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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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Development – IGM [Intergenerational Mobility]

Economic Mobility in Developing Countries Has Stalled for the Last 30 Years: WBG Report

Press Release

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2018 – Generations of poor people in developing countries are trapped in a cycle of poverty determined by their circumstance at birth and unable to ascend the economic ladder due to inequality of opportunity, says the World Bank Group's 'Fair Progress? Economic Mobility across Generations Around the World' report, released today.

Mobility has stalled for the last 30 years, says the report, which tracks economic mobility between parents and their children through the prism of education, a critical asset that influences an individual's lifetime earnings. It looks at people born between 1940 and 1980, and finds that 46 out of 50 countries with the lowest rates of mobility from the bottom to the top are in the developing world.

Gender gaps, however, are closing with girls in high-income countries now out-performing boys in tertiary education and catching up in the developing world. In the not too distant future, the share of girls with more education than their parents will exceed the equivalent share for boys globally.

The ability to move up the economic ladder, irrespective of the socioeconomic background of one's parents, contributes to reducing poverty and inequality, and may help boost economic growth by giving everyone a chance to use their talents, the report notes. People living in more mobile societies are more optimistic about their children's future, which is likely to lead to a more aspirational and cohesive society...

Fair Progress? Economic Mobility across Generations Around the World

World Bank Group 2018 :: 311 pages

Ambar Narayan, Roy Van der Weide, Alexandru Cojocaru, Christoph Lakner, Silvia Redaelli, Daniel Gerszon Mahler, Rakesh Gupta N. Ramasubbaiah, and Stefan Thewissen

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Overview [Excerpt]

... This study measures the extent of IGM in economies across the world, how it has evolved over time and across generations, and the factors that might be associated with higher mobility, to draw implications for policy. By reporting findings on a global scale, it fills an important gap in the empirical evidence on IGM. For its global analysis, this study focuses primarily on mobility in education, which is important in its own right and is an essential element of economic mobility.

A newly created database—the Global Database of Intergenerational Mobility (GDIM)—covering more than 95 percent of the global population—forms the basis for most of the primary data analysis. To complement the global story of educational mobility, IGM in income is measured or compiled from existing studies for a smaller set of economies to shed some light on the patterns and drivers of income mobility and its relationship with educational mobility....

Two concepts of intergenerational mobility

Socioeconomic mobility has been interpreted in several ways in the economic and sociological

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literature, including as mobility within and between generations and as mobility in incomes, educational attainment, and occupation.

This report focuses on mobility between generations. To illustrate the two concepts of IGM used here, it is helpful to imagine two generations of adults standing on different rungs of the same economic ladder, where the rungs indicate one's economic success relative to everyone else based on, for example, lifetime income. Absolute upward IGM measures the extent to which the current generation has managed to climb up the ladder relative to the previous generation or the extent to which the rungs occupied by the current generation are higher than the rungs occupied by the previous generation, that is, the parents of the current generation.

Relative IGM is the extent to which every individual's position on the economic ladder is independent of the position of the individual's parents. If an individual reaches a rung of the ladder among peers that is different from what the individual's parents occupied among parents of the peers, then there has been relative mobility.

Conclusion: A Few Principles for IGM-Enhancing Policies

For sustainable and inclusive growth, public policy must support a social contract that addresses people's aspirations. Such a contract, in most countries, is likely to be one where all parents can expect their children to have better lives than themselves (absolute upward IGM) and where an individual's position on the income scale is less tied to the status of his or her parents (relative IGM). Policies that achieve success on both these fronts can create a positive feedback loop, because citizens' perceptions of higher mobility can, in turn, lead to a social consensus that improves the environment for policies of the future...

To break the cycle of high inequality and low mobility, a government would need to prioritize policies that raise opportunities for the least advantaged groups at various stages of life, as appropriate for a country's own context. In most developing economies, where relative mobility in education tends to be low, investments and policies aimed at the initial stages of an individual's life cycle are necessary for promoting IGM in education as well as income...

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Humanitarian Response

New fund could be a "game-changer" for humanitarian action

Geneva, 8 May 2018 – A ground-breaking new humanitarian fund designed to mitigate and even prevent the damage and trauma caused by natural disasters has been launched by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

"We think this is a game-changer, not only for the Red Cross and Red Crescent, but for humanitarian action as a whole," said Pascale Meige, IFRC's Director of Disaster and Crisis Prevention, Response and Recovery. "Our new forecast-based action fund means that guaranteed money will be available to help communities prepare for a disaster before it strikes."

The IFRC's Forecast-based Action fund uses a combination of weather predictions and historical data to fix triggers for the automatic release of money for pre-agreed early action plans. For example, a combination of forecast rainfall combined with the level of a river at a certain point can be used to activate funding for downstream evacuations and the distribution of shelter kits for the people who have been moved to safer ground.

IFRC's Meige said: "For decades, humanitarians have been calling for a shift to proactive and preventative humanitarian action, but such action has so far been sporadic. For the first time,

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this fund, and the work we are doing to build country-level plans and agreements, can consistently deliver on this promise – turning promises into action.

“It means that life-saving action can now take place before anyone is in immediate danger, which will save lives and reduce the need for more costly emergency response and recovery efforts.”

This Forecast-based Action fund is embedded within IFRC’s Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), a 25-30 million Swiss franc annual fund which has been supporting Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response efforts for more than three decades.

The Fund is being supported by the German Federal Foreign Office, with technical guidance from the German Red Cross, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre and other partners...

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Joint Letters

[United States Congress: Update Foreign Agent Registration Act in Consideration of Civil Society](#)

May 9, 2018

An Open Letter to the Congress Concerning Foreign Agent Registration Act

Dear Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate:

The undersigned members and partners of InterAction wish to bring to your attention concerns our broad community has concerning the Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA). With renewed attention on how foreign governments are influencing U.S. political processes, it is understandable that Members of Congress are looking to bolster enforcement of FARA and are introducing legislation to update the law. As you debate such changes, we urge Members of Congress to consider clarifying and updating language, terminology, and definitions contained within FARA that adversely impact our community.

The current law was first enacted in 1938. In the decades since, many non-profit organizations have evolved and become international institutions with vast global networks. FARA’s provisions are so sweeping though that if interpreted on their face, many non-profits could be covered by the Act. For example, a U.S. non-profit that simply acted at the request of an international partner organization to hold a public meeting on a policy issue would arguably have to register as would an organization that solicited funding in the U.S. for an educational non-profit abroad, despite no connection to a foreign government or political party.

FARA was not written with our contemporary inter-connected non-profit world in mind. FARA’s broad definition of “foreign principal” currently includes not just foreign governments, but also foreign individuals, foundations, nonprofits, companies, or other entities. Under the Act, one can become an “agent” of a foreign principal not just by acting under a foreign principal’s “direction or control,” but simply at their “request,” and covered activity includes engaging in advocacy of any kind or soliciting or dispensing funds in the interests of a foreign principal. The exemptions to these broad provisions in FARA are relatively narrow.

The globalization of non-profits will only continue, and we find this sweeping language outdated, burdensome, and, frequently, confusing. Furthermore, vague definitions open organizations to possible politicized enforcement actions and attack. U.S. nonprofits and

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philanthropy are also impacted abroad by this loose language, as foreign governments point to FARA to justify their restrictive and controlling “foreign agent” laws that stigmatize non-profits and impede local civil society from working with international partners.

We support Congress’ wish to empower government enforcement of FARA in response to foreign governments efforts to destabilize democracy. We kindly ask Congress to ensure that it also safeguards an independent non-profit sector. Such steps would include updating the definition of an “foreign agent” and revising the definition of “foreign principal” under the Act. Without such revisions, we fear FARA’s burden on non-profits will impede international development and humanitarian assistance and sever global networks that are changing the world for good at a time when better understanding and cooperation is greatly needed...

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Action Against Hunger - USA

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American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

Basic Education Coalition

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Better World Campaign

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Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE)

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Council on Foundations

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Relief International

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The Hunger Project
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Featured Journal Content

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Volume 29, Issue 1, 8 May 2018, Pages 9–82,

<https://academic.oup.com/ejil/issue/29/1>

The EJIL Foreword

[Upholding Democracy Amid the Challenges of New Technology: What Role for the Law of Global Governance?](#)

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Abstract

The law on global governance that emerged after World War II was grounded in irrefutable trust in international organizations and an assumption that their subjection to legal discipline and judicial review would be unnecessary and, in fact, detrimental to their success. The law that evolved systematically insulated international organizations from internal and external scrutiny and absolved them of any inherent legal obligations – and, to a degree, continues to do so. Indeed, it was only well after the end of the Cold War that mistrust in global governance began to trickle through into the legal discourse and the realization gradually took hold that the operation of international organizations needed to be subject to the disciplining power of the law. Since the mid-1990s, scholars have sought to identify the conditions under which trust in global bodies can be regained, mainly by borrowing and adapting domestic public law precepts that emphasize accountability through communications with those affected. Today, although a ‘culture of accountability’ may have taken root, its legal tools are still shaping up and are often contested. More importantly, these communicative tools are ill-equipped to address the new modalities of governance that are based on decision making by machines using raw data (rather than two-way exchange with stakeholders) as their input. The new information and communication technologies challenge the foundational premise of the accountability school – that ‘the more communication, the better’ – as voters turned users obtain their information from increasingly fragmented and privatized marketplaces of ideas that are manipulated for economic and political gain. In this article, I describe and analyse how the law has evolved to acknowledge the need for accountability, how it has designed norms for this purpose and continues in this endeavour, yet also how the challenges it faces today are leaving its most fundamental assumptions open to question. I argue that, given the growing influence of public and private global governance bodies on our daily lives and the shape of our political communities, the task of the law of global governance is no longer limited to ensuring the accountability of global bodies but also serves to protect human dignity and the very viability of the democratic state

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Education

Education Under Attack 2018 – A Global Study of Attacks on Schools, Universities, their Students and Staff, 2013-2017

The Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack

2018 :: 159 pages

PDF: <http://www.protectingeducation.org/eua2018>

This study is published by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), which was formed in 2010 by organizations working in the fields of education in emergencies and conflict-affected contexts, higher education, protection, and international human rights and humanitarian law that were concerned about ongoing attacks on educational institutions, their students, and staff in countries affected by conflict and insecurity. GCPEA is a coalition of organizations that includes: co-chairs Human Rights Watch and Save the Children, the Council for At-Risk Academics (Cara), the Education Above All Foundation (EAA), the Institute of International Education (IIE), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

In countries across the globe from Afghanistan to Colombia to India to Mali to Turkey to Yemen and on, students, teachers, and educational facilities are under siege. Targeted killings, rape, abduction, child recruitment, intimidation, threats, military occupation, and destruction of property are just some of the ways in which education is being attacked.

Between 2013 and 2017, there were more than 12,700 attacks, harming more than 21,000 students and educators in at least 70 countries. In 28 countries profiled in this report, at least 20 attacks on education occurred over the last 5 years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To protect education more effectively, GCPEA urges states, international agencies, and civil society organizations to:

- Endorse, implement, and support the Safe Schools Declaration to ensure that all students and educators, male and female, can learn and teach in safety.
- Avoid using schools and universities for military purposes, including by implementing the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict.
- Strengthen monitoring and reporting of attacks on education, including disaggregating data by type of attack on education, sex, age, and type of schooling, in order to improve efforts to prevent and respond to attacks on education.
- Systematically investigate attacks on education and prosecute perpetrators.
- Provide nondiscriminatory assistance for all victims of attacks on education, taking into account the different needs and experiences of males and females.
- Ensure that education promotes peace instead of triggering conflict, and that it provides physical and psychosocial protection for students, including by addressing gender-based stereotypes and barriers that can trigger, exacerbate, and follow attacks on education.
- Where feasible, maintain safe access to education during armed conflict, including by engaging with school and university communities and all other relevant stakeholders in developing risk-reduction strategies and comprehensive safety and security plans for attacks on education.

UNICEF welcomes Education Under Attack report

Statement

YORK, 10 May 2018 – Speaking today at the launch of Education under Attack 2018, a new report by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), Shahida Afzar, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, said: "Today's report is helping us shine a light on an issue that is too often overlooked. Children are under attack around the globe.

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"Because of attacks on places of education, children are putting their lives at risk just going to learn each day. Their parents are forced to make a grim choice: their children's education or their children's safety. Rather than places to learn and to grow — places of learning have become places to fear.

"The report also demonstrates a particularly troubling pattern of attacks on girls and their education. Girls were targeted simply for wanting to learn in over half of the countries profiled in this report. In countries like Afghanistan, Mali, Pakistan, and Somalia, girls have suffered acid attacks, brutal abductions, and even execution in their pursuit of education. We must not forget the girls in Chibok, kidnapped from their school dormitory beds. Over 100 of these girls are still missing.

"As a global community, we must ask ourselves: What has humanity become when children face kidnapping or death when they are trying to learn? When parents are forced to deny their children a chance to learn because the danger is too great? When parties to conflict deliberately target schools and hospitals? When schools are used as military bases?

"Our outrage is not enough. Our anger is not enough. The scale of the problem demands that we match our outrage with practical solutions, new investments and a renewed commitment to deliver education to every child."

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Heritage Stewardship – Forests, Livelihoods

Making forest concessions in the tropics work to achieve the 2030 Agenda: Voluntary Guidelines.

FAO – 2018

Forestry Paper 180 :: 130 pages

Y.T. Tegegne, J., Van Brusselen, M. Cramm, T. Linhares-Juvenal, P. Pacheco, C. Sabogal and D. Tuomasjukka

Executive summary

The importance of forests in helping to achieve global sustainable development has been largely acknowledged by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement. In order to ensure that forests deliver their socio-economic and environmental benefits, it is crucial to expand sustainable forest management (SFM) based on the best available practices. Although some progress towards SFM has been noted, the global proportion of land area covered by forests continues to decline. Loss of forests has mainly occurred in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean, while many countries in Asia and the Pacific are still sustaining significant deforestation and forest degradation.

