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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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## **Human Rights – Conflicts – Tactics of Warfare – Starvation of Civilians**

### **UN Security Council condemns starvation of civilians as a war tactic**

24 May 2018

*Denouncing the starvation of civilians as a method of warfare and the unlawful denial of humanitarian access to those need, the United Nations Security Council underscored that all parties to armed conflict must uphold their obligations under international law and protect civilians from harm.*

Adopting resolution 2417 (2018), the Security Council also called upon those “with influence over parties to armed conflict, to remind the latter of their obligation to comply with international humanitarian law.”

International humanitarian law explicitly forbids any attacks targeting civilians and civilian infrastructure, and requires all warring sides to allow, respect and protect the work of humanitarian actors, in alleviating human suffering.

Starvation of civilians as a method of warfare may constitute a war crime – Security Council In the resolution, the Council also said that it could consider adopting sanctions, “where appropriate and in line with existing practice, that can be applied to individuals or entities obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance.”

The landmark resolution, adopted unanimously by the 15-member Security Council, also underscored the link between armed conflict and conflict-induced food insecurity and the threat of famine.

It also drew attention to the “particular impact” of armed conflict on women, children, as well as other vulnerable groups such as persons with disabilities, older persons, refugees and displaced persons.

The Council also reaffirmed “the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and [stressed] the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution.”

### **S/RES/2417 (2018)**

Adopted by the Security Council at its 8267th meeting, on 24 May 2018 :: 4 pages

*[Excerpts]*

*Deeply concerned* about the level of global humanitarian needs and the threat of famine presently facing millions of people in armed conflicts, as well as about the number of undernourished people in the world which, after decades of decreasing, increased over the last two years, with the majority of food insecure people and seventy-five percent of all stunted children under the age of five living in countries affected by armed conflict, amounting to 74 million people facing crisis food insecurity or worse in situations of armed conflict...

**1. *Recalls* the link between armed conflict and violence and conflict-induced food insecurity and the threat of famine,** and *calls* on all parties to armed conflict to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law regarding respecting and protecting civilians and taking constant care to spare civilian objects, including objects necessary for food production and distribution such as farms, markets, water systems, mills, food processing and storage sites, and hubs and means for food transportation, and refraining from attacking, destroying, removing or rendering useless objects that are indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, such as foodstuffs, crops, livestock, agricultural assets, drinking water installations and supplies, and irrigation works, and respecting and protecting humanitarian personnel and consignments used for humanitarian relief operations;

**2. *Stresses* in this regard that armed conflict, violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and food insecurity can be drivers of forced displacement,** and, conversely, forced displacement in countries in armed conflict can have a devastating impact on agricultural production and livelihoods, recalls the relevant prohibition on the forced displacement of civilians in armed conflict, and stresses the importance of fully complying with international humanitarian law and other applicable international law in this context;

**3. *Stresses* the need for humanitarian assistance to be gender- and age-sensitive,** and to remain responsive to the different needs of the population, ensuring that these needs are integrated in the humanitarian response;

**4. *Calls* on all parties to armed conflict to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law,** and underlines the importance of safe and unimpeded access of humanitarian personnel to civilians in armed conflicts, calls upon all parties concerned, including neighbouring States, to cooperate fully with the United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator and United Nations agencies in providing such access, invites States and the Secretary-General to bring to its attention information regarding the unlawful denial of such access in violation of international law, where such denial may constitute a threat to international peace and security, and, in this regard, expresses its willingness to consider such information and, when necessary, to adopt appropriate steps;

**5. *Strongly condemns* the use of starvation of civilians as a method of warfare in a number of conflict situations and prohibited by international humanitarian law;**

**6. *Strongly condemns* the unlawful denial of humanitarian access and depriving civilians of objects indispensable to their survival,** including wilfully impeding relief supply and access for responses to conflict-induced food insecurity in situations of armed conflict, which may constitute a violation of international humanitarian law;

**7. *Urges all parties* to protect civilian infrastructure which is critical to the delivery of humanitarian aid and to ensure the proper functioning of food systems and markets in situations of armed conflict;**

**8. *Urges* those with influence** over parties to armed conflict to remind the latter of their obligation to comply with international humanitarian law;

**9. *Recalls* that the Council has adopted and can consider to adopt sanction measures,** where appropriate and in line with existing practice, that can be applied to individuals or entities obstructing the delivery of humanitarian assistance, or access to, or distribution of, humanitarian assistance..

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## **Human Rights – Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [1993]**

### **"Human rights no longer treated as a priority, but as a pariah," Zeid tells 25th anniversary gathering in Vienna**

Vienna (22 May 2018) – In a speech delivered Tuesday at an international conference marking the 25th anniversary of a landmark human rights declaration, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein issued a stark warning that the world in general, including Europe, is back-sliding on human rights.

The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by consensus on 25 June 1993, and heavily influenced by the atrocities occurring just across Austria's border with the former Yugoslavia, laid down the blueprint for human rights in the post-Cold-War era. It also set in motion the establishment of the UN Human Rights Office that Zeid now heads...

### ***Statement by UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on the 25th Anniversary of the Vienna Declaration***

Minister Kneissl, Excellencies, Colleagues, Friends,

Twenty five years ago, it was here, in this city of confluence and cultural connection that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action was adopted – and with its crucial description of human rights as "universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated", cut through the artificial division of civil and political rights from rights that are cultural, economic and social.

The Cold War had ended, and the first words of the preamble marked a great hope for a new era, with interdependent countries engaging in a common approach to the causes of human suffering:

*"Considering that the promotion and protection of human rights is a matter of priority for the international community."*

It was here that the world unanimously reaffirmed that every refugee from persecution is entitled to asylum, and called for effective protection for all those who are compelled to become migrants.

It was here that States urged immediate and strong measures to combat racism, xenophobia and religious hatred, and to ensure participation by the poorest people in decision-making.

It was here in Vienna that States recommended the creation of the mandate which I am honoured to occupy: the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

But today we seem to be headed in another direction.

Backwards. To a landscape of increasingly strident, zero-sum nationalism, where the jealously guarded short-term interests of individual leaders outweigh the search for solutions to our common ills.

Backwards, to an era of contempt for the rights of people who have been forced to flee their homes, because the threats they face there are more dangerous even than the perils of their voyage.

Backwards, to a time of proxy regional and global warfare -- a time when military operations could deliberately target civilians and civilian sites such as hospitals, and chemical gases were openly used for military purposes.

Backwards, to an era when racists and xenophobes deliberately enflamed hatred and discrimination among the public, while carefully cloaking themselves in the guise of democracy and the rule of law.

Backwards, to an era when women were not permitted to control their own choices and their own bodies. An era when criticism was criminalised, and human rights activism brought jail – or worse.

So this anniversary could be the occasion for a polite celebration of the achievements of my Office over the past two and a half decades – and they are many. But today is not a time for soporific complacency. Human rights are sorely under pressure around the world – no longer a priority: a pariah. The legitimacy of human rights principles is attacked. The practise of human rights norms is in retreat. Here in Europe, ethno-populist parties are in the ascendant in many countries – fuelling hatred and scarring their societies with deepening divisions.

Where these parties have achieved power, they have sought to undermine the independence of the judiciary and silence many critical voices in the independent media and civil society. They have propagated distorted and false views of migrants and human rights activists. Almost everywhere, across Europe the hatred they direct at migrants has infiltrated the mainstream parties and skewed the political landscape towards greater violence and suffering.

In this country – which more than most should be aware of the dangers of ethnically divisive rhetoric, given the historical role of Karl Lueger – false and incendiary statements have been recently made which are fundamentally at odds with the Vienna Declaration.

Minister Kneissl, Excellencies,

As Viktor Frankl so often wrote, it is compassion, and contribution to the lives of others, which form the anchor of an honourable life. And the way to honour the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action is to act on it. Human rights are not just words to be nodded at sagely at anniversaries. They are meant, above all, to be put into practice, and anchored especially in the daily experiences of the poorest and most marginalised people -- such as those who flee the destruction of their hopes by conflict and deprivation.

