerns about complicity on the motivation of humanitarian staff and the risk that complicity may lead to a retreat into moral narcissism. Moral narcissism is the possibility that where humanitarian actors

inadvertently become implicated in wrongdoing, they may focus more on their image as self-consciously good actors than on the interests of potential beneficiaries. Moral narcissism can be triggered where accusations of complicity are made and can slew decision making. We look at three interventions by Médecins Sans Frontières that gave rise to questions of complicity. We question its decision-guiding usefulness. Drawing on recent thought, we suggest that complicity can helpfully draw attention to the presence of moral conflict and to the way International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) can be drawn into unintentional wrongdoing. We acknowledge the moral challenge that complicity presents to humanitarian staff but argue that complicity does not help INGOs make tough decisions in morally compromising situations as to whether they should continue with an intervention or pull out.

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Addressing decreasing vaccine coverage in the EU

The Lancet

In recent years, the European Union (EU) has seen large outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles due to declining vaccine coverage, supply shortages, and growing vaccine hesitancy. To address the challenges facing vaccination programmes, the European Commission set an ambitious goal: to put together a Recommendation to strengthen cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases in EU countries. <u>A roadmap</u> for the Recommendation was published on Dec 4, 2017, and was opened for public consultation for 4 weeks. The European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) and the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) <u>publicly responded</u> to the roadmap on April 19.

EASAC and FEAM warned the European Commission against a one-size-fits-all approach. They state that solutions to improve vaccine coverage need to be tailored to each member state, and that the proposal to align and coordinate vaccination schedules in the member states will most likely be "an enormous and futile effort". The Recommendation should recognise that not all vaccines are of equal relevance for public health and individual protection, and should include a priority list for vaccines that are in high need. It should present strategies to invest in research and innovation for vaccines that need improvement. Furthermore, to tackle vaccine hesitancy with optimal communication approaches, the input of social scientists will be essential. EASAC

and FEAM also call for the establishment of a European vaccination card and registry, to track vaccination status across the EU, and a monitoring system for vaccine shortage.

The Recommendation has the potential to be momentous, bringing together EU member states in a common goal towards better vaccine coverage. As we went to press, a proposal for the Recommendation was scheduled to be published on April 26. The European Commission should take heed of the medical community's feedback to clarify the scope and aims of the proposal, or risk continuing to lose the gains for public health brought by immunisation in Europe.

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#VaccinesWork... don't they?

The Lancet Global Health

One hundred years ago in April 1918, as American soldiers landed on European soil in the final months of World War I, so did a virus detected a month earlier at an army training facility in Kansas, USA, accelerating what would be the first wave of the 1918 flu pandemic. The exact origin of the pandemic is not known, but the culprit is: it was an influenza A(H1N1) virus, the kind that would again emerge and spread worldwide in 2009, causing this time a reported (and probably underestimated) 19 000 deaths. Global health has come a long way since then: the development of influenza vaccines, including a potentially universal one granting protection against all flu strains, and preparation for pandemic influenza are now integral parts of health and security efforts. Yet 100 years later, influenza prevention is not free of debate and controversy, and neither is the field of vaccines and immunisation.

Vaccination has contributed tremendously to global health. Since the creation of the Expanded Programme on Immunization in 1974, it has saved countless lives and improved the living conditions of millions of people. So as we near the end of the Decade of Vaccines, with its promise of universal access to immunization by 2020 via the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP), it seems almost paradoxical that global coverage of such a successful and cost-effective tool is showing only sluggish progress. Results of the 2017 report from WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) on implementation of the GVAP were concerning, as slow improvement in vaccination coverage, misalignment of strategies and funding, and external threats to progress were evoked. SAGE will meet this April as part of its twice-yearly schedule and while there may be some progress to celebrate, pressures on vaccination efforts will certainly continue to permeate the discussions.