The challenge of improving forest conservation and the expansion of SFM as stated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development demands that due consideration be given to forest production. Although often associated with deforestation and forest degradation, sustainable forest production can have a positive effect on biomass stocks, besides generating revenues that can increase the value of standing forests, eventually contributing to reduced deforestation. Furthermore, products generated from sustainable harvesting contribute to raising local and national incomes and increasing employment, while harvested wood products that store carbon reduce emissions in other economic sectors. In sum, sustainable forest

production can contribute to enhanced rural livelihoods, rural development and low-carbon economies.

Forest concessions are not used uniformly across regions, or even across all tropical regions. In some countries, forest concessions overlap with land concessions and are used as land allocation or land management instruments, with objectives other than those of sustainable forest management. The proposed Voluntary Guidelines focus on promoting SFM in concessions of public natural production forests in tropical regions. They build on the ITTO Voluntary Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Management of Natural Tropical Forests, as well as other relevant guidance for good forest governance and SFM, providing practical guidance to new forest concession regimes, or existing ones. The concession guidelines stem from lessons learned in Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. In combination with criteria and indicators (C&I) processes, these guidelines provide a framework for implementation and monitoring of concessions to deliver true SFM.

Given the widespread adoption of forest concessions in tropical regions, reviewing and framing them as appropriate forest policy instruments to deliver SFM offers opportunities for turning concessions into effective vehicles to address the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agreement. The multidimensional nature of SFM results in a holistic contribution to the SDGs through interlinkages with other sectors and an intrinsic need for multistakeholder processes and partnerships. Sustainable forest concessions can make a direct contribution to achieving SDGs 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15.

The Voluntary Guidelines were developed around four dimensions of concessions management: improved governance, economic feasibility, social inclusion and environmental integrity. They were structured under eight principles that call for:

- (1) coherence with forest and forest-related policies for sustainable landscapes;
- (2) clear, credible and efficient legal and institutional frameworks;
- (3) transparent and accountable planning, allocation, implementation and monitoring of forest concessions;
- (4) technical capacity for management and operation of concession regimes at all levels;
- (5) long-term economic and financial feasibility;
- (6) clarity and security of tenure rights;
- (7) community participation and benefits; and
- (8) environmental integrity in forest concessions.

...The Voluntary Guidelines are part of FAO's work to support sustainable forest production and unlock contributions to the SDGs and climate change. Application of these guidelines in specific local contexts should help to deliver socio-economic benefits to enhance local livelihoods, while supplying harvested wood products that will contribute to the transformational change needed in order to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Press Release

Making forest concessions more transparent, accountable and pro-poor

First voluntary guidelines for forest concessions in the tropics launched

10 May 2018, Rome/New York - The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) launched today the first [voluntary guidelines](#) for forest concessions in the tropics to make concessions more transparent, accountable and inclusive - all for the benefit of some of the poorest and most isolated communities in the world.

Over 70 percent of forests in the tropics used for harvesting timber and other forest products are state-owned or public; most of the public forests are managed through concessions that governments give to private entities or local communities.

Forest concessions have existed in many of the world's poorest nations for decades, but their contributions have not always been positive. While they have generated more jobs and better income for people in remote areas, in many cases, they have also left behind a trail of degraded forests and tenure conflicts, says the new [Making forest concessions in the tropics work to achieve the 2030 Agenda: Voluntary Guidelines](#).

Forest concessions can be poorly managed due to a lack of adequate skills in tropical forest management; weak governance; over-complicated rules and expectations; focus on short-term benefits, leading to overharvesting; inadequate benefit sharing, infringement and lack of recognition of local people's rights; no economic returns.

Most forest losses in the past two decades occurred in developing countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America, highlighting the need for a better management of public production forests in the tropics.

The new voluntary guidelines build on lessons learned to offer practical guidance for a more sustainable management of public production forests in the tropics through concessions...

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Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 12 May 2018]

Review

9 May 2018

[Mechanisms of change for interventions aimed at improving the wellbeing, mental health and resilience of children and adolescents affected by war and armed conflict: a systematic review of reviews](#)

Authors: Tania Josiane Bosqui and Bassam Marshoud

Abstract

Despite increasing research and clinical interest in delivering psychosocial interventions for children affected by war, little research has been conducted on the underlying mechanisms of change associated with these interventions. This review aimed to identify these processes in order to inform existing interventions and highlight research gaps. A systematic review of reviews was conducted drawing from academic databases (PubMed, PILOTS, Cochrane Library for Systematic Reviews) and field resources (e.g. Médecins Sans Frontières and the Psychosocial Centre of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), with extracted data analysed using Thematic Content Analysis. Thirteen reviews of psychosocial or psychological interventions for children and adolescents (< 25 years old) affected by war, armed conflict or political violence were identified, covering over 30 countries worldwide.

Qualitative analysis identified 16 mechanisms of change, one of which was an adverse mechanism. Themes included protection from harm, play, community and family capacity building, strengthening relationships with caregivers, improved emotional regulation, therapeutic rapport, trauma processing, and cognitive restructuring; with the adverse mechanism relating to the pathologising of normal reactions. However, only 4 mechanisms were

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supported by strong empirical evidence, with only moderate or poor quality evidence supporting the other mechanisms. The poor quality of supporting evidence limits what can be inferred from this review's findings, but serves to highlight clinically informed mechanisms of change for existing and widely used non-specialist interventions in the field, which urgently need rigorous scientific testing to inform their continued practice

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CFMS Position Paper on Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS)

We are an organization representing over 8,000 medical students from 15 Canadian medical student societies from coast to coast.

M Bushra, S Hashmi, A Agarwal, C Brown...

[Excerpts]

Position Statement:

Increased efforts towards addressing needs of immigrant, refugee and asylum seeking populations within medical school curricula, medical trainee programs and informal education initiatives will translate to better provision of health care services upon arrival, and create medical graduates and future physicians who are well trained to provide healthcare for newcomer populations.

Key Principles:

The CFMS endorses the following principles in support of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers:

1. Immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers have unique healthcare needs and requirements.
2. Since the reinstatement of the Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) in 2016, physicians and other health care providers are eligible to provide care for patients who have received coverage. However, potential patients continue to be turned away by providers because of uncertainty regarding coverage and perceived administrative burden.
3. Newcomer populations face significant system-level barriers in access to healthcare in Canada, including limited pre-arrival healthcare, issues with eligibility and entitlement and difficulty navigating a complex healthcare system
4. Newcomer populations face significant individual and societal barriers to success and optimal health, including unemployment, cultural and language challenges, mental health issues and social isolation
5. Canadian medical students can be better trained on the physical and psychosocial healthcare needs of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Such education and training should be incorporated into Canadian medical curricula...

The CFMS recommends the following policy level changes to the Government of Canada, and medical licensing and regulatory bodies of Canada :

1. Establish a national refugee and immigrant health strategy tasked with the creation and implementation of recommendations for healthcare providers to ensure high quality, ethical and safe care for refugees and immigrants to Canada.
 - 1.1. Increase education and training in IFHP coverage and usage.
 - 1.2. Eliminate inefficiencies and barriers in providers accessing and using IFHP for their patients.
 - 1.3. Create and implement a streamlined and regularly analyzed process for provider application and reimbursement under IFHP.
2. Establish sufficient coverage of interpreter coverage across provinces.
3. Increase healthcare education opportunities for patients.

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- 3.1. Towards IFHP and non-IFHP coverage components.
- 3.2. Preventative medicine education.
 - 3.2.2. Emphasis of usage of alternative forms of medicine.
 - 3.2.3. Education on use of primary health resources.
- 3.3. Encourage education on healthy lifestyles in Canada.
 - 3.3.2. Increase awareness of available local community supports.

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DRC – Ebola

WHO and partners working with national health authorities to contain new Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

11 May 2018 News Release Geneva/Brazzaville/Kinshasa

The World Health Organization (WHO) and a broad range of partners are in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) working with the Government to contain an outbreak of Ebola virus disease (EVD) in Bikoro health zone, Equateur Province. The outbreak was declared three days ago. WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus will travel to the DRC over the week-end to take stock of the situation and direct the continuing response in support of the national health authorities.

As of 11 May, 34 Ebola cases have been reported in the area in the past five weeks, including 2 confirmed, 18 probable (deceased) and 14 suspected cases. Five samples were collected from 5 patients and two have been confirmed by the laboratory. Bikoro health zone is 250 km from Mbandaka, capital of Equateur Province in an area of the country that is very hard to reach.

“WHO staff were in the team that first identified the outbreak. I myself am on my way to the DRC to assess the needs first-hand,” said Dr Tedros. “I’m in contact with the Minister of Health and have assured him that we’re ready to do all that’s needed to stop the spread of Ebola quickly. We are working with our partners to send more staff, equipment and supplies to the area.”

A multidisciplinary team including WHO experts, along with staff from the Provincial Division of Health and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), arrived in Bikoro on 10 May. This first group of responders is now gathering more data to understand the extent and drivers of the epidemic. The team will also set up an active case search and contact tracing, establish Ebola treatment units to care for patients, set up mobile labs, and engage the community on safe practices. WHO will also work with national authorities in planning further public health measures such as vaccination campaigns.

“WHO is supporting the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in coordinating this response; this is the country’s ninth Ebola outbreak and there is considerable expertise in-country,” said Dr Matshidiso Moeti, WHO Regional Director for Africa. “However, any country facing such a threat may require international assistance. WHO and its partners including MSF, World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Congolese Red Cross, UNOCHA and MONUSCO, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US-CDC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), are all stepping up their support.”

The response plan to the outbreak includes surveillance, case investigation, and contact tracing; community engagement and social mobilization; case management and infection prevention

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and control; safe and dignified burials; research response including the use of ring vaccination and antivirals; and coordination and operations support.

"It is too early to judge the extent of this outbreak," said Dr Peter Salama, WHO Deputy Director-General for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "However, early signs including the infection of 3 health workers, the geographical extent of the outbreak, the proximity to transport routes and population centres, and the number of suspected cases indicate that stopping this outbreak will be a serious challenge. This will be tough and it will be costly. We need to be prepared for all scenarios."

In its latest Disease Outbreak News, WHO lists the risks to surrounding countries as moderate. WHO has however, already alerted those countries and is working with them on border surveillance and preparedness for potential outbreaks. WHO does not at this time advise any restrictions on travel and trade to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Yemen

Fighting the world's largest cholera outbreak: oral cholera vaccination campaign begins in Yemen

Aden, 10 May 2018 – The first-ever oral cholera vaccination campaign in Yemen was launched on 6 May and concludes on 15 May, just before the start of Ramadan. The campaign aims to prevent the resurgence of the world's largest cholera outbreak. The volatile mix of conflict, a deteriorating economic situation, and little or no access to clean drinking-water and sanitation have resulted in more than one million suspected cholera cases since the outbreak began in April 2017.

A race against time

This campaign is part of a broader cholera integrated response plan, implemented by national health authorities, WHO and UNICEF. Outbreak response activities include surveillance and case detection, community engagement and awareness, enhancing laboratory testing capacity, improving water and sanitation, and training and deploying rapid response teams to affected areas.

This epidemic has affected the entire country, and the implementation of this oral cholera vaccination campaign, as part of the entire response to cholera, marks a milestone in the combined efforts of WHO and UNICEF, in partnership with the World Bank and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, through the generous support of our donors.

"The ongoing conflict, lack of access to safe drinking-water, weak sewage systems due to lack of fuel for pumps and the collapsing health system is the perfect mix for a new explosion of cholera during Yemen's rainy season, which is already in its beginning stages," said Dr Nevio Zagaria, WHO Representative in Yemen.

"Hot" districts prioritized to prevent spread

On 24 April, UNICEF delivered the first batch of 455 000 doses of oral cholera vaccine from the Gavi-funded global stockpile, targeting people over the age of 1 year, including pregnant women. The Global Task Force for Cholera Control approved the request of more than 4.6 million doses of the vaccine from the global stockpile to target cholera hotspots across the country.

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"This vaccination campaign comes at such a critical time. Children in Yemen were the worst hit by last year's outbreak and remain the most vulnerable due to widespread malnutrition and deteriorating sanitation and hygiene," said Meritxell Relaño, UNICEF Representative in Yemen. Recent reports revealed that in the first 3 days of the campaign, more than 124 000 doses of oral cholera vaccine were administered. This represents 35% of the estimated target population in the 4 districts where the campaign began. A fifth district, will be included in the coming days, bringing the total target population to 470 905 individuals. The campaign currently involves 11 fixed teams and 328 mobile teams.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 8 May 2018 [GPEI]

:: Sweden is the first country to formally engage in the global poliovirus containment process.

:: Professor David Heymann, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, discusses what lessons smallpox eradication teaches us, and why it is critical to complete the job of polio eradication.

Summary of newly-reported viruses this week:

Nigeria: Two circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) positive environmental samples have been confirmed in Jigawa province.

Somalia: One circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) positive environmental sample has been confirmed in Banadir province. Two circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 3 (cVDPV3) positive environmental samples have been confirmed, also in Banadir province.