There will be no peace for any country until there is respect, and justice. There will be no sustainable prosperity unless all can benefit. Human equality and dignity are the path towards peace in the world: the path of real patriotism, building societies grounded in harmony, not divisiveness and hate.

So it is time to stand up for what the Vienna Declaration truly represents.

We need to use this anniversary to begin to mobilize a much broader community to defend human rights with our fierce, and passionate commitment. We need to make clear the vital, life-saving importance of human rights for the daily lives and global future of our fellow human beings.

Many of us do still have space to voice our concerns. We need to stand by our achievements and the advances which have been made.

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We need to push back against the haters, the destroyers, the isolationists and ethno-nationalists.

We need to move forward, defiantly, to ensure that those indivisible, universal, interdependent and interrelated rights are able to build on each other to shape a world of well-being and safety.

There is no time to lose. Let this be a turning point, so that the Vienna Declaration can stand proud – not as a decaying museum piece, but as the flag-bearer for a resurgent movement to build peace and progress.

Thank you

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## Heritage Stewardship

### [UN Biodiversity Convention celebrates 25 years: Significant progress made, but more action needed to safeguard life on Earth](#)

23 May 2018

...Entering into force on 29 December 1993, the CBD, or UN Biodiversity Convention, is the global treaty that provides the framework for international action on biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth. For the past 25 years, Parties and a global community of diverse stakeholders and partners have undertaken significant actions to achieve the three objectives of the Convention: to conserve biodiversity, use it sustainably, and equitably share the benefits from the use of genetic resources. The CBD Secretariat is based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. Cristiana Pasca Palmer, UN Assistant Secretary-General and CBD Executive Secretary said: "On the International Day for Biological Diversity we celebrated the excellent progress made by Parties and partners. We have much to celebrate. Significant areas of the world are now being conserved as part of protected areas. We have seen enormous improvements in governance models and sustainable use approaches to manage key natural resources. The value of biodiversity for society, our social and economic needs as well as our own health and well-being, are now widely recognized. Furthermore, biodiversity lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. "

"But we need to approach conservation in a more innovative manner, to create new incentive models and to engage with relevant actors to help redirect behavioral choices to mitigate biodiversity losses and generate greater safeguarding values to our natural assets. Biodiversity continues to decline in every region of the world. This destruction of biodiversity and natural capital compounds and accelerates other global challenges - such as climate change, water security, food security and public health."...

Since the entry into force of the Convention, membership has become near universal with 196 Parties ratifying the agreement. Almost all Parties have created National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans which are the focus of national efforts to implement the Convention...

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, said: "This year, **Parties to the Convention will begin work on a new action plan to ensure that, by 2050, biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used for the benefit of all people.** The entire world needs to join this effort. On this International Day for Biological Diversity, I urge governments,

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businesses and people everywhere to act to protect the nature that sustains us. Our collective future depends on it.”

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## **Education – SDGs/Accountability**

### **Report: Accountability in education: Meeting our commitments**

Global Education Monitoring Report

UNESCO 2017 :: 509 pages

PDF: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0025/002593/259338e.pdf>

#### *Overview*

In 2017, the second report in the Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report series continues its assessment of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goal on education (SDG4) and its 10 targets, as well as other related education targets in the SDG agenda.

It also investigates accountability in education, analyzing how all relevant stakeholders can provide education more effectively, efficiently and equitably. The report examines different accountability mechanisms that are used to hold governments, schools, teachers, parents, the international community, and the private sector accountable for inclusive, equitable and quality education.

By analysing which policies make accountability work or fail, and which external factors impact on their success, the 2017/8 GEM Report concludes with concrete recommendations that will help build stronger education systems.

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

:: Accountability is a process aimed at helping individuals or institutions meet their responsibilities and reach their goals. Actors have an obligation, based on a legal, political, social or moral justification, to provide an account of how they met clearly defined responsibilities.

:: Accountability lacks common definitions across disciplines and may be understood in different ways across languages.

:: Accountability matters enormously for improving education systems but it should be a means to education ends, not an end in itself.

:: People are more likely to deliver if held accountable for decisions. If held accountable for outcomes beyond their control, they will try to avoid risk, minimize their role or adjust their behaviour in unintended ways to protect themselves.

:: Trust is largely absent when actors operate in fear of punishment. A shared purpose, which fosters trust, is central to effective accountability.

:: Education actors are held to account through political processes, laws and regulations, performance evaluations, market competition, social pressure and professional norms.

:: Different approaches to accountability may be effective in some contexts and for some aspects of education and detrimental in and for others. No one approach is universally effective at all times.

:: Accountability needs to emphasize building more inclusive, equitable, good-quality education systems and practices instead of blaming individuals.

:: No approach to accountability will be successful without a strong enabling environment that provides actors with the resources, capacity, motivation and information to fulfil their responsibilities.

:: To accomplish the larger shared aims of education, policy-makers must recognize actors' interdependence and work towards systems that incorporate mutual accountability approaches.

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## Health Security

### WHO and World Bank Group Join Forces to Strengthen Global Health Security

GENEVA, MAY 24 2018 -- WHO and World Bank Group today launched a new mechanism to strengthen global health security through stringent independent monitoring and regular reporting of preparedness to tackle outbreaks, pandemics, and other emergencies with health consequences.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and World Bank Group President Dr Jim Yong Kim co-led the creation of the **Global Preparedness Monitoring Board**, launched today on the margins of the 71st Session of the World Health Assembly.

The Board will be co-chaired by Dr. Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway and former WHO Director-General, and Mr Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. It will include political leaders, heads of UN agencies and world-class health experts, serving in their individual, independent capacities.

"The ongoing Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a stark reminder that outbreaks can happen anywhere, at any time," said Dr Tedros.

"Part of being prepared is having a means of assessing progress made at all levels, by all actors, identifying gaps, including in financing, and making sure all actors are working together, pulling in the same direction. I'm proud of the work we've done together with the World Bank Group to establish the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, and delighted that it will be led by such exceptional global health leaders," he added.

"For too long, we have allowed a cycle of panic and neglect when it comes to pandemics: we ramp up efforts when there's a serious threat, then quickly forget about them when the threat subsides," Dr. Kim said. "With the GPMB, we're taking a large step towards breaking that cycle. The GPMB will help save lives, prevent economic damage, and ensure that we keep pandemic preparedness at the top of the global agenda."

"Pandemic preparedness must be as much local as global, and we must meaningfully engage local communities in preparedness, detection, response and recovery to disease outbreaks. I warmly welcome the launch of this Global Preparedness Monitoring Board, and commit to partner with you all. We all need to be accountable to each other on the promises we make, and the results we achieve," said Mr Sy.

Board co-chair Dr Brundtland added: "With the current Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo reminding all of us of the West African outbreak of 2014-15, the importance of being prepared for and resilient to health crises has never been clearer. Though the last two years of progress in improving capacity to respond to such events is encouraging, gaps remain – and it is time to stop talking about them, and start addressing them. It is in view of this that I welcome the establishment of the new Global Preparedness Monitoring Board and am pleased to be co-chairing it. The Board will monitor preparedness activities on a global scale, and will hold all actors, from private and public sectors, accountable for building essential public health capacities, generating sustainable financing and ensuring that necessary research and development is conducted."

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The Board will monitor emergency preparedness across national governments, UN agencies, civil society and the private sector. It will report annually on adequacy of financing, progress on relevant research and development, and the strength of health crisis preparedness at the global, regional and national levels...

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## Featured Journal Content

### The Lancet

May 26, 2018 Volume 391 Number 10135 p2079-2184 e20

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

*Editorial*

#### **Health care in conflict: war still has rules**

The Lancet

Denouncing attacks on health-care facilities and personnel in conflict situations, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2286 in May, 2016. Addressing the Council, then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, condemned military actions leading to destruction of health-care facilities as war crimes, and called on Member States to honour their obligations to protect health-care workers and patients in conflict saying “even war has rules”.