Conflicts, instability, and humanitarian disasters are especially challenging and disrupt efforts to reach those most in need of vaccines. Examples abound in today's geopolitical state of affairs and among the most heart-wrenching is the situation of the Rohingyas stranded in Cox's Bazaar and Bandarban, Bangladesh, where as Delan Devakumar describes in a Comment in this issue, the risks of the monsoon season are coupled with outbreaks of measles and diphtheria. In east Ghouta, in spite of an emergency vaccination campaign against measles, rubella, tuberculosis, hepatitis, and polio, Syrian refugees remain vulnerable to diseases. Weakened health systems such as Venezuela's are susceptible to resurgence of diseases that threaten decade-long regional efforts, such as measles elimination in the Americas. Venezuela also shares a border with Brazil, where a high risk of urban yellow fever transmission has prompted a nationwide vaccination campaign.

Another impediment to progress is true political commitment to an issue that has complex budgetary implications, particularly in countries where economic progress is such that they are transitioning out of international financial assistance. One example is Nigeria, which, following rebasing, qualifies out of GAVI in spite of paltry immunisation coverage indicators and the continuing threat of polio. In this case, GAVI's board has agreed to an exceptional support plan beyond 2020, and Bill Gates announced in March that he would support the country's immunisation efforts by paying up a US\$76 million loan from Japan. The question is whether ad-hoc interventions of this type would be repeated with other transitioning countries.

Vaccination efforts are also clearly aligned with the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) agenda, but financing and service delivery plans on the road to UHC might affect the way immunisation programmes and services are prioritised, adding uncertainty. Beyond budgetary considerations, vaccine policies must strike the right balance between imposing vaccination or giving a choice, to parents in particular, in environments where vaccine skepticism can be high. Recent laws making several childhood vaccines mandatory in France and Italy have generated much debate and highlighted the reality that the power of vaccines can be threatened in countries on the full spectrum of national incomes, and not only where lack of access is due to lack of resources.

There is no doubt that vaccines work: they save lives, they are the best investment a country could make for its citizens. Yet immunisation only really works when all the pressures on coverage, those mentioned above and many more, are relieved in a collective effort. The theme of this year's World Immunization Week on April 24–30, "Protected Together, #VaccinesWork" is a good reminder of that.

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<u>Effective interventions for unintentional injuries: a systematic review and mortality impact assessment among the poorest billion</u>

Between 1990 and 2015, the global injury mortality declined, but in countries where the poorest billion live, injuries are becoming an increasingly prevalent cause of death. The vulnerability of this population requires immediate attention from policy makers to implement effective interventions that lessen the burden of injuries in these countries. Our aim was two-fold; first, to review all the evidence on effective interventions for the five main types of unintentional injury; and second, to estimate the potential number of lives saved by effective injury interventions among the poorest billion.

For our systematic review we used references in the Disability Control Priorities third edition, and searched PubMed and the Cochrane database for papers published until Sept 10, 2016, using a comprehensive search strategy to find interventions for the five major causes of unintentional injuries: road traffic crashes, falls, drowning, burns, and poisoning. Andres I Vecino-Ortiz, Aisha Jafri, Adnan A Hyder

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<u>Effectiveness of national and subnational infection prevention and control interventions in high-income and upper-middle-income countries: a systematic review</u>

Lesley Price, Jennifer MacDonald, Lynn Melone, Tracey Howe, Paul Flowers, Kay Currie, Evonne Curran, Valerie Ness, Debbie Waddell, Sarkis Manoukian, Agi McFarland, Claire Kilpatrick, Julie Storr, Anthony Twyman, Benedetta Allegranzi, Jacqui Reilly Summary

Evidence-based guidance for national infection prevention and control (IPC) programmes is needed to support national and global capacity building to reduce health-care-associated infection and antimicrobial resistance. In this systematic review we investigate evidence on the effectiveness of IPC interventions implemented at national or subnational levels to inform the development of WHO guidelines on the core components of national IPC programmes. We searched CENTRAL, CINAHL, Embase, MEDLINE, and WHO IRIS databases for publications between Jan 1, 2000, and April 19, 2017. 29 studies that met the eligibility criteria (ie, economic evaluations, cluster-randomised trials, non-randomised trials, controlled before-and-after studies, and interrupted time-series studies exploring the effective of these interventions) were categorised according to intervention type: multimodal, care bundles, policies, and surveillance, monitoring, and feedback. Evidence of effectiveness was found in all categories but the best quality evidence was on multimodal interventions and surveillance, monitoring, and feedback. We call for improvements in study design, reporting of research, and quality of evidence particularly from low-income countries, to strengthen the uptake and international relevance of IPC interventions.