Statement of the Seventeenth IHR Emergency Committee Regarding the International Spread of Poliovirus

10 May 2018 *Statement Geneva*

[Excerpts; Editor's bolded text]

Conclusion

The Committee unanimously agreed that the risk of international spread of poliovirus remains a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and recommended the extension of Temporary Recommendations for a further three months.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 12 May 2018]

Yemen

:: Fighting the world's largest cholera outbreak: oral cholera vaccination campaign begins in Yemen Aden, 10 May 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *Webpage not responding at inquiry*

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The Syrian Arab Republic - No new announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 12 May 2018]

[Several emergency pages were not available at inquiry]

Myanmar

:: One million Rohingya refugees, host communities being vaccinated against cholera
SEAR/PR/1689

Cox's Bazar, 6 May 2018: A massive cholera vaccination campaign began today to protect nearly one million Rohingyas and their host communities living in and around the refugee camps in Bangladesh, to prevent any potential outbreak during the ongoing monsoon season. This is a second cholera vaccination campaign being held for the Rohingyas and their host communities. Earlier 900,000 doses of oral cholera vaccine were administered to the vulnerable population in two phases in October – November last year.

"Considering the water and sanitation conditions in the overcrowded camps and the increased risk of disease outbreaks in the monsoon season, the health sector is taking all possible measures to prevent cholera and other water and vector borne diseases," says Dr. Bardan Jung Rana, WHO Representative to Bangladesh...

Cameroon - No new announcements identified

Central African Republic - No new announcements identified.

Democratic Republic of the Congo - No new announcements identified

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified.

Libya - No new announcements identified.

Niger - No new announcements identified.

Ukraine - No new announcements identified.

Looming monsoons and little funding threaten health gains in Cox's Bazar

8 May 2018 News Release Geneva

With monsoon hitting Bangladesh, WHO warns that life-saving health services for 1.3 million people—Rohingya refugees and host communities— living in Cox's Bazar are under serious threat, unless urgent funding is secured.

Scaling up health operations since September 2017, WHO and health partners have supported the Government of Bangladesh in saving thousands of lives of refugees who crossed over from Myanmar in large numbers in a very short span of time. Given the high risk of outbreaks among the refugees in overcrowded, unsanitary camps, WHO prioritized disease control from the outset.

WHO rapidly set up a vital disease early warning system, and together with government and partners administered over 3 million doses of life- saving vaccines against deadly diseases such as cholera, measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus and polio. When an outbreak of diphtheria was detected, WHO responded rapidly, bringing in international experts, emergency medical teams and medicines and medical supplies.

To protect communities from a potential cholera outbreak during monsoon season, WHO and partners began a massive oral cholera vaccination campaign on 6 May. Nearly one million Rohingyas and their host community will be targeted. This is the third oral cholera vaccination campaign that builds on two rounds of vaccination last year that reached around 900,000 people...

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Turkey | Syria: Situation in North-western Syria - Situation Report No.4 (as of 8 May 2018)

Yemen

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 1 – 7 May 2018 | Issue 14

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Somalia

:: OCHA Somalia Flash Update #4 - Humanitarian impact of heavy rains | 8 May 2018

Ethiopia

:: Ethiopia – Floods Flash Update #2, 10 May 2018

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 12 May 2018]

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

11 May 2018

ENV/DEV/1852

Concluding Session, Forum on Forests Adopts Text Recognizing Strategic Plan's Contribution to Transforming towards Resilient, Sustainable Societies

The United Nations Forum on Forests, concluding its thirteenth session today, adopted a wide-ranging omnibus resolution aimed at spotlighting forests - as well as the scope, work and funding of the various intergovernmental organs working to ensure their protection and well-being - at such high-level platforms as the Economic and Social Council's annual high-level political forum on sustainable development.

9 May 2018

SC/13331

Security Council Press Statement on Security Council Visit to Bangladesh, Myanmar

8 May 2018

SG/SM/19022-DC/3772

Secretary-General 'Deeply Concerned' by United States Announcement on Withdrawing from Iran Nuclear Agreement, Calls on Other Parties to Fulfil Commitments

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UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"

[UN rights expert hails UK for anti-racism action but raises serious concerns over Immigration Policy, Prevent programme and Brexit](#)

[Press briefing note on Yemen, Cambodia, Cuba, Nicaragua and Montenegro](#)

[Afghanistan: Senior UN rights official urges more action to end attacks on civilians](#)

[UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination publishes findings on Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Nepal, Peru, Saudi Arabia and Sweden](#)

[UN rights expert visits Ireland to assess exploitation of children](#)

[Human rights and counter-terrorism: UN expert launches first mission to France](#)

[Guatemala must break cycle of discrimination against indigenous peoples, says UN expert](#)

[Turkey must lift state of emergency restrictions for credible elections to take place](#)

Human Rights Council [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 12 May 2018]

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

10 May 2018/*No*

[UN child rights committee to review Argentina, Angola, Algeria, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Lesotho and Norway](#)

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 12 May 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 12 May 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 12 May 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified

UN OCHA [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

11 May 2018

[UN Emergency Fund gives US\\$2 million to fight Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo...](#)

10 May 2018

[Donors Meet to Garner Support for the Jordan Humanitarian Fund and Strengthen Humanitarian...](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 12 May 2018]

<https://centre.humdata.org/>

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[770,000 children under five suffering from acute malnutrition in Kasai region of Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

NEW YORK/DAKAR/GENEVA/JOHANNESBURG/KINSHASA, 11 May 2018 – At least 770,000 children in the Kasai region in the Democratic Republic of Congo are suffering from acute malnutrition, including 400,000 children who are severely malnourished and at risk of death – UNICEF said in a report released today. The children's agency went on to warn that unless urgent action was taken to strengthen the humanitarian response, the number of child deaths could skyrocket.

[UNICEF welcomes Education Under Attack report](#)

NEW YORK, 10 May 2018 – Speaking today at the launch of Education under Attack 2018, a new report by the Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), Shahida Afzar, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director, said: "Today's report is helping us shine a light on an issue that is too often overlooked. Children are under attack around the globe.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

[On Mother's Day, UNICEF calls for the narrowing of "breastfeeding gaps" between rich and poor worldwide](#)

NEW YORK, 10 May 2018 – The number of babies missing out on breastfeeding remains high, particularly among the world's richest countries, UNICEF said in a new analysis released today. Worldwide, approximately 7.6 million babies each year are not breastfed.

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 12 May 2018]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Press releases and news comments

[British Royals visit refugee accommodation project on Crete](#) 11 May 2018

[UNHCR resumes life-saving refugee evacuations from Libya](#) 10 May 2018

[UNHCR calls on Austrian Government to keep refugee protection at centre of asylum law amendments](#) 9 May 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

[UN Migration Agency, World Bank Strengthen Cooperation to Better Address Development and Humanitarian Challenges](#)

2018-05-11 17:42

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, and the World Bank Friday (11/05) prepared to sign two new framework agreements that will facilitate easy access of IOM's expertise to Governments implementing projects with World Bank funding.

[Displacement Survey Shows 3.5 Million Internally Displaced, Returnees from Abroad in 15 Afghan Provinces](#)

2018-05-11 17:39

Kabul – One in six people is either a returnee or an internally displaced person (IDP) in the 15 Afghan provinces of Baghlan, Balkh, Farah, Herat, Kabul, Kandahar, Khost, Kunar, Kunduz, Laghman, Logar, Nangarhar, Nimroz, Paktya, and Takhar, according to the third round of IOM's...

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 24,502 in 2018; Deaths Reach 619](#)

2018-05-11 17:10

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 24,502 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea through the first 129 days of 2018, with about 39 per cent arriving both in Italy and Greece, with the remainder arriving in Spain (20%).

[First New Land Ready: Will Allow Rohingya Refugees to Move to Safer Ground Before Monsoon](#)

2018-05-08 16:32

Cox's Bazar – Humanitarian agencies working in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps today marked the completion of the first new plot of land prepared to relocate families most at risk of landslides during the upcoming monsoon season.

UNAIDS [to 12 May 2018]

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

11 May 2018 *Feature story*

[UNAIDS Executive Director puts the spotlight on the HIV response in Lesotho, South Africa and Zambia during five-day visit](#)

UNAIDS Executive Director, Michel Sidibé, completed a five-day visit to three countries in southern Africa. The mission included high-level political discussions, the launch of the Lesotho HIV Health and Situation Room and frank and an open dialogue with women activists about how to address sexual harassment and abuse.

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07 May 2018 *Feature story*

Measuring progress against the 10 commitments through Global AIDS Monitoring

At the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS in 2016, countries pledged to achieve a set of 10 Fast-Track commitments by 2020—an acceleration agenda that aims to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. To help ensure that the deadlines are met, the United Nations General Assembly requested an annual report on progress achieved in meeting those [10 commitments](#).

UNAIDS supports countries to collect information on their national HIV responses through the Global AIDS Monitoring (GAM) framework—an annual collection of 72 indicators on the response to HIV in a country. These data form part of the data set used to report back to the General Assembly.

07 May 2018 *Feature story*

Heads of H6 agencies embrace new results framework

...To accelerate change, the executive heads of the H6 partnership met on the sidelines of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board in London, United Kingdom, on 2 May and agreed a new results framework, H6 Results 2020. H6 Results 2020 aims to shape the H6 partnership into a trusted, valued source for technical support, strategic policy advice and best practices for the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.

Developed under the chairpersonship of UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé, H6 Results 2020 is closely aligned with the Every Woman Every Child Every Adolescent Global Strategy and the 2020 Every Woman Every Child Partners' Framework. H6 Results 2020 sets ambitious goals while committing to deliver on a number of concrete results for 2020.

"I am excited about our revitalized H6 partnership. As the technical arm of the Every Woman Every Child movement, we plan to further streamline and simplify the health architecture, coordinating with key partners to leverage political capital, technical expertise and advocacy for results for women, children and adolescents everywhere," said Mr Sidibé...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 12 May 2018]

WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: WHO supports South Sudan in vaccination campaign against cholera before transmission season 11 May 2018

:: Nigeria's Lassa fever outbreak contained, but continued vigilance needed 10 May 2018

:: 600 000 people to benefit from oral cholera vaccines in Bauchi, Nigeria 10 May 2018

:: New Ebola outbreak declared in Democratic Republic of the Congo 09 May 2018

:: Largest cholera vaccine drive in history to target spike in outbreaks 08 May 2018

:: WHO supports six African countries conduct first joint health emergency operations exercise 08 May 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Mosquito Awareness Week: Calling all citizens to the frontlines of mosquito control (05/10/2018)

:: PAHO calls on the role of nurses in primary health care to be expanded (05/10/2018)

:: Protecting achievements; expanding diagnosis and treatment; and preventing mother to child transmission – All vital elements of the fight against Chagas (05/07/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: One million Rohingya refugees, host communities being vaccinated against cholera
SEAR/PR/1689 Cox's Bazar, 6 May 2018:

WHO European Region EURO

:: World Health Day 2018 in the WHO European Region – making health about the people, for the people 09-05-2018

:: Small team of cancer nurses has a big impact on Scotland's Western Isles 08-05-2018

:: Fostering healthier and more sustainable diets – learning from the Mediterranean and New Nordic experience 07-05-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Last nationwide vaccination campaign in Afghanistan starts before the high transmission season for poliovirus 6 May 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Doing it for themselves: Peer-led HIV testing in Viet Nam improves access to care
7 May 2018

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 12 May 2018]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2018/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 12 May 2018]

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

4 May 2018 -

[**Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development Goal 15: Progress and Prospects @ UNHQ, New York, USA**](#)

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 12 May 2018]

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

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

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

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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 webservice, 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 12 May 2018]

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

07 May 2018 *Press release*

Somalia calls for international cooperation to stop illegal charcoal trade

Mogadishu, 7 May 2018 - At the opening of a two-day, UN-supported conference on charcoal in Mogadishu, the Federal Government of Somalia has called for international, African and Gulf States cooperation in halting the...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 12 May 2018]

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

8 May 2018, *Kuala Lumpur*

Remittances – an untapped engine for sustainable development

"Migrants are needed in virtually all job markets; they bring skills and they help economies flourish. Although migrants represent just slightly over 3 per cent of the global population, they contributed 9 per cent of global GDP in 2015," said Louise Arbour, the Secretary-General's Special Representative on International Migration, in her message to the Global Forum on Remittances, Investment and Development, that kicked off in Kuala Lumpur on 8 May.

Indeed, the contribution of international migration is significant. Of the 258 million people living abroad, over 200 million sent money home. These remittances were estimated at a value of US\$480 billion in 2017. In the Asia Pacific region alone, the remittances totalled US\$256 billion in 2017, amounting to 10 times the net official development assistance going to the region.

"The contribution of migration to global development was recognized for the first time in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," said Bela Hovy, Chief of the Migration Section in UN DESA's Population Division, as he moderated the first plenary panel on "People on the move and inclusive financial services in a globalised economy."...

UNESCO [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 12 May 2018]

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

08/05/2018 –

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United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres to address 27th session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 12 May 2018]

<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/>

10-05-2018

FAO chief says building rural communities' resilience is crucial in conflict-ridden Near East

Even in conflict situations, there is much we can do, to keep local food systems functioning and bring hope to affected populations. We need to keep farmers on their farms producing food," Graziano da Silva said at the opening of FAO's Regional Conference for the Near East which is being attended by ministers and other top officials from more than 30 countries.

Making forest concessions more transparent, accountable and pro-poor

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) launched today the first voluntary guidelines for forest concessions in the tropics to make concessions more transparent, accountable and inclusive - all for the benefit of some of the poorest and most isolated communities in the world.

10-05-2018

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

"Think big" to make global food trade work for nutrition

Global trade in food is essential for all countries, but the world's trade and regulation rulebook needs to be rebooted with an eye to bolstering trade in food that is healthy and nutritious rather than simply cheap, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said while presenting an IFPRI report.

8-05-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

Maritime Labour Convention

Seafarers to continue receiving wages if held by pirates

10 May 2018

The Special Tripartite Committee approved amendments of the Maritime Labour Convention providing for seafarers to continue to be paid if held captive as a result of piracy or armed robbery against ships.