But 2 years later, on May 21, a [new report](#) from the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition, *Violence on the front line: attacks on healthcare in 2017*, shows a grim reality of continued attacks on health infrastructures coming from all sides, and which persist with impunity. In 2017, at least 188 hospitals and clinics were damaged or destroyed, 50 ambulances attacked or stolen, and there were 57 reports of armed groups violently assaulting staff and patients in hospitals—101 health-care workers were killed and 64 kidnapped, 203 patients were killed, and 141 injured. Denial or obstruction of access to health-care facilities was reported 74 times. 57 of these events were in the occupied Palestinian territory. In Turkey, a physician was arrested for providing impartial medical care, and in Afghanistan, female health workers have been threatened for actions deemed inappropriate for a woman. Health facilities in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Egypt, and Turkey have been forced to close.

When resolution 2286 was adopted, Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, urged Member States that “after outrage must come action, not complacency”. But the sheer number of attacks in 2017 demonstrates the international community's catastrophic failure to uphold its commitment to the resolution. The Coalition makes specific recommendations to the UN High Commission for Human Rights, Security Council, and Secretary-General to ensure that the lives and rights of health-care workers and patients are protected in conflict areas. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, must continue to condemn these attacks, work proactively to stop them, and hold the perpetrators accountable for their war crimes.

#### **Report: Impunity Reigns as Medical Personnel and Facilities across 23 Conflict-Torn Countries Remain Under Attack**

Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition

5/21/2018

In its fifth annual report released today, the [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#) warns that attacks on health care in conflict zones around the world are continuing with impunity and may

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in fact be increasing. The report entitled "Violence on the Front Lines: Attacks on Health Care in 2017" documents more than 700 separate attacks on hospitals, health workers, patients, and ambulances in 23 countries in conflict across the globe. And, as shocking as these numbers are, they are merely a fraction of the real figures: due to under-reporting of attacks and the use of aggregate data by some agencies, the true numbers are undoubtedly higher.

The report was released on the eve of the United Nations Security Council's review of actions since it adopted resolution 2286 two years ago. The resolution condemned attacks on health facilities and health workers and demanded that governments take concrete actions toward protecting health facilities and medical workers from attack in armed conflict. But since its adoption governments have taken few of the steps needed, such as to reform military practice, investigate and prosecute those responsible for attacks, and stop arms sales to perpetrators. Without such action, the additional decimation of medical infrastructure continues to rob civilians already suffering in war of life-saving treatment.

The report documents more than 700 separate attacks on hospitals, health workers, patients and ambulances in 23 countries in conflict across the globe.

"The world knows about atrocities against health care in Syria – and the report reveals more than 25 acts of violence against health facilities, transport, and personnel there, the most in the world – but Syria is hardly alone: governments and armed groups inflict violence against health care with impunity in conflicts across the globe," said Leonard Rubenstein, chair of the coalition and senior scientist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Numbers don't tell the full story of the violence inflicted on patients and the doctors, nurses, lab technicians, and ambulance drivers who have made it their life's mission to provide crucial care services to people in need," said Rubenstein. "In one incident in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a militia allied with the Congolese army attacked a hospital in the town of Cinq in the Kasai region near the Angola border, killing at least 90 medical staff and patients, including pregnant women and other civilians. During the attack, the militia set fire to the operating theater with approximately 35 patients trapped inside. Yet the world pays little attention."

The report reveals that the ten countries which experienced the most attacks on health in 2017 are Afghanistan, the Central African Republic (CAR), The Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Iraq, Nigeria, the occupied Palestinian territory, Pakistan, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Syria continues to experience the highest number, with 252 documented acts of violence against health facilities, transport, and personnel in 2017, amid sustained airstrikes and shelling on hospitals there.

The report defines an attack on health care as any act of verbal or physical violence, obstruction or threat of violence that interferes with the availability, access, and delivery of curative and/or preventive health services in countries experiencing conflict or in situations of severe political volatility. This includes attacks that kill patients, health workers, or others or destroy health facilities, and also includes the looting of medications and other humanitarian supplies.

In 15 countries, some 56 health programs were forced to shut down due to insecurity, leaving citizens without essential services. In Burkina Faso, where three health centers were closed following a terrorist attack, some 38,000 people were deprived of access to crucial treatment. In the occupied Palestinian territory, the Palestine Red Crescent Society reported 33 incidents where Israeli security forces restricted the passage of ambulances.

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*The [Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition](#), of which IntraHealth is the communications secretariat and a member, consists of more than 35 organizations working to protect health workers and services threatened by war or civil unrest. The coalition raises awareness of global attacks on health and presses governments and United Nations agencies for greater global action to protect the security of health care.*

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## **EBOLA/EVD** [to 26 May 2018]

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

### **WHO supports Ebola vaccination of high risk populations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

News Release – Geneva 21 May 2018

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the support of WHO and partners, is preparing to vaccinate high risk populations against Ebola virus disease (EVD) in affected health zones...

The Ministry of Health with WHO, Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), UNICEF and other key partners are implementing a ring vaccination with the yet to be licensed rVSV-ZEBOV Ebola vaccine, whereby the contacts of confirmed cases and the contacts of contacts are offered vaccination. Frontline healthcare workers and other persons with potential exposure to EVD – including but not limited to laboratory workers, surveillance teams and people responsible for safe and dignified burials – will also receive the vaccine...

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

#### ***Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)***

#### **Polio this week as of 22 May 2018** [GPEI]

This week, the World Health Assembly is meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, and will be presented with a Strategic Action Plan on Polio Transition (including the Post-Certification Strategy), a status report on polio eradication, and a proposed resolution on containment of polioviruses.

*Summary of newly-reported viruses this week:*

***Pakistan:*** Three new WPV1 positive environmental samples have been reported, Two in Sindh province, and one in Balochistan province.

***Nigeria:*** One new case of cVDPV2 has been reported, in Jigawa state. Somalia: One new cVDPV3 positive environmental sample has been reported, in Banadir province. Two new cVDPV2 positive environmental samples have been reported, also in Banadir province.

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### **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 26 May 2018]

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

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Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*  
South Sudan - *Webpage not responding at inquiry*  
The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*  
  
Yemen - *No new announcements identified*

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**WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 26 May 2018]  
*[Several emergency pages were not available at inquiry]*  
Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*  
Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified.*  
Democratic Republic of the Congo - *No new announcements identified*  
Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified.*  
Libya - *No new announcements identified.*  
Myanmar - *No new announcements identified*  
Niger - *No new announcements identified.*  
Ukraine - *No new announcements identified.*

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### **UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies**

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

#### **Yemen**

:: Yemen Humanitarian Update Covering 15 – 21 May 2018 | Issue 16

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified.*

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### **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

#### **Somalia**

:: OCHA Somalia Flash Update #6 - Humanitarian impact of heavy rains | 25 May 2018

:: OCHA Flash Update #3 - Tropical Cyclone Sagar | 23 May 2018

#### **Ethiopia**

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue 53 | 07-20 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.*

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## **United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly**

[to 26 May 2018]

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

24 May 2018

### **UN Security Council condemns starvation of civilians as a war tactic**

Denouncing the starvation of civilians as a method of warfare and the unlawful denial of humanitarian access to those need, the United Nations Security Council underscored that all parties to armed conflict must uphold their obligations under international law and protect civilians from harm...

### **UN chief urges governments to shield more civilians from violence in conflict**

22 May 2018

With more than 128 million people worldwide requiring immediate humanitarian aid, mostly due to war and violence, the United Nations Secretary-General has urged the international community to do more to protect civilians caught in conflict.