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

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Fake medicines: fighting on all fronts

The Lancet Respiratory Medicine

The illegal market in fake medicines is a growing threat and is harming patients the world over—this was the headline of Fight the Fakes, an event at University College London (UCL) on March 16, 2018, which aimed to provoke action on the urgent global issue of falsified and substandard medicines.

A <u>recent WHO report</u> estimated that about 1 in 10 medical products circulating in countries of low and middle income is either substandard or falsified. Fake drugs are being produced by organised criminals who can turn large profits. Factories are set up that can create packaging and medication inserts that perfectly resemble the real drugs; this packaging is then filled with cheaply made tablets or solutions that contain no active ingredient whatsoever, or in some cases contain dangerous substances. All too often, these harmful counterfeits find their way into pharmacies and clinics in countries of low and middle income. At the Fight the Fakes event, Michael Deats of WHO showed footage of a raid on a fake medicines factory in West Africa;

glass bottles were being filled with "antimicrobials" to be dispensed to children with lung infections, but the liquid being decanted from filthy plastic canisters not only contained no active ingredient, it was also heavily contaminated with Escherichia coli.

Antimicrobials and antimalarials are the most commonly reported fake drugs. A <u>modelling study</u> based on data from the WHO report estimated that between 79 000 and 169 000 children might be dying each year from pneumonia because they are being treated with fake antibiotics. Data on all classes of drugs are patchy, but a 2013 study of pharmacies in 19 countries found that 9·1% of tuberculosis drugs sampled did not contain enough active ingredient or failed disintegration tests. Failure rate was 16·6% in Africa, 10·1% in India, and 3·9% in other middle-income countries.

Speaking at the Fight the Fakes event, Professor Ibrahim Abubakar (UCL) noted that in the case of tuberculosis, as well as some other infectious diseases, fake drugs do not just cause harm to the individual patient, but they also contribute to the development of resistant strains that can affect society as a whole.

A second <u>WHO report</u> on surveillance and monitoring of substandard and falsified drugs identified three main drivers of the problem in countries of low and middle income: constrained access to safe and affordable medical products, lack of good governance, and weak technological capacity. For these drivers to be addressed, political will and public awareness will be required.

Higher-income countries face a slightly different set of problems. Lynda Scammell of the MHRA said that the incidence of fake drugs making their way into the official supply chain in the UK (ie, being dispensed by the NHS) is very low; however, a growing number of people are buying medicines online. Often, these drugs are bought from websites that look legitimate, but the supply chain is opaque, increasing the risk of falsified or substandard drugs being taken. Additionally, prescription-only medications are frequently bought online without any consultation or appropriate medical advice.

Substandard medical devices bought online are also a problem; Scammell cited syphilis testing kits that always give a negative result or dental drills with a tendency to fall apart in the middle of procedures. Both of these are examples of products seized during Operation Pangea, coordinated by INTERPOL, which aims to tackle the illegal sale of medicines and devices online. As well as seizing packages as they come through customs, Pangea targets internet service providers for illegal medicine websites and the payments systems that they use.

The conversation around the complex issue of fake medicines can often be rather sterile, focusing on the need for supply chain oversight, country-level surveillance, and public awareness campaigns. Although these are all important weapons in the fight, it is important to remember that this is a human issue that brings misery and suffering to people daily. In his presentation, Michael Deats showed video footage of five children from a rural area of the Democratic Republic of Congo who were among 1000 young people admitted to hospital with the same set of symptoms: dystonia, paralysis of the upper limbs, and protruding tongue. He explained that an investigation by Medecins Sans Frontieres eventually found that all the children had been given yellow tablets labelled as diazepam, which had been prescribed to treat malarial convulsions; however, when tested, the tablets were found to contain haloperidol, an antipsychotic, which had been purposefully mislabelled as diazepam to sell it. 11 of the children died. This shocking example highlights that this is an urgent issue that is not receiving the attention it deserves.