Global Commission on the Future of Work

President Ramaphosa to co-chair Global Commission on the Future of Work

10 May 2018

The South African President will join global body poised to make recommendations for a rapidly transforming world of work.

Seafarers' welfare

ISWAN Award winner: "The Maritime Labour Convention is essential to prevent abuses"

10 May 2018

Jasper del Rosario is one of the winners of this year's ISWAN 2018 Awards recognizing the work of those offering outstanding welfare services to seafarers. Before receiving his prize at the ILO headquarters, he talked to ILO News about his actions to promote seafarers' welfare in the Philippines.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

10/5/18

ICAO and NEPAD to enhance cooperation in aid of African aviation development, modernization objectives

Montréal, 10 May 2018 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD) have forged a new agreement to enhance the contribution of civil aviation to the social and economic development of the African Continent, and to promote related aviation infrastructure development and capacity-building in aid of sustainable air transport for Africa and Africans...

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

Publish Date: 7 May 2018

HydroConference: from data to decision

Press Release

Water stress, pollution and hazards like floods demand better measurement and management
Geneva, 7 May 2018 - A global conference on hydrological services will address the urgent need to improve forecasting, management and utilization of water resources in an era of growing water stress, pollution and hazards like floods.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 12 May 2018]

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

By Clare Naden on 11 May 2018

Data privacy by design: a new standard ensures consumer privacy at every step

On the eve of new EU regulations, and in the wake of recent large-scale data privacy breaches, a new ISO committee is leading the way with guidelines that put the consumer back in control.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

10 May 2018

Tourism Ministers of the Middle East Focus on Employment at UNWTO's Annual Gathering in the Region

Madrid, Spain - The 44th meeting of the UNWTO Regional Commission for the Middle East, organized by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the Ministry of Tourism of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Sharm el Sheikh, 8-9 May 2018), focused on innovation and digital transformation. It was followed by this year's UNWTO Regional Conference, which highlighted the importance of tourism's labour market performance under the theme "Human Capital Development in Tourism: New Perspectives".

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 12 May 2018]

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

2018-05-11

[Message of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, on the occasion of World Migratory Bird Day "Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation"](#)

2018-05-07

[Statement of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Dr. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, on the occasion of the Ministerial Roundtable on Forest-based Solutions for Accelerating Achievement of the SDGs, at the thirteenth session of the United Nations Forum On Forests, New York, 7 May 2018](#)

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USAID [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

May 8, 2018

Statement From USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Death of Mark Mitchell

On behalf of the worldwide USAID team, I express my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mark Mitchell, an accomplished Foreign Service Officer who died in a tragic accident on Sunday in Georgia. USAID staff work around the world, often at risk to themselves, to promote a better future for all. His memory lives on in the lasting impact of his 25 years as a dedicated public servant. In addition to serving in the U.S. military, Mark faced some of the most challenging operating environments USAID officers confront worldwide, as he served in Djibouti and Afghanistan before taking up his post in Georgia. His passion for country, for service, and for improving the lives of those in need reached communities far and wide, and touched many here at home.

May 8, 2018

U.S. Assistance for Venezuelans in Colombia

Fact Sheet

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Today, the United States announced an additional \$18.5 million in bilateral funding to support displaced Venezuelans in Colombia who have fled the crisis in their country. The United States is coordinating with the Government of Colombia to respond rapidly to the needs of Venezuelans, Colombians, and others who have fled Venezuela, while continuing to move forward with critical long-term peace accord implementation efforts.

DFID [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

Penny Mordaunt praises Scottish aid workers

10 May 2018 DFID and Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland Press release

UK aid to help people in Cox's Bazar ahead of monsoon season

7 May 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

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African Union [to 12 May 2018]

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

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May 11, 2018

African Union and China renew commitment to advance multilateral cooperation

May 09, 2018

The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention Emergency Operation Center Support to the Government of Democratic Republic of Congo in The Fight Against The Ongoing Ebola Virus Outbreak in Bikoro

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 12 May 2018]

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

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11/05/2018 -

Statement on the latest Ebola cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo

European Commission - Statement Brussels, 11 May 2018 Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management and EU Ebola Coordinator Christos Stylianides issues the following statement: "Following the latest Ebola cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the European Union offers its full support to help.

European Commission [to 12 May 2018]

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

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OECD [to 12 May 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 11, 2018

Uruguay is the First Country to Ratify Before the OAS the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 12 May 2018]

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

06/05/2018

Al-Othaimeen calls on OIC Member States to extend part of their humanitarian assistance through the OIC

The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, called on the OIC Member States to channel part of their humanitarian assistance through the OIC General Secretariat, in line with the resolutions of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs. He also called on Member States, their charitable institutions and civil society organizations to assist the OIC Secretariat in its humanitarian efforts.

Group of 77 [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 12 May 2018]

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

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09 May 2018 –

New UN report spotlights gender-sensitive trade policymaking in the East African community

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 12 May 2018]

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

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

8 May 2018

Members voice concerns over rising trade tensions, underline support for WTO

Forty-one members of the World Trade Organization issued a joint statement on 8 May expressing concerns over rising trade tensions and risks of escalating protectionism. The statement, delivered to a meeting of the WTO's General Council, calls on governments to resolve their differences through dialogue and cooperation, including through the WTO.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 12 May 2018]

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

10 May 2018

IPU hails positive developments on Korean peninsula and pledges continued support for peace and reunification process

International Court of Justice [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 12 May 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement : 9 May 2018

Statement to the United Nations Security Council on the Situation in Libya, pursuant to UNSCR 1970 (2011)

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World Bank [to 12 May 2018]

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

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

The International Finance Facility for Education: Joint Statement by Multilateral Development Banks

May 11, 2018 — In 2015, the international community committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 4, which is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote...

Date: May 11, 2018 Type: Statement

ICRC, World Bank Partner to Enhance Support in Fragile and Conflict-affected Settings

Washington, May 9, 2018 - The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the World Bank met today to establish a strategic partnership focused on improving support to the millions of people living...

Economic Mobility in Developing Countries Has Stalled for the Last 30 Years: WBG Report

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WASHINGTON, May 9, 2018 – Generations of poor people in developing countries are trapped in a cycle of poverty determined by their circumstance at birth and unable to ascend the economic ladder due to...

Date: May 09, 2018 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

IMF [to 12 May 2018]

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

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

May 11, 2018

Sub-Saharan Africa: Firming Up the Economic Recovery

Sub-Saharan Africa is seeing a modest growth pick up from 2.8 percent in 2017 to 3.4 percent in 2018, the IMF said in its latest economic health check of the region.

May 8, 2018

Digitization of Money and Finance: Challenges and Opportunities

Speech for Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Conference

IMF Deputy Managing Director Tao Zhang

African Development Bank Group [to 12 May 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]

09/05/2018

"Africa Business Day" equips Southern African companies seeking to expand beyond regional markets

- The African Development Bank, Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) and the Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) jointly organized the first "Africa Business Day" on enabling Southern African businesses to expand into Sub-Saharan Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 12 May 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]

11 May 2018

MDBs' Joint Statement on Proposal for International Finance Facility for Education

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (11 May 2018) — In 2015, the international community committed to the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 4, which is to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. That same year, in Addis Ababa, multilateral development banks committed to work together to assist countries to generate the needed financial resources.

In this context, we welcome the proposal for the International Finance Facility for Education. Urgent and unparalleled action is needed to create a learning generation. The facility proposes innovative ways to make education financing more affordable for countries while leveraging the ability of MDBs to raise additional funds. We are pleased to be working together to explore ways to make such a facility feasible and ensure that it meets the objective of expanding

support to countries committed to invest in and reform their education systems to reach the SDG targets.

"Greater investment in education is essential to ensure continued growth and prosperity in the Asia and Pacific region," ADB President Mr. Takehiko Nakao said. "We look forward to working together with the International Finance Facility for Education to leverage donor funds and create new ways for countries to increase their investments in our region's next generation."

10 May 2018

ADB, Citi Partner on New Risk Product to Help SMEs

ADB, through its Trade Finance Program (TFP), has signed a \$100 million agreement with Citi to share risk on a funded basis on underlying trade finance transactions to further support trade in developing markets across Asia.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 12 May 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]

Beijing, May 10, 2018

AIIB Launches Public Consultation on Draft Transport Strategy

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has launched public consultations on its Draft Transport Sector Strategy. The draft strategy outlines AIIB's vision to develop sustainable and integrated transport systems that promote trade and economic growth in Asia.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 12 May 2018]

<https://www.ifad.org/web/latest/news>

10 May 18

IFAD and the Palestinian Authority collaborate in expanding cultivated land in the West Bank

07 May 18

Remittances - an engine for development that still needs to move up a gear

07 May 18

Remittances to the Asia- Pacific region reach US\$ 256 billion helping millions of families to build a better future

07 May 18

IFAD and China invest US\$256.7 million to reduce poverty and improve incomes for smallholder farmers in Qinba Mountains

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:: *INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch*

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

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 12 May 2018]

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

12.05.2018

In DR Congo the number of people in need is the same as in Syria

More than 13 million people need humanitarian assistance in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is twice as many as in 2017 – and the same number as in Syria. The need for more assistance is huge and acute, the Danish Refugee Council's Secretary General, Christian Friis Bach, and Chairman of the board, Stig Glent-Madsen, said today in a statement. They visited DR Congo over the past week to get a first hand impression of the humanitarian situation.

ECPAT [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

08-05-2018 | *News release*

ICRC deplores loss of civilian life in airstrikes on densely populated neighbourhoods of Sana'a

SANA'A (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) deplores the intensive airstrike campaign on densely populated neighbourhoods of Sana'a since the beginning of this week, claiming the lives of civilians.

IFRC [to 12 May 2018]

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

Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

DRC: Red Cross team deploys to Ebola epicentre with life-saving supplies

Kinshasa/ Nairobi/Geneva, 12 May 2018—A Red Cross team has deployed to Equateur province in north-western Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), bringing with them much needed stocks of life-saving equipment and supplies to prevent the further spread of E ...

12 May 2018

Bangladesh

"Window of opportunity is closing" – final plea for funds as monsoon season looms over Cox's Bazar

Cox's Bazar/Geneva, 11 May 2018 – The window of opportunity to protect people in Cox's Bazar against floods and landslides is rapidly closing. Pre-monsoon rains are already causing havoc in camps for people displaced from Rakhine State in neighbouring ...

11 May 2018

Bangladesh, Mongolia, Mozambique, Peru, Togo, Uganda

New fund could be a "game-changer" for humanitarian action

Geneva, 8 May 2018 – A ground-breaking new humanitarian fund designed to mitigate and even prevent the damage and trauma caused by natural disasters has been launched by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). "We t ...

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8 May 2018

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Global

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day 2018

Joint statement Nobody seems to know how many muscles it takes to smile. Some sources say 17; others argue that it's around 12. But within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, rumor has it that it's over 7 billion. Or, the hard-workin ...

7 May 2018

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 12 May 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Perspective

US: Don't Cut Aid to South Sudan

May 9, 2018

IRCT [to 12 May 2018]

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

News 08 May 2018

Context and culture is key to treatment - new issue of Torture Journal

Local contextual, cultural and environmental factors are key to ensuring effective rehabilitation of torture survivors. The latest issue of *Torture Journal* explores this central issue in Brazil, Sub-Saharan Africa and the United States..

Islamic Relief [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 12 May 2018]

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

Press release

MSF Responds to President Trump's Speech on Drug Pricing

May 11, 2018

The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) made the following statement today in response to President Trump's speech on drug pricing.

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Press release

DRC: Emergency Team Supports Rapid Response to Ebola Cases

May 09, 2018

[See Milestones above for more detail]

Press release

Yemen: Scores of civilians treated after airstrikes target Sana'a city center

May 08, 2018

A series of airstrikes by the Saudi and Emirati-led coalition aimed at the Presidential office in the heart of Sana'a, Yemen, killed at least six people and injured 72 others on Monday morning, according to staff at two hospitals supported by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) who received the dead and wounded. The airstrikes took place in a bustling area near a hotel, bank, pharmacies, and shops.

Mercy Corps [to 12 May 2018]

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

Colombia, May 7, 2018

Mercy Corps Prepares Emergency Response To Assist Venezuelans Fleeing To Colombia

Global organization will assist new arrivals in La Guajira as exodus from Venezuela continues

RIOHACHA, COLOMBIA – The global organization Mercy Corps is expanding its Colombia operations to meet the urgent needs of Venezuelans seeking refuge and opportunity in Colombia, which is hosting more than 600,000 Venezuelan refugees and migrants. The organization will initially provide vouchers to Venezuelans who have arrived in the department of La Guajira so that they can purchase food, medicine and other essential supplies.

"Tens of thousands of people are leaving their families behind out of desperation, just on the hope of a shred of opportunity in Colombia," says Provash Budden, Americas Regional Director for Mercy Corps. "Once they get to Colombia, most people can't afford food or medicine. They have to beg until they have enough money to buy coffee, candies and other small items to sell on the street. If they're lucky, they might earn between \$2 and \$5 a day to scrape by or send money back to Venezuela."...

Operation Smile [to 12 May 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.

Press Release Posted 5/9/2018

NEXT 2018: Innovations in Cleft Care and Global Surgery

Hundreds of Medical Professionals and Emerging Medical Leaders from around the World to Gather for Operation Smile's NEXT Medical Conference: 250 participants from more than 30 countries will meet in Norfolk, Virginia to share innovative ideas and techniques to enhance and increase surgical care for children born with a facial deformity

Norfolk, Va. (May 9, 2018) – NEXT 2018: Innovations in Cleft Care and Global Surgery will take place May 9-11 at the Sheraton Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia. The annual event brings together medical residents and emerging medical professionals from around the world. Nearly two dozen speakers will share on-the-ground experiences and expert opinions to provide greater insight into the patient perspective and opportunities for innovation with a focus on advancing surgical capabilities.