:: [Remarks to the Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict](#)  
Security Council, UN, 22 May 2018

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases – "TOP NEWS"*

["Milestone judgement" in Guatemala – UN Human Rights Chief](#)

["Human rights no longer treated as a priority, but as a pariah," Zeid tells 25th anniversary gathering in Vienna](#)

[Healthcare under attack in Libya](#)

[UN experts call on India to protect journalist Rana Ayyub from online hate campaign](#)

[Japan: Benefit cuts threaten social protection of the poor, UN rights experts warn](#)

[Press briefing note on Algeria and Libya](#)

[Special Session of the Human Rights Council on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem](#)

[Press briefing notes on Guatemala and Sudan](#)

**Human Rights Council** [to 26 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 26 May 2018]

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

*Latest News*

**Committee on the Rights of the Child examines Russia's report under Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child**

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22 May 2018

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children**

[to 26 May 2018]

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

*Latest News*

**Ireland: UN human rights expert calls for national strategy to protect children from sexual violence**

22 May 2018

**End of mission statement of the UN Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, on her visit to Ireland**

21 May 2018

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 26 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 26 May 2018]

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

*Latest news*

**UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health visits Kyrgyzstan**

22 May 2018

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified*

**UN OCHA** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

25 May 2018

**UN allocates \$2 Million for Cholera Outbreak in North-East Nigeria**

**Ethiopia: US\$280.4 million required for prioritized life-saving interventions**

**UN'S Emergency fund releases US\$30 million to avert acute hunger and malnutrition in the Sahel**

24 May 2018

**oPt Humanitarian Fund releases US\$3.9 million to meet urgent humanitarian needs in the occupied Palestinian territory**

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**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNICEF** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Briefing Notes*

**UNHCR alarmed by sharp rise in forced displacement in North of Central America**

22 May 2018

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is seeing a significant increase in the number of people fleeing violence and persecution in the North of Central America. With many individuals on the move and in serious peril, we are calling on the international community to address their protection needs, while helping countries in the North of Central America address the root causes.

More than 294,000 asylum seekers and refugees from the North of Central America were registered globally as of the end of 2017, an increase of 58 per cent from a year earlier. This is sixteen times more people than at the end of 2011.

Applications for refugee status by people from this region are also increasing worldwide. Between 2011 and 2017, 350,000 refugee applications were made globally. Among them, nearly 130,500 were filed in 2017 alone.

The vast majority of those fleeing El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, are seeking refugee protection either to the north in Belize, Mexico and the United States, or (and increasingly) to the south in Costa Rica and Panama. Many are vulnerable women, or children either unaccompanied by or who have become separated from their families...

**IOM / International Organization for Migration** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**IOM, WHO, DR Congo Ministry of Health Partner to Stop Ebola from Spreading to Kinshasa, Neighbouring Countries**

2018-05-25 16:55

Kinshasa – Last week, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), cases of Ebola were confirmed in Mbandaka, a city with a population of 1.2 million people some 150 kilometres from where the outbreak originated in Bikoro Health Zone, Equateur Province.

**UN Migration Agency Launches Nationwide Counter-trafficking Campaign in Hungary**

2018-05-25 16:42

Budapest – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, has launched a campaign to raise awareness and to prevent victimization through human trafficking in Hungary where thousands of people are trafficked for sexual and labour exploitation each year.

**Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 28,368 in 2018; Deaths Reach 636**

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2018-05-25 16:26

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 28,368 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea through the first 143 day days of 2018, with about 38 percent arriving in both Italy and Greece, and almost all the remainder (23%) arriving in Spain, excluding 47 migrants...

### **IOM, Partners to Assist Business Leaders in Combatting Human Trafficking**

2018-05-23 10:37

London – The Interactive Map for Business of Anti-Human Trafficking Initiatives and Organisations was launched yesterday (22/05) at the British Telecom Centre in London.

### **Facing Complex and Evolving Migration Patterns Across South-eastern, Eastern Europe and Central Asia**

2018-05-22 14:33

Vienna – Global migration dynamics are becoming ever more complex, and nowhere is this truer than in the region encompassed by IOM's Vienna Regional Office: South-eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.

### **UNAIDS [to 26 May 2018]**

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

*Feature story*

### **Global HIV Prevention Coalition accelerates action to reduce new HIV infections**

23 May 2018

The Global HIV Prevention Coalition has launched its first progress report.

Taking stock of the progress made in strengthening political commitment for HIV prevention and reducing new HIV infections, the report shows that significant progress has been made since the launch of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition six months ago. National prevention coalitions have been established to accelerate and better coordinate responses, new and ambitious prevention programme targets have been set in many countries and HIV strategies that focus on prevention have been launched...

### **WHO & Regional Offices [to 26 May 2018]**

#### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

#### **WHO African Region AFRO**

*Selected Featured News*

:: WHO Launches Business Case for Immunization in Africa at the World Health Assembly

23 May 2018

:: South Sudan launches an Ebola sensitization and awareness campaign to enhance preparedness in the country 23 May 2018

:: With another Ebola Containment Effort Underway, New Report Tracks Progress Made by the WHO in the African Region in its Transformation Agenda 23 May 2018

:: Africa Vaccination Week comes to an end with calls for civil servants to become immunization champions 21 May 2018

:: Zambia Charts the Way forward for Cholera Elimination 21 May 2018

#### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

- *No new announcements identified.*

#### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

- *No new announcements identified.*

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### **WHO European Region EURO**

:: Strategic country mission to Libya advances health of migrants and displaced people 25-05-2018

:: Latest data shows southern European countries have highest rate of childhood obesity 24-05-2018

:: World Cup 2018: reaching out to football fans to promote healthier and more active lives 23-05-2018

### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

- *No new announcements identified.*

### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

- *No new announcements identified.*

### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 26 May 2018]

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

24/05/18

#### **State of play of the global animal health situation**

The 86th OIE General Session was the occasion to give OIE Member Countries, an overview of the global animal health situation, as well as to analyse trends in the evolution of priority terrestrial and aquatic animal diseases. In addition, new disease status were officially recognised for 10 countries.

22/05/18

#### **OIE International Standards implementation, a path to more efficient national animal health systems**

The 86th General Session of the OIE is the occasion to present a report on the state of play on the implementation and capacity building needs in respect to OIE International Standards. Topics cover the challenges faced to implement these standards, the role that the new OIE Observatory will play in this regard and the perspective from International Organisations on creating greater transparency for improved animal health, welfare and safe trade.

### **UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 26 May 2018]

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

24 May 2018 *Press Release*

#### **Ashley Judd, UNFPA launch fundraising campaign to help Rohingya refugee mothers deliver safely**

UNITED NATIONS, New York--Nearly 700,000 Rohingya refugees currently live in Kutupalong, Bangladesh, in the largest and most densely populated refugee camp in the world. Many are women and girls who have suffered...

### **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 26 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 26 May 2018]

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

[25 May - New tool to improve UN System action for SDGs now online](#)

**UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 26 May 2018]

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

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

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

### **[Launch of Open SDG Data Hub](#)**

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

**UNEP** United Nations Environment Programme [to 26 May 2018]

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

21 May 2018

### **[Joyce Msuya of Tanzania named Assistant Secretary-General, Deputy Executive Director at UN Environment](#)**

Joyce Msuya of Tanzania as Deputy Executive Director of UN Environment She will succeed Ibrahim Thiaw of Mauritania Ms. Msuya has since 2017 served as Adviser to the World Bank Vice President, East Asia and Pacific Region...

**UNISDR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018, New York

### **[New tool to improve UN System action for SDGs now online](#)**

A searchable online registry that outlines the actions, initiatives and plans for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 39 UN System entities was launched today by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA). By providing a clear picture of each entity's activities, the new tool will help the UN System to avoid duplication, deliver as a whole, and develop a UN System-wide roadmap for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, explained Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Liu Zhenmin...

*[UN System SDGs Action Database](#)*

23 May 2018, New York

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### **Transforming the world requires input from all society: UN deputy chief**

International efforts to create a world where no one is left behind will only become a reality if all sectors in society participate, the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General told ambassadors in New York on Wednesday.

Amina Mohammed was addressing a special meeting of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN forum that supports implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The global action plan, agreed by world leaders three years ago, seeks to end poverty and hunger, protect the planet and ensure all people enjoy prosperous and fulfilling lives.

"The success of our collective journey to 2030 will greatly depend on how we involve Government, parliaments, local authorities, indigenous peoples, civil society, the scientific and academic community and the private sector," Ms. Mohammed said...

**UNESCO** [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018

### **Vienna+25: Building Trust – Making Human Rights a Reality for All**

"UNESCO works to ensure that women and men equal enjoy the right to access, participate in and contribute to cultural life. The International Cultural Conventions promote the inclusion of all community members in their implementation, enabling women and men to benefit equally from heritage and creativity".

The Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (link is external) was adopted by consensus at the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993 in Vienna, Austria. This Declaration together with the World Conference is considered a landmark document for the promotion and protection of human rights...

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 26 May 2018]

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

23/05/2018 –

### **Event to mark 15th anniversary of the UN Convention against Corruption highlights links to peace and security, sustainable development**

23/05/2018 –

### **Statement of the UNODC Executive Director, Yury Fedotov, at the High-level debate to mark the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption**

**UN-HABITAT** United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 26 May 2018]

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

Posted May 21, 2018

### **UNICEF sees UN's global reach and talent pool as crucial for project execution**

Accra, 16 May 2018— "The comparative advantage that the UN has in executing a project of this magnitude is that it can tap into a pool of one of the most talented people from around the world....

Posted May 21, 2018

### **Call for Case Studies: Urban and Territorial Planning for Health**

UN-Habitat invites national governments, local authorities, planning professionals, and civil society organizations to be part of our IG-UTP Compendium of Inspiring Practices: Health Edition by sharing with us case studies on urban and territorial planning (strategies, plans,...

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.fao.org/news/archive/news-by-date/2018/en/24-05-2018>

**FAO hails UN Security Council Resolution on hunger and conflict**

"We strongly welcome this unprecedented move by the Security Council to explicitly recognize the impact of armed conflict on hunger through the often vast displacement of people from arable land, livestock grazing areas, and fishing grounds, as well as the destruction of food stocks and agricultural assets and the disruption of food markets," Graziano da Silva said.

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/lang--en/index.htm>  
*Blog*

**What's to expect from this year's International Labour Conference**

25 May 2018

This year's International Labour Conference (ILC) – an annual event often called the world parliament of labour – will take place at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva from 28 May to 8 June, 2018. More than 5,700 government, employer and worker delegates from the ILO's 187 member States will discuss some of the most pressing issues facing the world of work.

*HIV/AIDS*

**AIDS' impact on the labour force costs billions in lost earnings: ILO**

24 May 2018

An ILO report highlights the toll HIV and AIDS continue to take on the labour force, and its economic and social implications. The ILO calls for urgent efforts to close the treatment gaps, step up testing and prevention measures, and ensure workers can enjoy healthy and productive lives.

*Pakistan*

**Victims of 2012 Ali Enterprises factory fire receive additional compensation**

20 May 2018

Victims of the September 2012 Ali Enterprises factory fire and their families start receiving payments from an additional compensation fund following negotiations enabled by the ILO.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.icao.int/>  
22/5/18

**ICAO concludes worldwide series of Safety Management Symposiums in Kigali**

Montréal and Kigali, 22 May 2018 – ICAO continued its worldwide series of Regional Safety Management Symposiums and Workshops in Kigali, Rwanda today, promoting the use of risk-based aviation safety approaches by ICAO Member States in the UN agency's African Regions.

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>  
25/05/2018

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### **IMO takes first steps to address autonomous ships**

Briefing: 08 25/05/2018 The International Maritime Organization (IMO) – the global regulatory body for international shipping - has commenced work to look into how safe, secure and environmentally sound Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships (MASS) operations may be addressed in IMO instruments.

The Organization's senior technical body, the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), endorsed a framework for a regulatory scoping exercise, as work in progress, including preliminary definitions of MASS and degrees of autonomy, as well as a methodology for conducting the exercise and a plan of work.

For the purpose of the regulatory scoping exercise, "Maritime Autonomous Surface Ship (MASS)" is defined as a ship which, to a varying degree, can operate independently of human interaction.

To facilitate the progress of the regulatory scoping exercise, the degrees of autonomy are organized (non-hierarchically) as follows (it was noted that MASS could be operating at one or more degrees of autonomy for the duration of a single voyage):

- :: Ship with automated processes and decision support: Seafarers are on board to operate and control shipboard systems and functions. Some operations may be automated.

- :: Remotely controlled ship with seafarers on board: The ship is controlled and operated from another location, but seafarers are on board.

- :: Remotely controlled ship without seafarers on board: The ship is controlled and operated from another location. There are no seafarers on board.

- :: Fully autonomous ship: The operating system of the ship is able to make decisions and determine actions by itself.

As a first step, the scoping exercise will identify current provisions in an agreed list of IMO instruments and assess how they may or may not be applicable to ships with varying degrees of autonomy and/or whether they may preclude MASS operations...

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018

### **State of Palestine accedes to the UNIDO Constitution**

Vienna, 25 May 2018 – On 17 May 2018, the State of Palestine deposited its instruments of accession to the Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, who is the depositary of the UNIDO Constitution, at the Treaty Section of the Legal Office of the UN Secretariat in New York.

### **UNIDO assists South Sudan in strengthening capacity-building in the field of quality and safety of food**

JUBA, 25 May 2018 – Forty trainees, including staff from institutions working in the fields of food quality and safety management and support services in South Sudan, and small-scale agro-food processing business operators, food traders and consumers, took part in a training

course in good practices for quality and safety of food as part of a project being implemented in South Sudan by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

### **African Development Bank and UNIDO join forces to accelerate Africa's industrialization**

BUSAN, 21 May 2018 - The African Development Bank (AfDB) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to step up collaboration to boost Africa's industrialization.

### **International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 26 May 2018]**

[https://www.iso.org/news\\_archive/x/](https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/)

*No new digest content identified.*

### **UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 26 May 2018]**

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

25 May 2018

### **UNWTO's Executive Council supports the priorities of the Secretary-General for his mandate and new management team**

San Sebastian, Spain, 25 May 2018 - The city of San Sebastian, Spain hosted the 108th meeting of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) from 23-25 May. During the meeting, Secretary-General Zurab Pololikashvili obtained the support of this key governing body for the priorities that will set up the work of the organization for the coming years. Likewise, the Council supported the new structure of the UNWTO, its renewed institutional image and the designated management team for the implementation of the agreed programme of work

### **WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 26 May 2018]**

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

May 24, 2018 PR/2018/818

### **WIPO Translate: Republic of Korea is First to Adopt WIPO's "Artificial Intelligence" - Powered Patent Translation Tool**

The Republic of Korea is adopting WIPO's ground-breaking "artificial intelligence"-based translation tool for patent documents, making it the first member state to use WIPO Translate in an important advancement for the use of machine learning in the technology-heavy patent sector.

### **CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 26 May 2018]**

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

23 May 2018

### **UN Biodiversity Convention celebrates 25 years: Significant progress made, but more action needed to safeguard life on Earth**

*[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

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### **USAID [to 26 May 2018]**

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

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*Selected Press Releases*

**USAID Commits Additional \$7 million to Combat Ebola**

May 22, 2018

Today, the United States announced that the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is contributing up to \$7 million at this stage to combat the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) at this stage. This additional funding, combined with the \$1 million USAID committed last week, will provide a total of up to \$8 million to help prevent the spread of this deadly disease. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar made the announcement in his address before the 71st World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

**U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green on Venezuelan Sham Elections**

May 22, 2018

The fraudulent voting exercise that took place in Venezuela on May 20, 2018 did not reflect true democratic principles and practices. Open, transparent, democratic, citizen-responsive governance is crucial to long-term development and prosperity, and this so-called "election" pulls the Venezuelan people further from that goal. The Maduro regime barred opposition parties and leaders from running, stifled the free press, jailed those who spoke out against the regime's policies, used food as a weapon to gain the votes of the hungry and desperate, and employed the corrupt National Electoral Council to once again manipulate and intimidate the people of Venezuela.

**USAID Administrator Mark Green's Visit to Rakhine State in Burma**

May 21, 2018

*Readout*

This weekend, USAID Administrator Mark Green visited Rakhine State in Burma, where he saw first-hand the alarming reality that faces Rohingya communities. During his visit, the Administrator met with representatives of both Rohingya and Rakhine communities supported by USAID in Northern Rakhine and Sittwe to learn about the challenges they face including, lack of basic infrastructure. He was deeply troubled to see Rohingya denied basic access to education and livelihoods, and left dependent on emergency humanitarian relief for food and medical care. Rohingya communities also face harsh restrictions on freedom of movement that run counter to the core tenets of democracy and international human-rights principles. Administrator Green called on Burma's Government to take urgent, concrete steps to fulfill its pledge to allow for the safe, voluntary and dignified returns of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, and to fulfill the promise of the country's democratic transition by respecting the human rights, and dignity of all ethnic peoples, regardless of membership in particular ethnic groups or minority communities.