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Azithromycin to Reduce Childhood Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Abstract

Background

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We hypothesized that mass distribution of a broad-spectrum antibiotic agent to preschool children would reduce mortality in areas of sub-Saharan Africa that are currently far from meeting the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Methods

In this cluster-randomized trial, we assigned communities in Malawi, Niger, and Tanzania to four twice-yearly mass distributions of either oral azithromycin (approximately 20 mg per kilogram of body weight) or placebo. Children 1 to 59 months of age were identified in twice-yearly censuses and were offered participation in the trial. Vital status was determined at subsequent censuses. The primary outcome was aggregate all-cause mortality; country-specific rates were assessed in prespecified subgroup analyses.

Conclusions

Among postneonatal, preschool children in sub-Saharan Africa, childhood mortality was lower in communities randomly assigned to mass distribution of azithromycin than in those assigned to placebo, with the largest effect seen in Niger. Any implementation of a policy of mass distribution would need to strongly consider the potential effect of such a strategy on antibiotic resistance. (Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; MORDOR ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02047981.)

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Perspective

Attacks on medical workers in Syria: Implications for conflict research

Michael Spagat

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<u>Determining the scope of attacks on health in four governorates of Syria in 2016:</u> <u>Results of a field surveillance program</u>

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<u>Positive experiences of volunteers working in deployable laboratories in West Africa</u> during the Ebola outbreak

Evelien Belfroid, Madelief Mollers, Pieter W. Smit, Marlies Hulscher, Marion Koopmans, Chantal Reusken, Aura Timen

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Research Article

Anatomy of an online misinformation network

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Abstract

Massive amounts of fake news and conspiratorial content have spread over social media before and after the 2016 US Presidential Elections despite intense fact-checking efforts. How do the spread of misinformation and fact-checking compete? What are the structural and dynamic characteristics of the core of the misinformation diffusion network, and who are its main purveyors? How to reduce the overall amount of misinformation? To explore these questions we built Hoaxy, an open platform that enables large-scale, systematic studies of how misinformation and fact-checking spread and compete on Twitter. Hoaxy captures public tweets that include links to articles from low-credibility and fact-checking sources. We perform k-core decomposition on a diffusion network obtained from two million retweets produced by several hundred thousand accounts over the six months before the election. As we move from the periphery to the core of the network, fact-checking nearly disappears, while social bots proliferate. The number of users in the main core reaches equilibrium around the time of the election, with limited churn and increasingly dense connections. We conclude by quantifying how effectively the network can be disrupted by penalizing the most central nodes. These findings provide a first look at the anatomy of a massive online misinformation diffusion network.

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Review Articles

Behavioural incentive interventions for health behaviour change in young people (5–18 years old): A systematic review and meta-analysis

Review article

Pages 55-66

Rekesh Corepal, Mark A. Tully, Frank Kee, Sarah J. Miller, Ruth F. Hunter Abstract

Physical inactivity, an unhealthy diet, smoking, and alcohol consumption are key determinants of morbidity and mortality. These health behaviours often begin at a young age and track into adulthood, emphasising a need for interventions in children and young people. Previous research has demonstrated the potential effectiveness of behavioural incentive (BI) interventions in adults. However, little is known about their effectiveness in children and adolescents.

Eight bibliographic databases were searched. Eligibility criteria included controlled trials using behavioural incentives (rewards provided contingent on successful performance of the target behaviour) as an intervention component for health behaviour change in children and adolescents. Intervention effects (standardised mean differences or odds ratios) were calculated and pooled by health behaviour, using a random effects model.

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Twenty-two studies were included (of n = 8392 identified), 19 of which were eligible for metaanalysis: physical activity (n = 8); healthier eating (n = 3); and smoking (n = 8). There was strong evidence that behavioural incentives may encourage healthier eating behaviours, some evidence that behavioural incentives were effective for encouraging physical activity behaviour, and limited evidence to support the use of behavioural incentives for smoking cessation and prevention in adolescents.

Findings suggest that behavioural incentives may encourage uptake and initiation of healthy eating and physical activity in young people. However, this is a limited evidence base and a wide range of incentive designs have yet to be explored. Future research should further investigate the acceptability of these intervention approaches for young people.