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This year, participants will explore how to better train and educate the next generation of medical professionals with the goal of ensuring more people have access to well-timed, safe and effective surgery...

OXFAM [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 12 May 2018]

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

Published 09. May 2018

[Five things to know about the Central African Republic](#)

Chanel Igaral

More people are displaced than ever before, half of the population needs humanitarian aid and it's one of the world's most dangerous countries for humanitarian workers. Here's what you should know about the Central African Republic:

Published 07. May 2018

[Responding to crisis in West Uganda](#)

Nashon Tado

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) has expanded efforts in response to the refugee crisis in west Uganda. Along with other aid agencies, we are tending to the enormous humanitarian needs in overcrowded sites.

Pact [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 11, 2018

[A Mother, Her Twins, and an 8-Hour Ambulance Ride in Mexico](#)

Alejandra Catalina Ramirez was elated to learn she was pregnant with twins. When she went into labor two months early, PIH clinicians and colleagues in the Ministry of Health swung into action in a race to save the three patients' lives. [Read More](#)

May 11, 2018

[The Ups and Downs of an Oncology Nurse in Haiti](#)

Magda Louis Juste, an oncology nurse at University Hospital in Mirebalais, talks about the role of nursing in Haiti, the importance of advocating for patients, and the need for local, specialized training. [Read More](#)

May 08, 2018

[One Mother's Fear in Lesotho: Will My Newborn Also Live With HIV?](#)

Thabo Lerata* was born at 1 p.m. on Jan. 1, 2018, the first baby of the New Year to be delivered at Holy Cross Health Center in the highland district of Maseru, Lesotho. His 36-year-old mother, Mathabo Lerata,* made quite a trip to bring him into the world. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 12 May 2018]

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

Press release | May 07, 2018

New management training for immunisation leaders kicks-off in Kigali

24 managers from five Gavi-supported countries will attend the first round of the nine-month programme

KIGALI, May 7 2018—Yale's Global Health Leadership Initiative (GHLI), the Rwanda-based University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), PATH, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance have joined forces to strengthen national leadership and management of immunisation programmes in Gavi-supported countries. The Expanded Program on Immunisation Leadership and Management Programme (EPI LAMP) is an innovative management training course for immunisation leaders in developing countries. The programme will improve the managerial capacity of governments to support Gavi's mission to ensure every child is protected with lifesaving vaccines...

Plan International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 12 May 2018]

<https://www.savethechildren.net/news>

Friday 11 May 2018

Interim Board Chair Announced

Save the Children International is pleased to announce that Pernille Lopez has been appointed as the Save the Children International and Save the Children Association (SCA/SCI) Interim Board Chair, effective 11 May, 2018.

As Interim Board Chair, Pernille will work with Save the Children's global leadership and fellow Board members to help the organisation deliver its Ambition for Children 2030 – creating a world where all children survive, have access to a quality, basic education, and are protected from all forms of violence.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 12 May 2018]

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

Greece – 11 May 2018

Mobilising support as more refugees arrive

SOS Children's Villages Greece is gathering supplies to address the humanitarian needs of children and families arriving by land and sea

Colombia – 7 May 2018

Building on experience to help refugees

Angela Maria Rosales, the National Director of SOS Children's Villages Colombia, says the organisation is well positioned to help families fleeing Venezuela

Tostan [to 12 May 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 12 May 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

<https://www EFF.org/>

May 10, 2018

EFF and ACLU Can Proceed With Legal Challenge Against Warrantless Searches of Travelers' Smartphones, Laptops

*Court Rejects DHS's Attempt to Have Case Dismissed
Press Release*

Boston, Massachusetts—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the ACLU of Massachusetts won a court ruling today allowing their groundbreaking lawsuit challenging unconstitutional searches of electronic devices at the U.S. border to proceed—a victory for the digital rights of all international travelers.

EFF and ACLU represent 11 travelers—10 U.S. citizens and one lawful permanent resident—whose smartphones and laptops were searched without warrants at the U.S. border. The case, Alasaad v. Nielsen—filed in September against the Department of Homeland Security—asks the court to rule that the government must have a warrant based on probable cause before conducting searches of electronic devices, which contain highly detailed personal information about people's lives. The case also argues that the government must have probable cause to confiscate a traveler's device.

A federal judge in Boston today rejected DHS's request throw the case out, including the argument that dismissal was justified because the plaintiffs couldn't show they faced substantial risk of having their devices searched again. Four plaintiffs already have had their devices searched multiple times...

Freedom House [to 12 May 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Democratic Governance in Africa: Three Key Trends

May 10 2018 - 12:54pm

The maps and graphs below illustrate three major patterns that will affect the continent's future path.

This Year's Potemkin Elections Are an Ill Omen for Global Democracy

May 9 2018 - 11:55am

The world's autocrats seem more willing to dispense with the appearance of honest elections.

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Joint Letters

United States Congress: Update Foreign Agent Registration Act in Consideration of Civil Society

May 9, 2018

Nonprofit members and partners of InterAction urge the U.S. Congress to update the Foreign Agent Registration Act in regards to non-profits and their interactions with international partners.

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

Transparency International [to 12 May 2018]

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

9 May 2018

Ineffective election monitoring in Lebanon highlights urgent need for independent body

- On Sunday, 6 May, 2018 voters in Lebanon took part in the first Parliamentary elections in nine years. Following this, Transparency International calls for an independent electoral supervisory commission and dramatic improvements in the election monitoring process to prevent cabinet ministers from...

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ChildFund Alliance [to 12 May 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

May 08, 2018

Dial for help: The surprise hotline helping quake survivors in Papua New Guinea

More than two months after Papua New Guinea's strongest earthquake in almost a century, stranded survivors are turning to an unexpected lifeline: a small domestic violence hotline run by a non-governmental organisation [ChildFund].

Although the risks of violence against women rise after disasters, most callers aren't women. They're men reaching out for support, enquiring about how to obtain food, shelter, and other services, or fearful of violence that has broken out in some areas after tribal clashes...

CONCORD [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 9, 2018

Safeguards against sexual exploitation and abuse in development and humanitarian action – European NGOs action points

by Seamus Jeffreson

At the end of April, CONCORD was invited to discuss the recently highlighted issue of sexual misconduct in humanitarian work in the course of a joint workshop with the European Parliament's DEVE committee. This piece, written by Seamus Jeffreson, CONCORD Director, addresses the issue, and lists the different actions points for EU NGOs. It is drawn from his speaking points and is the product of collaboration and input from many CONCORD members and national platforms across the EU.

Our 2017 Annual Report is out!

May 8, 2018

What did 2017 bring to the development sector in Europe? The annual report of CONCORD encloses the biggest achievements of our confederation in the field of development aid and reports on the main statutory elements needed for a transparent and accountable constituency.

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Disasters Emergency Committee [to 12 May 2018]

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

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

The Elders [to 12 May 2018]

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

Press release 9 May 2018

The Elders demand Israel respects international law to stop further Gaza protest killings

The Elders call on the Israeli Government to fully comply with international humanitarian law and respect the right to peaceful protest of Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip.

Press release 7 May 2018

The Elders urge JCPOA signatories to stick to deal despite US withdrawal

The Elders strongly condemn President Trump's decision to withdraw the US from the Iran nuclear deal and call on other signatories to continue to sustain its spirit and implementation.

END Fund [to 12 May 2018]

<https://end.org/media-hub/>

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

Evidence Aid [to 12 May 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 12 May 2018]

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

09 May 2018

IFPW and Gavi expand leadership training for a stronger supply chain

The partnership draws on private sector support to implement an innovative training and mentorship programme for supply chain managers in Gavi-supported countries.

07 May 2018

New management training for immunisation leaders kicks-off in Kigali

24 managers from five Gavi-supported countries will attend the first round of the nine-month programme.

07 May 2018

Largest cholera vaccine drive in history to target spike in outbreaks

Two million people in five African countries to be protected against cholera.

07 May 2018

Global Fund [to 12 May 2018]

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

Global Fund Board Strengthens Sustainability and Domestic Financing

10 May 2018

SKOPJE – The Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, at its 39th Board meeting, highlighted the importance of strengthening sustainability and supporting successful transition to domestic financing to build long-term solutions and achieve greater health security.

The Global Fund is committed to being a good partner in working toward sustainability, acting as a catalyst to additional investment, filling short-term gaps, and addressing bottlenecks to successful transition to more domestic funding. While shifting financing often includes challenges, including how to effectively fund civil society, transition increases country ownership and is necessary to end epidemics.

Prime Minister Zoran Zaev spoke to the Board about the importance of allocating sufficient resources and engaging civil society in developing long-term sustainability of health programs. He expressed strong confidence that a collective approach can lead to success...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 12 May 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 12 May 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 10, 2018

InterAction Urges Congressional Leaders to Reject Proposed Rescissions to International Affairs Budget

Start Network [to 12 May 2018]

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

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Bringing localisation to action in Ethiopia

Blog Post By Talile Asres

... SOS Sahel Ethiopia, a national Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), works to improve the living standards of smallholder farmers and marginalised pastoralists affected in the region by focusing on community based natural resources management, food security, and much more. In the last year, through the support of the Disasters & Emergencies Preparedness Programme (DEPP), they have been able to access £1.3 million worth of funding from the UN

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Office for Humanitarian Coordination (OCHA) for the first time, as well as other funding for emergency response....

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 12 May 2018]

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

Date: 08 May 2018

ALNAP Video | What is context? Why does it matter for urban humanitarians?

In the first of three videos on urban context analysis, ALNAP's Leah Campbell explores the importance of understanding the context of an urban crisis, and looks at the different ways it can impact on humanitarian programming.

CHS Alliance [to 12 May 2018]

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

07/05/2018

SEA investigations workshop takes place in Dublin

From 1 to 4 May the CHS Alliance organised an SEA investigations workshop in Dublin, gathering 20 professionals from Concern Worldwide, Finn Church Aid, Humanitrain, Oxfam International, People in Need, Trócaire and Water Aid. The session was hosted by Concern Worldwide and participants were joining us from Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, UK and USA.

Development Initiatives [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 12 May 2018]

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

Published on 01/05/2018

A NEW ERA FOR ELRHA

We are delighted to announce that as of 1 May 2018, Elrha is an independent charity and legal organisation in its own right.

Since our beginnings in 2009, we have been a hosted initiative of Save the Children UK, receiving invaluable operational support from them on our journey to date. During this time we have established ourselves as a global leader of humanitarian research and innovation, providing support to almost 200 collaborative research and innovation initiatives globally.

Now it's time for us to take this next step to ensure our work has maximum impact, so we achieve our vision of 'a world equipped to mitigate the impact of humanitarian crises', and improve humanitarian outcomes through partnership, research and innovation...

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 12 May 2018]

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

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 12 May 2018]

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

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Center for Global Development [to 12 May 2018]

<http://www.cgdev.org/page/press-center>
No new digest content identified.

ODI [to 12 May 2018]

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

[Gender-responsive public expenditure management: public finance management introductory guide](#)

Briefing papers | May 2018 | Bryn Welham, Karen Barnes-Robinson, Dina Mansour-Ille and Richa Okhandiar

This paper reviews the literature on the links between public expenditure and gender responsiveness.

Urban Institute [to 12 May 2018]

<https://www.urban.org/publications>
May 9, 2018

[Strengthening the TANF Program: Putting Children at the Center and Increasing Access to Good Jobs for Parents](#)

Nisha G. Patel, Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute, testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means. In her testimony, Patel identifies six ways to strengthen the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that put children at the center and strengthen parental job opportunities: make child poverty reduction an explicit goal of the TANF program; set

[Nisha G. Patel](#)

May 9, 2018

Testimony

[GSE Reform Is Dead – Long Live GSE Reform!](#)

As it becomes apparent that the 115th Congress will not pass legislation to reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the authors describe the path the current administration will likely take to reform the government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) administratively. They explain the perils posed by this path, including a possibly serious disruption to the housing and mortgage markets, and recommend an alternative course for reform

[Jim Parrott](#), [Mark M. Zandi](#)

May 9, 2018

Brief

[Exploring the Viability of Mansion Tax Approaches](#)

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In this report, we estimate the state and local revenue that could be generated through a mansion tax—either a real estate transfer tax or a property tax surcharge on luxury homes. We examine 8 states and the District of Columbia, and experiment with different price thresholds to see how potential revenue would differ across states based on those thresholds. Our analysis shows that the stock of high-priced luxury homes varies

[Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Bhargavi Ganesh](#), [Sarah Storchak](#), [Bing Bai](#)

May 8, 2018

Research Report

What Research Tells Us about Work Requirements

In April 2018, the administration released an executive order instructing all federal agencies to develop or strengthen work requirement policies for people receiving federal aid through programs such as Medicaid, cash assistance, and nutrition assistance. This fact sheet summarizes key points about the research on work requirements. First, many programs already mandate work, but those requirements have not proven to be

[Heather Hahn](#)

May 8, 2018

Highlights

World Economic Forum [to 12 May 2018]

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

News 09 May 2018

From Tech Unicorns to Clean Energy: Meet the Young Africans Changing the World in 2018

From Football to Rocket Science: Meet the Young People Changing the World in 2018

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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 12 May 2018]

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

NEWS

New research initiative to fund studies of age-related cognitive impairment

May 10, 2018

The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association announced today a new research initiative to support studies on age-related cognitive impairment, including Alzheimer's disease. The two organizations along with additional partners, including the Oskar Fischer Project, are committing \$43 million over eight years to fund one or more teams of investigators pursuing brain health and cognitive impairment science.