**DFID** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

23 May 2018 — *Press release*

**UK pledges fresh support in fight against Ebola in the DRC**

DFID, DHSC and PHE

...This new UK aid support will help the World Health Organisation (WHO) to monitor the spread of the disease, identify and diagnose cases, trace people at risk of infection, support the vaccination campaign, and treat the sick. It will also strengthen the DRC's own health systems to treat and appropriately manage the growing number of cases of the disease. This extra £5 million in funding means the UK is currently one of the largest country donors to the response...



### **Darwin Initiative: £10 million for international conservation projects**

22 May 2018 Defra, DFID and FCO Press release

The Darwin Initiative will fund 52 projects around the globe sharing £10.6 million and delivering commitments in the 25 Year Environment Plan.

**ECHO** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

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**African Union** [to 26 May 2018]

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

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May 26, 2018

[Rwanda deposits its ratification instruments of the Agreement on the Continental Free Trade Area and the Protocol on Free Movement of Persons and the African Passport](#)

May 22, 2018

[A Consultation and Experience Sharing Workshop between the Sahel and the Horn of Africa on Peace-building and the Prevention of Violent Extremism through Education kicked off at the AU Headquarters](#)

May 20, 2018

[African Union Ministers of Health adopt treaty for the establishment of the African Medicines Agency Treaty to be submitted to the Specialised Technical Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs later on this year](#)

May 20, 2018

[Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention to deploy epidemiologists, laboratory experts, and anthropologist to respond to the Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of Congo Urges long-term action to build resilient health systems locally and nation](#)

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 26 May 2018]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**European Commission** [to 26 May 2018]

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

23 May 2018

**European Year of Cultural Heritage: 29 projects receive €5 million**

Commission - Press release European Brussels, Today, the European Commission announced the 29 cultural projects selected for funding following a dedicated call for proposals launched on the occasion of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

**EU mobilises international support for The Gambia**

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European Commission - Press release Brussels, 22 May 2018 A total of €1.45 billion were mobilised by the International Conference for The Gambia, co-chaired by The Gambia and the European Union. The reinforced political and financial support by the international community will assist The Gambia in continuing its democratic transition,...

### **Building a stronger Europe: new initiatives to further boost role of youth, education and culture policies**

European Commission - Fact Sheet Brussels, 22 May 2018 The initiatives adopted by the Commission today will advance work towards building a European Education Area by 2025, set out how to better harness the potential of culture in driving economic and social development and boost young people's participation and resilience.

**OECD** [to 26 May 2018]

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

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24-May-2018

### **Governments need to act to encourage plastic recycling markets**

Plastic recycling is failing to reach its full potential as low recovery rates of plastic waste, poor quality of recycled plastic and a lack of price incentives are holding back secondary plastic markets, according to a new OECD report. Given rising public concern over plastic pollution, governments should act urgently to encourage more and better recycling, it says.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 21, 2018

### **FACT SHEET: Process to Analyze the Possible Commission of Crimes Against Humanity in Venezuela**

May 21, 2018

### **Message from OAS Secretary General on Elections in Venezuela**

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Group of 77** [to 26 May 2018]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Mohamed Gad, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, at the informal meeting of the Plenary of the General Assembly for a briefing by the Secretary-General on Management Reform \(New York, 22 May 2018\)](#)

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**UNCTAD** [to 26 May 2018]

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

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24 May 2018 –

**Hydraulic fracturing? – not so fast, says new United Nations review of pros and cons**

UNCTAD/PRESS/PR/2018/012

Geneva, Switzerland

Hydraulic fracturing, also known as “fracking”, the divisive method of extracting natural gas from shale formations, should be approached with caution by countries seeking ways to increase access to energy, says a new UNCTAD report on shale gas.

The report reviews the history of shale gas extraction in the United States and other national examples to assess its suitability with commitments to the Paris Climate agreement in the context of pressing energy needs.

“Climate change means that all countries must, as a matter of strategic urgency, move away from burning fossil fuels, including shale gas,” UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said.

“But given that energy is needed to end poverty and boost development, countries with potential shale gas resources should understand the pros and cons when they take policy decisions about the short-term energy mix.”

The report, a special issue of UNCTAD’s Commodities at a Glance series, aims to “offer a dispassionate perspective” on shale gas and hydraulic fracturing for policymakers and other stakeholders.

The report says investments in the shale gas sector should not be made at the expense of the deployment of renewable energies and energy efficiency strategies, and that gaps in local geological and hydrological knowledge, the lack of a “social license to operate” as well as inadequate regulatory environments may constitute major obstacles to the use of hydraulic fracturing as a method of extracting shale gas...

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018

**Global Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Trade Mis-Invoicing**

Over 100 participants representing Customs administrations, international organizations and the private sector attended the WCO’s Global Conference on Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and Trade Mis-invoicing which took place at WCO Headquarters on 23 May 2018.

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 26 May 2018]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

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

25 May 2018

**DG Azevêdo calls on APEC members to help address challenges in global trade**

Addressing a meeting of APEC trade ministers in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, on 25 May, Director-General Roberto Azevêdo called on ministers to address rising trade tensions and to step up efforts to advance the WTO’s work in a number of areas. During their session on ‘Supporting the Multilateral Trading System’, which had a thematic focus on the digital economy, the Director-General also updated ministers on ongoing debates in Geneva following the WTO’s 11th Ministerial Conference (MC11) in Buenos Aires.

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**IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Court of Justice** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 26 May 2018]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

Statement : 22 May 2018

**Statement by ICC Prosecutor, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, on the referral submitted by Palestine**

Today, 22 May 2018, I received a referral from the Government of the State of Palestine ("Palestine"), a State Party to the Rome Statute, regarding the situation in Palestine since 13 June 2014 with no end date.

Specifically, pursuant to articles 13(a) and 14 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or "Court"), the State of Palestine "requests the Prosecutor to investigate, in accordance with the temporal jurisdiction of the Court, past, ongoing and future crimes within the court's jurisdiction, committed in all parts of the territory of the State of Palestine". Pursuant to Regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court, I have informed the ICC Presidency of this referral...

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**World Bank** [to 26 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]*

**Menstrual Hygiene Management Enables Women and Girls to Reach Their Full Potential**

The Challenge At least 500 million women and girls globally lack adequate facilities for menstrual hygiene management (MHM). Inadequate WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) facilities, particularly in...

Date: May 25, 2018 Type: Feature Story

**WHO and World Bank Group Join Forces to Strengthen Global Health Security**

GENEVA, MAY 24 2018 -- WHO and World Bank Group today launched a new mechanism to strengthen global health security through stringent independent monitoring and regular reporting of preparedness to tackle...

Date: May 24, 2018 Type: Press Release

**Korea, World Bank Join Forces to Build World-Class Scientific Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa**

BUSAN, May 23, 2018 – Today, the World Bank and the Government of Korea reinforced their ongoing partnership to support Sub-Saharan Africa's universities and research institutions in growing highly qualified...

Date: May 23, 2018 Type: Press Release

**Nurturing Care Framework for Early Childhood Development launched at the 71st World Health Assembly**

Geneva, May 23, 2018: - The World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the World Bank, in collaboration with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health, the Early Childhood Development Action Network...

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Date: May 23, 2018 Type: Press Release

### **Strong Clinical Research Capacity in At-Risk Countries Key to Global Epidemic Prevention**

*New report outlines urgent need and opportunities in low- and middle-income countries where disease outbreaks most often strike*

GENEVA, May 22, 2018 – Robust clinical research capacity in...