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Public Health

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Special issue on Migration: A global public health issue

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Editors' Choice

Migration: a core public health ethics issue

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Migration is a core issue of public health ethics and must take a case-based approach: seeking to identify the specific ethical dimensions and vulnerabilities in each particular context. Public health as a practice, built upon the core value of justice, requires the protection and promotion of migrants' well-being (even if this produces tension with immigration services). Ethical analysis should take all phases of migration into account: before, during and after transit. We argue that migration policies, at least as they relate to migrants' well-being, should be founded upon a shared humanity, respect for human rights and on the idea that effective public health cannot and should not be confined within the borders and to the citizens of any host country.

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<u>Migrant children within Europe: a systematic review of children's perspectives on their health experiences</u>

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O. Giuntella, Z.L. Kone, I. Ruiz, C. Vargas-Silva

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<u>Vaccination status and needs of asylum-seeking children in Denmark: a retrospective data analysis</u>

C.S. Nakken, M. Skovdal, L.B. Nellums, J.S. Friedland, S. Hargreaves, M. Norredam

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Access to childhood immunisation services and its determinants among recent and settled migrants in Delhi, India

Y.S. Kusuma, S. Kaushal, A.B. Sundari, B.V. Babu

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Racial disparities in vaccination for seasonal influenza in early childhood

M. Anandappa, E. Adjei Boakye, W. Li, W. Zeng, T. Rebmann, J.J. Chang

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<u>Vaccination coverage among children and adolescents below 18 years of age in French Guiana: inventory and determinant factors</u>

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Ethical considerations in the uptake of influenza vaccination by healthcare workers

A.H. Carter, S.M. Yentis

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Volume 38, Issue 4 Pages: 635-868 April 2018 https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current [Reviewed earlier]

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27 April 2018 Vol 360, Issue 6387 http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl Policy Forum

Advancing the ethics of paleogenomics

By Jessica Bardill, Alyssa C. Bader, Nanibaa' A. Garrison, Deborah A. Bolnick, Jennifer A. Raff, Alexa Walker, Ripan S. Malhi, the Summer internship for INdigenous peoples in Genomics (SING) Consortium

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https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/204/suppl/C *Regular articles*

<u>Women's asset ownership and children's nutritional status: Evidence from Papua</u>
New Guinea

Original research article

Pages 100-107

Yana van der Meulen Rodgers, Alice Louise Kassens *Abstract*

This study examines how women's asset ownership is associated with children's nutritional status in Papua New Guinea, a country with some of the most severe child malnutrition in the world. The 2009–2010 Household Income and Expenditure Survey is employed, but restricted to children under the age of 72 months living with married mothers, leaving a final analytic sample of 1651. Asset ownership is expected to strengthen mothers' income-generating capacity and their bargaining power within the home, which increases investments in children's health. Women's ownership of fishing and agricultural equipment (important for meeting subsistence needs and for generating cash earnings) appears to be driving most of the results. OLS regression results point to beneficial effects of maternal asset ownership for children's height-for-age, weight-for-height, and weight-for-age Z-scores, and results from detailed quantile regressions indicate that these effects occur at various parts of the distribution, especially for children's WAZ scores.

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles

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The Conundrum of DDR Coordination: The Case of South Sudan

Guy Lamb, Theo Stainer 27 Apr 2018

Editorial

<u>Hybrid Security Governance Responses to Crises: The Case of the Ebola Response in Sierra Leone</u>

Osman Gbla 27 Apr 2018

Research Article

<u>Democratically Transformed or Business as Usual: The Sierra Leone Police and Democratic Policing in Sierra Leone</u>

Ibrahim Bangura

Stanford Social Innovation Review

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When the founder and long-time leader of an organization is replaced by someone new, it's generally thought that the founder should make a complete break so that there isn't any confusion about who is in control. But recent research by The Bridgespan Group suggests that in the nonprofit world that may not be the best approach.

Philanthropy & Funding

The Civic Science Imperative

By Elizabeth Good Christopherson, Dietram A. Scheufele & Brooke Smith

Philanthropy has a vital role to play in building a culture of "civic science," in which scientists take active roles as citizens and citizens engage with scientific research.