The request for applications opens today and applications are due by July 6, 2018. The initiative seeks to identify and fund highly-promising teams of researchers pursuing creative, transformative ideas to move brain health and cognitive impairment science forward with greater speed...

The joint initiative aims to bridge an historical divide in the scientific and medical communities between cognition and vascular research.

"Bridging vascular and brain science through innovative research will help scientists shed new light on the causes or contributors to cognitive impairment and dementia," said Nancy Brown, CEO of the American Heart Association.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 12 May 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 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 12 May 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 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 12 May 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 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 9, 2018

Whatever happened to the Common Core state tests?

As the school year wraps up, children across California are sitting down for year-end standardized testing. The Golden State is one of 11 that fully participate in the Smarter Balanced assessment consortium, established in 2009 to create higher-quality, comparable tests across the country. As part of our deeper learning grantmaking, the Hewlett Foundation has invested...

By [Christopher Shearer](#)

May 8, 2018

U.S. budget reform: The nudge Congress needs

Budget showdowns, government shutdown threats, and partisan gridlock over federal spending bills have become common features of Congress's annual budget process. But the 2018 federal spending bill, despite being another bulging omnibus, offers a narrow sliver of hope for change. Tucked into that bill is authorization for a Joint Select Committee on Budget Process and...

By [Jean Parvin Bordewich](#)

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

Our News

New Report Illustrates Very Little Donor Funding for Pre-Primary Education

By Sarah Brown, May 10, 2018

...Research shows that all aspects of early learning are critical for school readiness and better achievement in primary school. Yet, new research, published recently by global children's charity [Theirworld](#) and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, reveals that although donor aid funding to early childhood development (ECD) has seen some increase over the last several years – though not nearly to levels needed – funding for pre-primary education is not keeping pace with health and nutrition funding.

The research, written by Asma Zubairi and Professor Pauline Rose of the REAL Centre at the University of Cambridge, shows that just one percent of aid for ECD for under-fives goes to pre-primary, putting millions of children at a disadvantage before they even start primary school...

IKEA Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 9, 2018

IKEA Foundation announces partnership with SELCO Foundation to bring renewable energy to underserved communities

SELCO Foundation and the IKEA Foundation are announcing a new partnership that aims to provide reliable and affordable energy in India, where many impoverished families have little or no electricity for their homes, schools, livelihoods and health centres. With the IKEA

Foundation, SELCO Foundation will help over 160,000 adults and 400,000 children, providing them with healthier homes and better healthcare and educational opportunities.

SELCO Foundation was established in 2010 and its aim is to provide clean energy solutions for the under-developed communities. Understanding access to energy as a basic human right and as a means to other development activities, SELCO Foundation works on developing models that create long term sustained impact...

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 10, 2018 *News Release*

[Six Months ahead of the Midterm Elections, Democratic and Republican Voters' Views about President Trump Outweigh their Views on Issues, Including Health Care](#)

Who are the "Health Care Voters"? Mostly Women, and Mostly Planning to Vote Democratic
As primary season for the 2018 midterm elections heats up, the latest Kaiser Family Foundation poll suggests the elections are shaping up more as a referendum on President Trump than on health care or any other...

May 9, 2018 *News Release*

[New Charts Track Growth in U.S. Health Care Prices, Draw Comparisons to Other Countries](#)

Two new chart collections examine trends in healthcare prices and utilization and compare health spending in the United States with that of other wealthy countries.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 11, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

[Growing Number of Republican Voters Think Global Warming Caused by Human Activity](#)

A report by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication finds that since Fall 2017 Republican registered voters have become more convinced that human-caused global warming is happening and are more supportive of several climate policies.

May 11, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

[Livelihoods at Risk as Freshwater Species in Africa's Largest Lake Face Extinction](#)

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Seventy-six percent of the freshwater species in East Africa's Lake Victoria Basin are threatened with extinction, according to a report by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

May 10, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

[Establishing an Independent National Prosecutor's Office in Mexico](#)

A report by the Washington Office on Latin America and the Due Process of Law Foundation asserts that the creation of a new, independent National Prosecutor's Office will play a critical role in strengthening Mexico's troubled criminal justice system.

May 7, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

[A Guide for Litigating Torture Cases in Mexico](#)

The Manual for the Defense of Victims of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment provides lawyers with a practical guide for presenting torture cases in court.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 11, 2018

[Packard Foundation Appoints New Member to Fellowships Advisory Panel](#)

(Los Altos, CA) – The David and Lucile Packard Foundation has appointed Dr. Sarah Tishkoff of the University of Pennsylvania to the Advisory Panel of the Packard Fellowships for Science and Engineering. Dr. Tishkoff is a former Packard Fellow (2001, University of Maryland), and joins the prestigious group of internationally-recognized scientists and engineers who are responsible for selecting a class of Fellows each year from among a field of early-career scientists and engineers nominated by presidents of 50 universities...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 12 May 2018]

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

May 7, 2018 Blog Post

[Dining Out Smarter With New Menu Labeling Rules](#)

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Jennifer Ngandu

Rules that require food retailers to provide calorie counts and other nutrition information to their customers make it significantly easier for families to make healthier choices when dining out.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 12 May 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..."

May 11, 2018

[America Needs to Recommit to Investing in Science \[via Roll Call\]](#)

Michele Stockwell of the Bipartisan Policy Center penned an opinion piece about the importance of funding basic science.

May 9, 2018

[Open Philanthropy Project Joins Science Philanthropy Alliance as an Associate Member \[Alliance Announcement\]](#)

The Science Philanthropy Alliance announced that the Open Philanthropy Project has joined as an associate member. The Open Philanthropy Project identifies [...]

May 7, 2018

[With More Cash and a New Home, a Foundation Plots the Future of its Science Funding \[via Inside Philanthropy\]](#)

Tate Williams reports on changes at The Kavli Foundation, which is expanding through its Kavli Institutes and Kavli Prizes, and [...]

SDG Philanthropy Platform

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

*SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).
No new digest content identified.*

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 12 May 2018]

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

News Published: 10 May 2018

[Wellcome pledges £2m after new Ebola outbreak confirmed](#)

Wellcome is making an initial fund of up to £2 million available to support a rapid response to the new Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

The pledge comes after the DRC government announced the latest outbreak this week, following tests that confirmed two cases of Ebola in the Bikoro area, near the north-west border. It's the ninth Ebola outbreak in DRC.

The funding will be available to the government of the DRC and the World Health Organization (WHO) for the critical research needed to support the operational response now underway in the country.

Wellcome's £2m emergency funding will also be supported by £1m funding from the UK Department for International Development (DFID) through the Joint Initiative on Epidemic Preparedness.

Jeremy Farrar, Director of Wellcome, said: "It's vital the global response to this outbreak is swift. We know from previous outbreaks that the DRC are ready to act, but they need global support to ensure this outbreak is contained effectively. We must ensure the very best protection for the communities at risk and for the health workers working to protect lives – now and for future outbreaks...

Distinguished scientists elected as Fellows and Foreign Members of the Royal Society

09 May 2018 - Fifty eminent scientists have been elected as Fellows of the Royal Society and ten as new Foreign Members for their exceptional contributions to science...

[10 Wellcome researchers have today been elected Fellows of @royalsociety. They are named in a list that celebrates over 50 eminent scientists and researchers for their exceptional contributions to science.]

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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>

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2018 Volume 54, Issue 5, p611-726, e83-e98

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2018 108(5)

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<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 98, Issue 5, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/98/5>

Editorials

Empowering Girls and Women through Hookworm Prevention

Author: Peter J. Hotez

Articles

Barriers and Opportunities to Advancing Women in Leadership Roles in Vector Control: Perspectives from a Stakeholder Survey

Authors: Mary H. Hayden, Erika Barrett, Guyah Bernard, Eunice N. Toko, Maurice Agawo, Amanda M. Okello, Jayleen K. L. Gunn and Kacey C. Ernst
<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.17-0693>

Annals of Internal Medicine

1 May 2018 Vol: 168, Issue 9

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

Medicine and Public Issues

Engaging Survivors of Human Trafficking: Complex Health Care Needs and Scarce Resources

Editorials

Ethical Obligations in Short-Term Global Health Clinical Experiences: The Devil Is in the Details

Position Papers

Ethical Obligations Regarding Short-Term Global Health Clinical Experiences: An American College of Physicians Position Paper

Matthew DeCamp, MD, PhD; Lisa Soleymani Lehmann, MD, PhD; Pooja Jaeel, MD; Carrie Horwitch, MD, MPH; for the ACP Ethics, Professionalism and Human Rights Committee *

Abstract

This American College of Physicians position paper aims to inform ethical decision making surrounding participation in short-term global health clinical care experiences. Although the positions are primarily intended for practicing physicians, they may apply to other health care professionals and should inform how institutions, organizations, and others structure short-term global health experiences. The primary goal of short-term global health clinical care experiences is to improve the health and well-being of the individuals and communities where they occur. In addition, potential benefits for participants in global health include increased awareness of global health issues, new medical knowledge, enhanced physical diagnosis skills when practicing in low-technology settings, improved language skills, enhanced cultural sensitivity, a greater capacity for clinical problem solving, and an improved sense of self-satisfaction or professional satisfaction. However, these activities involve several ethical challenges. Addressing these challenges is critical to protecting patient welfare in all geographic locales, promoting fair and equitable care globally, and maintaining trust in the profession. This paper describes 5 core positions that focus on ethics and the clinical care context and provides case scenarios to illustrate them.

Human Trafficking: A Health and Human Rights Agenda

Abigail M. Judge, PhD; Jennifer A. Murphy, PhD; Jose Hidalgo, MD; Wendy Macias-Konstantopoulos, MD, MPH

Abstract

Human trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, is an egregious human rights violation associated with wide-ranging medical and mental health consequences. Because of the extensive health problems related to trafficking, health care providers play a critical role in identifying survivors and engaging them in ongoing care. Although guidelines for recognizing affected patients and a framework for developing response protocols in health care settings have been described, survivors' ongoing engagement in health care services is very challenging.

High rates of disengagement, lost contact, premature termination, and attrition are common outcomes. For interventions to be effective in this marginalized population, challenges in engaging survivors in long-term therapeutic primary and mental health care must be better understood and overcome. This article uses the socioecological model of public health to identify barriers to engagement; offers evidence- and practice-based recommendations for overcoming these barriers; and proposes an interdisciplinary call to action for developing more flexible, adaptable models of care.

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

May 2018 - Volume 3 - 3

<http://gh.bmj.com/content/3/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

Opinion

11 May 2018

The Syrian conflict: a case study of the challenges and acute need for medical humanitarian operations for women and children internally displaced persons

Authors: Rahma Aburas, Amina Najeeb, Laila Baageel and Tim K. Mackey

Abstract

Background

After 7 years of increasing conflict and violence, the Syrian civil war now constitutes the largest displacement crisis in the world, with more than 6 million people who have been internally displaced. Among this already-vulnerable population group, women and children face significant challenges associated with lack of adequate access to maternal and child health (MCH) services, threatening their lives along with their immediate and long-term health outcomes.

Discussion

While several health and humanitarian aid organizations are working to improve the health and welfare of internally displaced Syrian women and children, there is an immediate need for local medical humanitarian interventions. Responding to this need, we describe the case study of the Brotherhood Medical Center (the "Center"), a local clinic that was initially established by private donors and later partnered with the Syrian Expatriate Medical Association to provide free MCH services to internally displaced Syrian women and children in the small Syrian border town of Atimah.

Conclusions

The Center provides a unique contribution to the Syrian health and humanitarian crisis by focusing on providing MCH services to a targeted vulnerable population locally and through an established clinic. Hence, the Center complements efforts by larger international, regional, and local organizations that also are attempting to alleviate the suffering of Syrians victimized by this ongoing civil war. However, the long-term success of organizations like the Center relies on many factors including strategic partnership building, adjusting to logistical difficulties, and seeking sustainable sources of funding. Importantly, the lessons learned by the Center should serve as important principles in the design of future medical humanitarian interventions working directly in conflict zones, and should emphasize the need for better international cooperation and coordination to support local initiatives that serve victims where and when they need it the most.

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 12 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

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BMJ Open

May 2018 - Volume 8 - 5

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 5, May 2018, 297-368

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/5/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

May 2018 Volume 40, Issue 5, p669-812

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 12 May 2018]

Review

9 May 2018

[Mechanisms of change for interventions aimed at improving the wellbeing, mental health and resilience of children and adolescents affected by war and armed conflict: a systematic review of reviews](#)

Authors: Tania Josiane Bosqui and Bassam Marshoud

Abstract

Despite increasing research and clinical interest in delivering psychosocial interventions for children affected by war, little research has been conducted on the underlying mechanisms of change associated with these interventions. This review aimed to identify these processes in order to inform existing interventions and highlight research gaps. A systematic review of reviews was conducted drawing from academic databases (PubMed, PILOTS, Cochrane Library for Systematic Reviews) and field resources (e.g. Médecins Sans Frontières and the Psychosocial Centre of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies), with extracted data analysed using Thematic Content Analysis. Thirteen reviews of psychosocial or psychological interventions for children and adolescents (< 25 years old) affected by war, armed conflict or political violence were identified, covering over 30 countries worldwide.