Date: May 22, 2018 Type: Press Release

### **World Bank Group's Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) Makes First \$12 million Commitment to Bridge Financing Gap For Ebola Response in DRC**

WASHINGTON, MAY 22 2018 --- The World Bank Group's Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) today made its first-ever financial commitment, approving a \$12 million grant towards the current Ebola response...

Date: May 22, 2018 Type: Press Release

**IMF** [to 26 May 2018]

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

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May 25, 2018

### **Policies to Ensure Asia's Sustained Economic Success**

By Tao Zhang, IMF Deputy Managing Director

Asian Monetary Policy Forum, Singapore

**African Development Bank Group** [to 26 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]*

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### **The African Development Bank and the Global Green Growth Institute partner to fast-track Green Growth in Africa**

- The African Development Bank and the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Friday on the sidelines of the African Development Bank Group's Annual Meetings in Busan, to promote programs, projects, joint studies and research activities to accelerate green growth options for African countries.

### **With a strong financial profile, the African Development Bank is spearheading Africa's economic transformation**

24/05/2018 - The African Development Bank has a very strong financial profile and remains focused on optimizing and strengthening its balance sheet to more effectively accompany African countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Prudent financial management and policies are the backbone of the Bank's AAA rating.

### **African Development Bank achieves historic disbursement of US \$7.81 billion, exceeding 2017 target**

24/05/2018 - The African Development Bank, under the leadership of its President, Akinwumi Adesina, has increased disbursements to support the structural transformation of countries in Africa, according to its Annual Report, released during the Annual Meetings in Busan, Korea

### **Climate and disaster risk financing get fresh boost from African Development Bank**

24/05/2018 - The President of African Development Bank, Akinwumi A. Adesina, and the Bank's Board of Governors held a high-level session on "Climate and Disaster Risk Financing" focusing on the Role of the African Risk Capacity (ARC) and the Africa Disaster Risk Financing Program (ADRFi) on Wednesday in Busan, Korea.

### **Korea announces \$5-billion financial package for Africa at African Development Bank Annual Meetings**

23/05/2018 - The Government of Korea and the African Development Bank have issued a Joint Declaration following the conclusion of the Ministerial Roundtable of the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation (KOAPEC) Conference taking place during the African Development Bank's 53rd Annual Meetings in which Korea announced a \$5-billion bilateral financial assistance package for Africa.

### **The African Development Bank and the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences to explore partnerships for scaling up investments in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**

23/05/2018 - The African Development Bank signed a Letter of Intent with the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences aimed at finding opportunities for potential partnership between the two institutions. The organizations will specifically explore ways of strengthening education and research in the mathematical sciences across Africa.

### **Asian Development Bank** [to 26 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]*

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### **ADB, AECID Sign MOU for Further Collaboration, Knowledge Sharing**

The MOU lays the groundwork for further cooperation between the two institutions and outlines the criteria for cofinancing projects, coordination of activities in countries and sectors of common interest, and knowledge sharing.

22 May 2018

### **To Fulfill its Mission, ADB Must Prioritize Sustainability**

Asia is rapidly evolving as are its development needs. To keep pace with these changing needs and to ensure that solutions MDBs like ADB bring are effective, thorough assessment of their operations is crucial.

### **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 26 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]*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018

**Call for proposal: IFAD grant financing to implement a project on "Delivering Extension Services to the Last-Mile: Improving smallholders' access to innovation and pluralistic, demand-driven extension services"**

22 May 2018

**Independent evaluation shows that IFAD's support to Angola has helped small farmers to improve their livelihoods**

22 May 2018

**Call for papers - IFAD Journal of Law and Rural Development**

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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. WE will not reference fundraising 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 26 May 2018]

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

*Conflict & Hunger*

**UN SECURITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AGREES LANDMARK RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CYCLE OF HUNGER AND CONFLICT**

25 May 2018

*Action Against Hunger Welcomes Adoption of Resolution Supporting Political Solutions to Food Crises Driven by Conflict.*

(NEW YORK & PARIS) May 24, 2018—Today, the United Nations Security Council adopted a new resolution recognizing conflict-related food insecurity as a peace and security issue. The international humanitarian organization Action Against Hunger welcomes the passage of this new resolution and the Security Council's prioritization of political solutions to end conflict-related food insecurity...

**Amref Health Africa** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 21st, 2018

**Nutrition International and Amref Health Africa partner to fight malnutrition across Africa**

NAIROBI Amref Health Africa and Nutrition International — through its Nutrition Leverage for Transformation (NLIFT) model, have today formalized a partnership intended to provide nutrition benefits to communities across nine countries in Africa, where Amref Health Africa currently works.

Through a \$418,000 CAD investment, the partnership will reach up to 10 million direct and indirect beneficiaries, including adolescent girls, adult women, children and health workers in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, South Sudan, Uganda and Zambia. More specifically, the partnership will pursue the integration of nutrition education and interventions into existing Amref Health Africa programs, ensuring that more people across the

continent have access to important nutrition information and interventions, thereby doubling chances to improve their health status...

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 27, 2018

**Managing sites in the world's biggest makeshift city**

Cox's Bazaar by Nafeesa Shamsuddin

Humanitarian workers arriving from prior deployments such as Iraq, Lebanon, Damascus or Sudan share that they have never witnessed a crisis of such scale. When looking beyond the horizon of unending tarpaulin rooftops held up by bamboo sticks, across a hilly terrain; it seems like a miracle that a staggering 866,000 people have been living in 5,800 acres of makeshift settlements since August 2017...

**CARE International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clubhouse International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ECPAT** [to 26 May 2018]

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

14/05/2018

**Airlines and tourism industry commit to ending the sexual exploitation of children in Africa**

At a conference held in Durban, South Africa, representatives from the travel business say they will increase efforts in Africa to tackle the sexual exploitation of children that occurs through their industry.

**Fountain House** [to 26 May 2018]

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

Posted on: May 23, 2018

**First-of-its-Kind International Conference Aims to Catalyze and Inspire Global Action to Improve and Extend the Lives of People with Serious Mental Illness**



*The Healthier Longer Lives for People with Serious Mental Illness* International Conference will take place in New York City from November 8 – 9, 2018

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 26 May 2018]

[http://www.handicap-international.us/press\\_releases](http://www.handicap-international.us/press_releases)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 23, 2018

**[Former World Food Programme Director Ertharin Cousin to join Heifer International Board](#)**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

Heifer International's Board of Directors has announced the election of Ambassador Ertharin Cousin to its membership. With more than 30 years of national and international nonprofit, government and corporate leadership experience, Cousin is globally renowned for her humanitarian work.

**HelpAge International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

25-05-2018 | *News release*

**[ICRC Myanmar ready to assist in prisoner transfer](#)**

Yangon (ICRC) – The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Myanmar is aware of reports that the Arakan Army wishes to discuss handing over three Myanmar Army soldiers they are holding to the ICRC. The ICRC stands ready to act as a non-poli

**[Engaging with religious circles on Islamic Law and IHL](#)**

The relationship between Islamic law and IHL is a unique avenue for strengthening understanding and encouraging debate on humanitarian principles and humanitarian issues, in light of Islamic principles.

24-05-2018 | *Article*

**[ICRC Statement to UN Security Council Open Debate on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict](#)**

Delivered by ICRC Director-General Yves Daccord I am honoured to address the Security Council today on the topic at the heart of the ICRC's mission and mandate, and at the centre of all aspects of our daily work in armed conflicts around the world. My

23-05-2018 | *Statement*

**IFRC** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Middle East and North Africa, Palestine*

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**In wake of Gaza violence, IFRC President praises courage of Red Crescent volunteers, highlights humanitarian needs**

Ramallah/Beirut/Geneva, 24 May 2018— The President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has met some of the volunteers injured while responding to recent violence in Gaza. Speaking at the end of his two-day vis ...  
24 May 2018

*Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**Red Cross warns against complacency in Ebola response, expands operation**

Kinshasa/Nairobi/Geneva, 22 May 2018— The response to the deadly Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is far from over, says the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as it announces an expansion of its operation...  
22 May 2018

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Statements*

*Press Release*

**Ebola: delays cost lives, threaten deadly spread to surrounding countries**

May 25, 2018

*Remarks*

**David Miliband, IRC president and CEO, gives GWU commencement address**

May 22, 2018

*Press Release*

**IRC launches immediate response to help combat Ebola in DRC**

May 19, 2018

**IRCT** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Islamic Relief** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Undated*

**Islamic Relief – a proud member of the Start Network**

Islamic Relief is a proud member of the Start Network. The Network was founded in 2010 and is made up 42 national and international aid agencies. Our aim is to work with fellow members to deliver aid in a more efficient and effective manner whilst harnessing the cumulative knowledge of the network to make better decisions for those in need...