Sustainability

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Protocol

An updated protocol for a systematic review of implementation-related measures

Implementation science is the study of strategies used to integrate evidence-based practices into real-world settings (Eccles and Mittman, Implement Sci. 1(1):1, 2006). Central to the identification of replicable, feasible, and effective implementation strategies is the ability to assess the impact of contextual constructs and intervention characteristics that may influence implementation, but several measurement issues make this work quite difficult.

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Protocol

<u>Emergency transportation interventions for reducing adverse pregnancy outcomes in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review protocol</u>

Transportation interventions seek to decrease delay in reaching a health facility for emergency obstetric care and are, thus, believed to contribute to reductions in such adverse pregnancy and childbirth outco...

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

January-February, 2018 Volume 21 http://www.travelmedicinejournal.com/ [Reviewed earlier]

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UN Chronicle

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Global Citizenship

This issue focuses on global citizenship, which has been defined as the concept that one's identity transcends, even as it respects, geographical and national borders, and that our social, political, environmental and economic actions occur in an interconnected world. The articles examine, among other things, the nexus between reducing inequality and global citizenship, safeguarding cultural and linguistic diversity, and the rights and responsibilities derived from being a global citizen.

In this issue of the UN Chronicle, we have invited a number of distinguished contributors to share with us their perspectives on what global citizenship is and how this concept can be translated into solutions to global challenges and concerns.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care Volume 13, Issue 2, 2018 http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current [Reviewed earlier]

World Heritage Review

http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/84/ n°86 - March 2018

World Heritage and Reconstruction

While conflicts continue to inflict damage – much of it intentional – on heritage sites, reconstruction becomes a critical topic for discussion. The recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction of damaged sites are complex. They involve questions that go beyond authenticity and integrity. As the architect Jad Tabet says in his introductory article to this issue of World Heritage, "No one could have imagined that the coming century would, in its early years, witness a new cycle of violence that would spread from Afghanistan and Iraq to Mali, Libya, Syria and Yemen and lead the world to this state of generalized latent warfare that we know today.

The formulation of sound guidance is urgently required on issues related to recovery, taking into account the need to support the affected local communities. To this end, expert meetings have been convened by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, ICCROM and ICOMOS, and seminars are being held at universities to develop plans for thoughtful and effective action. UNESCO is also currently preparing a 'White Paper' in partnership with the World Bank on the reconstruction of cities following a conflict or major natural disaster. Reconstruction projects at World Heritage sites also need to address the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of each site – the reason for which it was inscribed on the World Heritage List – but within the context of a larger vision for recovery that addresses socioeconomic questions as well as the needs of the local communities. Solutions must be sensitive to questions of reconciliation and cannot rewrite history.

In this issue, we look at the cases of intentional destruction of sites in Syria and of the Buddhas in the Bamiyan Valley of Afghanistan. We take into account the devastating impact on local

communities and their identities, as well as the implications of different approaches to reconstruction. We look at the inspiring cases of Timbuktu (Mali), where the mausoleums were rebuilt after their destruction in 2012, and the Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina), where the rebuilt bridge has become a symbol of perseverance and unity among communities. We are also pleased to present an interview with heritage expert Christina Cameron, who explains the concept of reconstruction in the framework of the World Heritage Convention and considers the emotional and psychological consequences for the related communities.

As we move forward, the World Heritage Committee will continue to support the preparation and dissemination of guidance on reconstruction, which includes facing the multifaceted challenges it brings. The Committee will continue as well to offer other options – such as exhibits, or virtual projections – that can satisfy the needs of communities to preserve and express their identities without marring the authenticity of what remains. New questions must also be addressed in the future. They include commemoration of the loss, and remembrance of community members and site managers who have given their lives to defend our shared World Heritage.

I would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director-General for Culture, who is leaving UNESCO after 15 years of service and who contributed greatly to safeguarding World Heritage around the world. I would also like to express my gratitude to Vesna Vujicic-Lugassy, our Managing Editor from the inception of this magazine in May 1996 to the present, for her personal engagement to make the Review globally known.

Mechtild Rössler Director, UNESCO World Heritage Centre

World Journal of Emergency Medicine

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