Qualitative analysis identified 16 mechanisms of change, one of which was an adverse mechanism. Themes included protection from harm, play, community and family capacity building, strengthening relationships with caregivers, improved emotional regulation, therapeutic rapport, trauma processing, and cognitive restructuring; with the adverse mechanism relating to the pathologising of normal reactions. However, only 4 mechanisms were supported by strong empirical evidence, with only moderate or poor quality evidence supporting the other mechanisms. The poor quality of supporting evidence limits what can be inferred from

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this review's findings, but serves to highlight clinically informed mechanisms of change for existing and widely used non-specialist interventions in the field, which urgently need rigorous scientific testing to inform their continued practice.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 68 Pages 1-146 (May 2018)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

June 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

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 2 - April 2018

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

Commentary

Disaster Medicine in China: Present and Future

Shi-ke Hou, Qi Lv, Hui Ding, Yong-zhong Zhang, Bao-guo Yu, Zi-quan Liu, Bin Su, Jin-Yang Liu, Meng-yang Yu, Zhi-guang Sun, Hao-jun Fan

<https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2016.71>

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Published online: 28 June 2016, pp. 157-165

Abstract

Disaster can strike people in any community at any time anywhere in the world. Disasters occur with high frequency, take on multiple forms, and exert wide influence, typically causing property damage, injuries, and death. As the world's largest developing country, China incurs great costs when a disaster hits. After the Wenchuan earthquake in 2008, the Chinese government focused its attention on the construction of an emergency response system, the creation of disaster prevention and mitigation systems, and the development of a disaster medicine program. Here, we describe the current status of disaster medicine in China, focusing on the following four aspects: the Emergency Management System, Education & Training, Rescue Practices, and Research. We also discuss the future of disaster medicine in China.

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

Volume 24, Number 5—May 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 5—May 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 22, Pages 1-78 (March 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/22/suppl/C>

Special Issue: The RAPIDD Ebola Forecasting Challenge

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 5 - April 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2017 (Issue 31.4)

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<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2017/winter-2017-issue-31-4/>
[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 28, Issue 1, 1 February 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 76 Pages 1-130 (April 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/76/suppl/C>

Research Articles

Impacts of the Malawi social cash transfer program on household food and nutrition security

Original research article

Pages 19-32

Kristen Brugh, Gustavo Angeles, Peter Mvula, Maxton Tsoka, Sudhanshu Handa

Abstract

This study uses panel data for 3290 households to analyze the effect of an unconditional cash transfer on food and nutrition security among ultra-poor and vulnerable households. Study data are from an impact evaluation of the Government of Malawi's Social Cash Transfer Program, a cluster-randomized control trial that employs both random selection and random assignment. We use the difference-in-differences specification to estimate average treatment effects of the program on three components of food and nutrition security – current economic vulnerability, diet quantity, and diet quality. Results show protective program impacts during the lean season on diet quantity as beneficiary households are 11 percentage points more likely to consume multiple meals per day than control households ($p < .001$), have a higher level of apparent caloric availability (267.49 kcal, $p < .05$), are 10 percentage points less likely to be food-energy deficient ($p < .05$), and have a reduced hunger depth (111.11 kcal, $p < .05$). However, study findings indicate that after one year of program exposure beneficiary households have experienced little improvement in diet quality or current economic vulnerability to food insecurity. Clear policy and program implications emerge related to the purchasing power of the cash transfer, particularly during the lean season, and the importance of integrated social protection initiatives.

Calories and poverty during a prolonged crisis

Original research article

Pages 56-69

Jorge Valero-Gil, Magali Valero

Abstract

We study how calorie intake changes during prolonged crises, by studying the calorie intake of households when exposed to short-term and long-term income and price shocks. We use data from household surveys of Mexican households during the income and price crises periods of 1994 to 1998 and 2006 to 2010. Our focus is on low-income Mexican households, those with the lowest 25% of expenditure per capita. There is little effect on calorie intake following an income decline in the short run. Once households are exposed to reduced incomes for a longer period, calorie intake falls. Households are able to weather short-term fluctuations in income by shifting consumption to food items that are cheaper per calorie, such as staple foods, by consuming more foods at home instead of outside the home, and by postponing expenditures on durable and semi-durable goods. When exposed to the income shock over a longer period of

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time, we posit that households are not able to defer durable and semi-durable purchases any more so their calorie consumption drops. Our results suggest that Mexican households may be able to sustain calorie intake when faced with an income shock, but it is less likely that they are able to do so if the income shock persists. The government may want to support poor constituents when they are faced with prolonged crises.

Making decisions without reliable information: The struggle of local traders in the pastoral meat supply chain

Original research article

Pages 33-43

Guyo M. Roba, Margareta A. Lelea, Oliver Hensel, Brigitte Kaufmann

Participation in the market chain and food security: The case of the Ugandan maize farmers

Original research article

Pages 81-98

P. Montalbano, R. Pietrelli, L. Salvatici

Food Security

Volume 10, Issue 2, April 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/2/page/1>

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

February 2018

<http://www.fmreview.org/syria2018/contents.html>

Syrians in displacement

With 2018 marking the 7th anniversary of the Syrian conflict, this issue of FMR explores new insights and continuing challenges relating to the displacement of millions of Syrians both internally and in neighbouring countries. What we learn from responses to this large-scale, multi-faceted displacement is also relevant to other situations of displacement beyond as well as within the Middle East. FMR 57 contains 27 articles on 'Syrians in displacement', plus six 'general' articles on other topics.

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Volume 45, Issue 1, 2018

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Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

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Globalization and Health

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

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Research

Assessing reported cases of sexual and gender-based violence, causes and preventive strategies, in European asylum reception facilities

Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) is a widespread public health problem and a violation of human rights rooted in gender and power inequities. Refugees, asylum-seekers and migrants living in European asy...

Authors: Charlotte Oliveira, Ines Keygnaert, Maria do Rosário Oliveira Martins and Sónia Dias

Citation: Globalization and Health 2018 14:48

Published on: 9 May 2018

Research

"Because if we talk about health issues first, it is easier to talk about human trafficking"; findings from a mixed methods study on health needs and service provision among migrant and trafficked fishermen in the Mekong

Human trafficking in the fishing industry or "sea slavery" in the Greater Mekong Subregion is reported to involve some of the most extreme forms of exploitation and abuse. A largely unregulated sector, commerc...

Authors: Nicola S. Pocock, Reena Tadee, Kanokwan Tharawan, Wansiri Rongrongmuang, Brett Dickson, Soksreymom Suos, Ligia Kiss and Cathy Zimmerman

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 19, Issue 2, December 2017

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Special Section on Romani People and the Right to Health

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

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Volume 33, Issue 4, 1 May 2018

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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Commentary

9 May 2018

[Changing roles of universities in the era of SDGs: rising up to the global challenge through institutionalising partnerships with governments and communities](#)

Authors: Fadi El-Jardali, Nour Ataya and Racha Fadlallah

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 40, Number 1, February 2018

<http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/37973>

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 71 March 2018

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/humanitarian-response-urban-areas/>

[Humanitarian response in urban areas](#)

Humanitarian crises are increasingly affecting urban areas either directly, through civil conflict, hazards such as flooding or earthquakes, urban violence or outbreaks of disease, or indirectly, through hosting people fleeing these threats. The humanitarian sector has been slow to understand how the challenges and opportunities of working in urban spaces necessitate changes in how they operate. For agencies used to working in rural contexts, the dynamism of the city, with its reliance on markets, complex systems and intricate logistics, can be a daunting

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challenge. Huge, diverse and mobile populations complicate needs assessments, and close coordination with other, often unfamiliar, actors is necessary.
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Vol 7, No 1 (2017)

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International Human Rights Law Review

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 5, No 5 (2018) May 2018

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Volume 28 Pages 1-874 (June 2018)

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Tools for a Critical Heritage: Exploring Shared Authority and Stakeholder-Defined Values of Heritage

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Volume 25, 2018 - Issue 4

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Winter 2017 Volume 51, Issue 4 Pages 821–1030, e50–e66

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March 2018| Vol 16| Issue 1

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Special Communication

[Key Implications of Data Sharing in Pediatric Genomics](#)

Vasiliki Rahimzadeh, MSc; Christoph Schickhardt, JD, PhD; Bartha M. Knoppers, PhD; et al.

JAMA Pediatr. 2018;172(5):476-481. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2017.5500

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This special communication discusses the current ethical, legal, and social implications of sharing genomic and associated clinical data involving children.

Abstract

Accurate clinical interpretation of children's whole-genome and whole-exome sequences relies on comparing the patient's linked genomic and phenotypic data with variant reference databases of both healthy and affected patients. The robustness of such comparisons, in turn, is made possible by sharing pediatric genomic and associated clinical data. Despite this, sparse ethical-legal policy attention has been paid to making such sharing routine in practice. The interdisciplinary Paediatric Task Team of the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health considered in detail the current ethical, legal, and social implications of sharing genomic and associated clinical data involving children. An initial set of points to consider was presented at a meeting of the Paediatric Task Team at the 4th Plenary of the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health. The Key Implications for Data Sharing (KIDS) framework for pediatric genomics was developed based on feedback from this group and was supplemented by findings from a critical appraisal of the data-sharing literature. The final points to consider that comprise the KIDS framework are categorized into the following 4 primary themes: children's involvement, parental consent, balancing benefits and risks, and data protection and release requirements.

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April 2018 - Volume 16 - Issue 4

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Volume 43, Issue 3, June 2018

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Volume 13, Issue 2, April 2018

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 13, Issue 3, 2017

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Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (JHCPU)

Volume 29, Number 1, February 2018

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Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 4, Issue 3, 2018

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Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

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Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 20, Issue 3, June 2018

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Volume 30, Issue 4 Pages: 537-721 May 2018

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Research Articles

Open Access

Youth Livelihoods in the Cellphone Era: Perspectives from Urban Africa

Gina Porter, Kate Hampshire, Ariane de Lannoy, Andisiwe Bango, Alister Munthali, Elsbeth Robson, Augustine Tanle, Albert Abane, Samuel Owusu

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First Published: 10 January 2018

Abstract

Issues surrounding youth employment and unemployment are central to the next development decade. Understanding how youth use mobile phones as a means of communicating and exchanging information about employment and livelihoods is particularly important given the prominence of mobile phone use in young lives. This paper explores and reflects on youth phone usage in Ghana, Malawi and South Africa, drawing on mixed-methods research with young people aged approximately 9–25 years, in 12 (high density) urban and peri-urban sites. Comparative work across these sites offers evidence of both positive and negative impacts. The final section of the paper considers policy implications.

Revisiting Microcredit's Poverty-Reducing Promise: Evidence from Cambodia

Kimty Seng

Pages: 615-642

First Published: 11 January 2018

The Multidimensional Nature of Women's Empowerment: Beyond the Economic Approach

Fitsum W. Bayissa, Jeroen Smits, Ruerd Ruben

Pages: 661-690

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Journal of Medical Ethics

May 2018 - Volume 44 - 5

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Vol 20, No 5 (2018): May
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Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (JPIDS)

Volume 7, Issue 1 March 2018
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May 2018 Volume 196, p1-334
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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

May 2018; volume 15, issue 142

<http://rsif.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/current>

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Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 25, Issue suppl_1, 1 May 2018

https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/25/suppl_1

Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

May 12, 2018 Volume 391 Number 10133 p1865-1964

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

Comment

Emergency deployment of oral cholera vaccine for the Rohingya in Bangladesh

Firdausi Qadri, Abul Kalam Azad, Meerjady Sabrina Flora, Ashraful Islam Khan, Md Taufiqul

...This OCV campaign was undertaken in challenging conditions and provides a model for pre-emptive delivery of OCV from the stockpile to prevent major cholera epidemics in complex humanitarian emergencies at high risk for cholera. It shows the importance of cooperation and collaboration of governments, the ICG OCV stockpile group, and international partners for OCV implementation in humanitarian crises. The conditions in which the Rohingya live remain precarious. Although the OCV campaign has so far appeared to prevent a cholera outbreak or epidemic, there has been a continued influx of unvaccinated Rohingya after the campaign who, together with people who were missed in the campaign or received only a single dose, constitute a potentially at-risk population as the major cholera season approaches. Provision of adequate clean water and sanitation remains a challenge and there are fears that cyclones and landslides will further aggravate the situation. Accordingly, an additional tranche of OCV doses from the stockpile was approved on April 12, 2018, and vaccination of the new arrivals and of the host population living in close proximity and those aged 5 years and older at the time of the earlier campaign, who received only a single dose, began on May 6, 2018.

icddr,b and the IEDCR were involved in leading the surveillance described in this Comment and all the authors were involved in supporting the OCV campaigns...

Mapping the burden of cholera in sub-Saharan Africa and implications for control: an analysis of data across geographical scales

Justin Lessler, Sean M Moore, Francisco J Luquero, Heather S McKay, Rebecca Grais, Myriam Henkens, Martin Mengel, Jessica Dunoyer, Maurice M'bangombe, Elizabeth C Lee, Mamoudou Harouna Djingarey, Bertrand Sudre, Didier Bompangue, Robert S M Fraser, Abdinasir Abubakar, William Perea, Dominique Legros, Andrew S Azman

Series

Pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries

Access to pathology and laboratory medicine services: a crucial gap

Michael L Wilson, Kenneth A Fleming, Modupe A Kutu, Lai Meng Looi, Nestor Lago, Kun Ru

Pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries **Improving pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries: roadmap to solutions**

Shahin Sayed, William Cherniak, Mark Lawler, Soo Yong Tan, Wafaa El Sadr, Nicholas Wolf, Shannon Silkensen, Nathan Brand, Lai Meng Looi, Sanjay A Pai, Michael L Wilson, Danny Milner, John Flanigan, Kenneth A Fleming

Pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries
Delivering modern, high-quality, affordable pathology and laboratory medicine to low-income and middle-income countries: a call to action

Susan Horton, Richard Sullivan, John Flanigan, Kenneth A Fleming, Modupe A Kutu, Lai Meng Looi, Sanjay A Pai, Mark Lawler

Lancet Global Health

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May 2018 Volume 6 Number 5 p315-402 e16-e18

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Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 22, Issue 5, May 2018

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Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 38, Issue 4, May 2018

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Volume 96, Issue 1 Pages: 1-212 March 2018

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Nature

Volume 557 Issue 7704, 10 May 2018

http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Comment | 09 May 2018

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When will clinical trials finally reflect diversity?

An analysis of drug studies shows that most participants are white, even though trials are being done in more countries, reveal Todd C. Knepper and Howard L. McLeod.

Todd C. Knepper & Howard L. McLeod

Nature Medicine

Volume 24 Issue 5, May 2018

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/24/issues/5>

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Nature Reviews Immunology

Volume 18 Issue 5, May 2018

<https://www.nature.com/nri/journal/v18/n4/index.html>

Review Article | 30 January 2018

Passive immunotherapy of viral infections: 'super-antibodies' enter the fray

So-called super-antibodies are highly potent, broadly reactive antiviral antibodies that offer promise for the treatment of various chronic and emerging viruses. This Review describes how recent technological advances led to their isolation from rare, infected individuals and their development for the prevention and treatment of various viral infections.

Laura M. Walker & Dennis R. Burton

New England Journal of Medicine

May 10, 2018 Vol. 378 No. 19

<http://www.nejm.org/toc/nejm/medical-journal>

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Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 47, Issue 3, June 2018

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

Articles

Social Investing: What Matters From the Perspective of Social Enterprises?

Judith Mayer, Barbara Scheck

First Published January 9, 2018; pp. 493–513

Preview

Due to a massive increase in available social venture capital (SVC), social entrepreneurs often get to choose among various financing options. As financial parameters can easily be adapted or replicated, this article analyzes how social entrepreneurs evaluate the central nonfinancial features of these funders. Based on an experiment with 44 social entrepreneurs, we assess their perception of the five most relevant criteria for evaluating investor attractiveness: business advisory, network access, information rights, control rights, and reputation of the investor. Our analysis of 1,056 hypothetical decisions reveals that the investor's reputation is the single most important criterion and that the positive effect of support provided through business advisory and network access strongly outweighs the negative effect of oversight via information rights and control rights. These findings indicate that social entrepreneurs perceive the behavior of SVC investors as steward like rather than principal like.

To Found or to Fund? Comparing the Performance of Corporate and Noncorporate Foundations

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Marta Rey-Garcia, María José Sanzo-Perez, Luis Ignacio Álvarez-González

First Published January 4, 2018; pp. 514–536

Preview

The implications of the organizational alternatives of corporate philanthropy are yet to be properly understood. This is particularly the case when contributions are channeled through corporate foundations, instead of going directly to nonprofit organizations independent from the firm. Data on the resources, undertakings, and effects of corporate foundations are scarce; conceptualization is poor; and their rationale has been mainly explored from the perspective of the potential benefits for the company. This study aims at contributing to conceptual debate and empirical research on corporate foundations from the perspective of how well they perform as nonprofits. The performance of corporate and noncorporate foundations is compared across three different productivity indicators, based on a survey to a representative sample of 325 foundations. Results of linear regression models suggest that, all else equal, corporate foundations have a greater capability to make resources available for charitable purposes with lower levels of human and financial inputs.

Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

VOL. 7, NO. 1 (AUGUST 2017)

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May 2018, VOLUME 141 / ISSUE 5

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Volume 36, Issue 5, May 2018

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PLOS Currents: Disasters

<http://currents.plos.org/disasters/>

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[A Typology of Secondary Stressors Among Refugees of Conflict in the Middle East: The Case of Syrian Refugees in Jordan](#)

May 10, 2018 · Disasters

Introduction: As the years of displacement accumulate, the burden of secondary stressors (i.e., stressors not directly related to war) increase on the shoulders of millions of refugees, who do not have the option of either returning home due to war or having a sustainable livelihood in the host countries. This paper aims to shed light on the overlooked importance of secondary stressors among refugees of conflict in developing countries; it will do this by highlighting the experience of Syrian refugees in Jordan, and developing a typology of these stressors.

Methods: We approached this issue using two levels of exploration. In study 1, we used participant observation and 15 in-depth interviews in Irbid, Jordan. Data were analysed qualitatively using thematic analysis to explore the different types of stressors. In study 2, a questionnaire survey among Syrian refugees in Jordan (n = 305) was used to collect data about

a wide range of stressors. Responses were subjected to factor analysis to examine the extent to which the stressors could be organized into different factors.

Results: The thematic analysis suggested three different types of secondary stressors: financial (money related), environmental (exile structures and feelings created by it), and social (directly related to social relations). The factor analysis of the survey data produced a similar typology, where secondary stressors were found to be grouped into four main factors (financial, services, safety, and relations with out-groups). The final result is a typology of 33 secondary stressors organised in three main themes.

Discussion: Syrian refugees in Jordan suffer the most from financial stressors, due to loss of income and high living expenses. Environmental stressors arise from exile and are either circumstantial (e.g., services and legal requirements) or created by this environment (e.g., instability and lack of familiarity). Social stressors were observed among a considerable section of refugees, varying from stressors due to being targeted as a refugee by the locals (e.g., discrimination) to more traumatic stressors that came from both locals and other refugees (e.g., assault). The typology of secondary stressors suggested by the present analysis needs to be investigated in a larger sample of refugees of conflict in other countries in the Middle East, in order to determine its generality. We suggest that it is a basis for a framework for practitioners and academics working with refugees in the region

PLoS Currents: Outbreaks

<http://currents.plos.org/outbreaks/>

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[Zika virus outbreak in Suriname, a report based on laboratory surveillance data](#)

May 10, 2018 · *Research Article*

Introduction : Since the identification of ZIKV in Brazil in May 2015, the virus has spread extensively throughout the Americas. Cases of ZIKV infection have been reported in Suriname since October 2, 2015. Methods : A laboratory-based surveillance system was quickly implemented according to previous experience with the emergence of chikungunya. General practitioners and public health centers located in different districts of Suriname were asked to send blood samples from suspicious cases to Academic Hospital for molecular diagnosis of Zika virus infection. We investigated Zika-related laboratory data collected during surveillance and response activities to provide the first outbreak report in Suriname in terms of time, location and person. Results : A total of 791 molecularly confirmed cases were reported during a 48-week interval from October 2015 to August 2016. The majority of ZIKV-positive cases involved women between 20 and 39 years of age, reflecting concern about Zika infection during pregnancy. The outbreak peaked in mid-January and gradually spread from the district of Paramaribo to western coastal areas. Discussion : This report provides a simple and comprehensive description of the outbreak in Suriname and demonstrates the utility of laboratory data to highlight the spatiotemporal dynamics of the outbreak in that country.

PLoS Medicine

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

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Editorial

[The next forum for unraveling FDA off-label marketing rules: State and federal legislatures](#)

Michael S. Sinha, Aaron S. Kesselheim

Editorial | published 08 May 2018 PLOS Medicine

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...Buoyed by a narrow victory in one appeals court, advocates have turned to state and federal legislatures to unravel current FDA rules relating to off-label promotion. But these rules are essential for the ability of the FDA to fulfill its public health mission by defining what uses of drugs have benefits that outweigh their risks versus those that lack sufficient evidence to warrant such use. These distinctions are crucial for individual physicians—who do not have the time or expertise to perform the same critical data evaluation conducted by the scores of highly trained scientists at the FDA—and for patients, who could be exposed to more non-evidence-based and potentially dangerous off-label uses of high-cost drugs.

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

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PLoS One

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Research Article

[Controlling epidemics with transmissible vaccines](#)

Scott L. Nuismer, Ryan May, Andrew Basinski, Christopher H. Remien

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Abstract

As the density of human and domestic animal populations increases, the threat of localized epidemics and global pandemics grows. Although effective vaccines have been developed for a number of threatening pathogens, manufacturing and disseminating vaccines in the face of a rapidly spreading epidemic or pandemic remains a formidable challenge. One potentially powerful solution to this problem is the use of transmissible vaccines. Transmissible vaccines are capable of spreading from one individual to another and are currently being developed for a range of infectious diseases. Here we develop and analyze mathematical models that allow us to quantify the benefits of vaccine transmission in the face of an imminent or ongoing epidemic. Our results demonstrate that even a small amount of vaccine transmission can greatly increase the rate at which a naïve host population can be protected against an anticipated epidemic and substantially reduce the size of unanticipated epidemics if vaccination is initiated shortly after pathogen detection. In addition, our results identify key biological properties and implementation practices that maximize the impact of vaccine transmission on infectious disease.

Research Article

[Realization of the rights of persons with disabilities in Rwanda](#)

Janet Njelesani, Jenna Siegel, Emily Ullrich

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Abstract

This scoping study assessed the realization of the rights for persons with disabilities in Rwanda since the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) in 2008. Underpinned by the five-stage framework of Arksey and O'Malley, the scoping study examined peer-reviewed literature published between 2008 and 2017. Nine electronic databases were searched using keywords specific to disability in Rwanda. Data were charted by three reviewers according to pre-determined and emergent categories. Descriptive

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statistics were used to describe the data sources. A total of 60 scholarly articles met the inclusion criteria. Within the research, studies pertaining to the UN CRPD Articles of health, awareness raising, accessibility, and children with disabilities were the most published. The literature identified a movement towards the realization of the rights for persons with disabilities in Rwanda since the country signed the UN CRPD. Despite efforts to meet these rights, discrimination against persons with disabilities still exists and greater investment in the disability sector is needed, particularly for justice, social protection, and mental health services. Given the state of the evidence, concerning research gaps also exist in regards to deinstitutionalization and protection issues (i.e., violence and abuse). This consolidation of evidence may help to inform the decision-making priorities for government and civil society organizations in policy and programming and also direct future research.

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

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Volume 33 - Issue 2 - April 2018

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Editorial

Introduction of the Evidence synthesis: article type

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1. Introduction

With over two million scientific publications appearing each year worldwide, there is an escalating need to access evidence and opinion to inform policy. In response, articles encompassing a breadth of policy and practice, from clinical medicine through to conservation science increasingly adopt an Evidence Synthesis framework. These articles access, appraise and synthesize scientific information and makes them readily available to non-specialists. They are rigorous, objective and transparent and driven by stakeholder needs, enabling the reader to make informed decisions. In an exciting new development, Proceedings of the Royal Society B will be extending its publication portfolio by launching a new article type entitled Evidence synthesis in June 2018, as part of a joint programme by the Academy of Medical Sciences and the Royal Society <https://royalsociety.org/topics-policy/projects/evidence-synthesis/>. Articles can range from brief review-style papers, through to meta-analysis and full systematic reviews of contentious issues. This editorial will serve to explain the appetite for such articles and the

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benefits for us in publishing them, as well as explain to authors the journal requirements for these pieces...

Public Health

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

Special issue on Migration: A global public health issue

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Volume 11, Issue 1, 1 April 2018

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Volume 133, Issue 3, May/June 2018

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

Case Study/Practice

Evaluation of a Mobile Phone App for Providing Adolescents With Sexual and Reproductive Health Information, New York City, 2013-2016

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Preview

The New York City (NYC) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene released the Teens in NYC mobile phone application (app) in 2013 as part of a program to promote sexual and reproductive health among adolescents aged 12-19 in NYC. The app featured a locator that allowed users to search for health service providers by sexual health services, contraceptive methods, and geographic locations. We analyzed data on searches from the Where to Go section of the app to understand the patterns of use of the app's search functionality. From January 7, 2013, through March 20, 2016, the app was downloaded more than 20 000 times, and more than 25 000 unique searches were conducted within the app. Results suggest that the app helped adolescents discover and access a wide range of sexual health services, including less commonly used contraceptives. Those designing similar apps should consider incorporating search functionality by sexual health service (including abortion), contraceptive method, and user location.

Qualitative Health Research

Volume 28, Issue 6, May 2018

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

Special Issue: Mental Health

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Volume 37, Issue 1, 1 March 2018

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Recently Published Articles

[El costo de dotar de médicos a las zonas remotas y vulnerables: Programa “Mais Médicos” en el Brasil] [Cost of providing doctors in remote and vulnerable areas: Programa Mais Médicos in Brazil](#)

Everton Nunes da Silva, Maíra Catharina Ramos, Wallace Santos, Davide Rasella, Aimê Oliveira, and Leonor Maria Pacheco Santos

Original research | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.11> | Published 04 May 2018

Risk Analysis

Volume 38, Issue 5 Pages: 869-1103 May 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

Volume 10, 2017

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Science

11 May 2018 Vol 360, Issue 6389

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

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[A proposed global metric to aid mercury pollution policy](#)

By Noelle E. Selin

Science 11 May 2018 : 607-609 Restricted Access

The Minamata Convention needs policy-relevant insight

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 204 Pages 1-124 (May 2018)

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/204/suppl/C>
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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Spring 2018 Volume 16, Number 2

https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2018

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

Volume 10, Issue 3 (March 2018)

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/10/3>

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Systematic Reviews

<https://systematicreviewsjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles>

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Torture Journal

Volume 27 - Issue No. 3

<http://www.irct.org/publications/torture-journal/128>

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 19, Issue 2, April 2018

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

March-April, 2018 Volume 22

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

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Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 23, Issue 5 Pages: i-iv, 447-579 May 2018

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UN Chronicle

Vol. LV No. 1 2018 March 2018

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

The Quest for Water

"The Quest for Water" focuses on ensuring availability and sustainable management of water for all. The articles explore important issues such as ecosystems in the global water cycle and the role of gender and social inclusion in achieving the water-related goals and targets. This issue of the digital magazine of the UN system "buoys" the launch of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development"

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>

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<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/84/>

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World Heritage and Reconstruction

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World Journal of Emergency Medicine

2018 - Vol. 9 - No 2 June 2018

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