**Landsea** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Medecins du Monde** [to 26 May 2018]

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<http://www.medicinsdumonde.org/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Press release*

**[MSF Welcomes Adoption of World Health Assembly Resolution to Tackle Snakebite Crisis](#)**

May 24, 2018

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) made the following statement after the adoption of a resolution on “Addressing the burden of snakebite envenoming” during the 71st World Health Assembly today.

*Press release*

**[MSF Response on Launch of Global Hub to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance](#)**

May 22, 2018

The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) welcomes the launch of the Global Research & Development (R&D) collaboration hub on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) announced at the World Health Assembly today.

**Mercy Corps** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Operation Smile** [to 26 May 2018]

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

**[Program Schedule](#)**

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

**OXFAM** [to 26 May 2018]

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

25 May 2018

**[Oxfam calls on Niger authorities to release 26 activists two months after arrest](#)**

Oxfam and other NGOs are calling for the release of 26 civil society activists who were arrested in peaceful demonstrations against a new finance law in the capital, Niamey.

**Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 26 May 2018]

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

Published 22. May 2018

**[As Colombia prepares for elections, thousands suffer from violence](#)**

The candidates in Colombia's presidential election must make victims of ongoing violence their top priority, argues the Norwegian Refugee Council.

Published 22. May 2018

**[How is Ethiopia welcoming its refugees?](#)**

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Thale Jenssen

Surrounded by a region in conflict, Ethiopia is Africa's second largest refugee hosting country, after Uganda. In addition, conflict, drought and flooding causes displacement inside the country. How are these refugees welcomed?

**Pact** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 21, 2018

### **Pact endorses Minimum Standards for Mainstreaming Gender Equality**

Pact is pleased to become the latest endorser of the Minimum Standards for Mainstreaming Gender Equality. The Standards set internal and programmatic benchmarks for organizations working in international development and humanitarian response to recognize, adopt and adhere to a minimum level of gender equality mainstreaming...

**Partners In Health** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 23, 2018

### **Inspiring Interview with Dr. Paul Farmer in The Harvard Gazette**

To coincide with the class of 2018's graduation this month, the official news outlet for the university spoke with Professor and Partners in Health Co-founder Dr. Paul Farmer. After a flattering introduction, the interviewer got right to it. Q: Do you still love what you do?

**PATH** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Announcement* | May 23, 2018

### **Ebola returns to Democratic Republic of Congo**

*... What PATH is doing*

:: Jointly with the MOH, PATH deployed the first wave of 12 MOH investigators on May 10, and on May 23 an additional 10 epidemiologists and 6 communication experts to Mbandaka.

:: PATH's Dr. Ousmane Ly has been designated as interim Coordinator for the national Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Kinshasa, and is advising Minister of Health Dr. Oly Ilunga on implementing a strategy for data collection—including using satellite imagery to refine maps to help track the outbreak.

:: This week, PATH will work with the WHO to install and support a provincial EOC in Mbandaka Equateur Province to coordinate response efforts with officials in the national EOC.

:: PATH's Dr. Leon Kapenga and Dr. Robert Burume are working to support the Ministry on a daily basis for the surveillance and communication commissions.

:: PATH is reestablishing "VSATs" (satellite communications systems) in Equateur, thus reconnecting vital telecommunications capabilities in the remote Bikoro health zone where the outbreak began.

:: PATH delivered Chlorine Makers made by Seattle-based MSR Global Health for critical water treatment and disinfection of biohazard waste from healthcare facilities and trained local personnel on their use and maintenance...

**Plan International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Save The Children** [to 26 May 2018]

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

Tuesday 22 May 2018

**Marawi conflict one year on: More than 300,000 Filipinos still displaced, 30,000 children yet to return to school**

Seven months after the southern Philippines city of Marawi was declared 'militant free', hundreds of thousands of Filipinos remain displaced as the government continues its recovery operation—which includes the challenging process of clearing improvised explosive devices from across the city...

Tuesday 22 May 2018

**Dengue fever fears grow as rains cause flooding and landslides in Sri Lanka**

Eight people have died and more than 38,000 people have been affected by dangerous storms and heavy rains, which lashed central and southern Sri Lanka in recent days.

Five districts suffered major flooding with some receiving up to 35cm of rain in just a few days.

The government has issued a landslide warning in seven districts, and urged people in low-lying areas near swollen rivers to be extra vigilant...

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Tostan** [to 26 May 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

May 23, 2018

**An Integrated Approach Leads to Healthier, Empowered Mothers**

On International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, Tostan Shares What Works Over the past few years, Tostan has enabled hundreds of women suffering from fistula to receive medical treatment at UNFPA fistula repair camps by covering some of the essential expenses involved...

**Women for Women International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Vision** [to 26 May 2018]

<http://wwi.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

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

May 23, 2018 *Press Release*

**Victory For The First Amendment: Court Rules That Government Officials Who Tweet to the Public Can't Block Users Who They Disagree With**

*Lawsuit Against President Trump Brought by Twitter Users He Blocked*

**Freedom House** [to 26 May 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

*Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research*

**Crimea: Russia Intensifies Actions Targeting Crimean Tatars**

May 22, 2018

Following Russian authorities' arrest of a prominent Crimean Tatar human rights figure, Server Mustafayev, as part of an intensifying crackdown against minority groups in the Crimean peninsula, Freedom House issued a statement.

**Transparency International** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 26 May 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 26 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 24/05/2018*

**Simon Beresford announced as new Director of Fundraising and Marketing at DEC**

The Disasters Emergency Committee has appointed a new Director of Fundraising & Marketing. Simon Beresford is taking over from Adil Hussein who, after five years with the DEC, is moving on to run his own consultancy in events management and fundraising. In his role at the DEC, which he takes up at the end of May, Simon will be leading on the continued success of the DEC's joint appeals and its engagement with supporters as well as expanding DEC's corporate partnerships...

**The Elders** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Guest blog Katie Redford 22 May 2018*

**Who pays the costs of climate change? In the United States, it might be the oil industry.**

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Katie Redford, Co-founder and Director of environmental justice group EarthRights International outlines how litigation against the fossil fuel industry can help achieve a fairer solution to the question of who pays for climate change.

*News* 21 May 2018

### **Ensuring an Equitable Route to UHC in the Commonwealth**

Discussing progress on UHC around the Commonwealth during the World Health Assembly, Graça Machel argues that delivering publicly financed healthcare is a political choice and challenges leaders to invest in their people's futures.

*Opinion* Mary Robinson 21 May 2018

### **How Massachusetts can blaze a trail for climate action**

Writing in the [Boston Globe](#), Mary Robinson praises Boston and the state of Massachusetts – and the role of local activism – for its record on climate action. She commends it as a model for the rest of the United States in the absence of bold or enlightened leadership at a national level.

**END Fund** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Evidence Aid** [to 26 May 2018]

[www.evidenceaid.org](http://www.evidenceaid.org)

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 26 May 2018]

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

23 May 2018

### **Gavi's response to the DRC Ebola outbreak**

*Statement to the 71st World Health Assembly*

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, would like to congratulate the Government of DRC and particularly, the leadership shown by the Minister of Health and the support of international partners in the very quick response to the Ebola outbreak.

Ring vaccination started Monday based on a very prompt reaction from the Government. Gavi was instrumental in making 300,000 investigational doses of the rVSV-ZEBOV Ebola vaccine available, some of which will be used in the current Ebola response. Without Gavi's agreement with the manufacturer making sure that the doses are available immediately for outbreak response, we would be in a much worse position to respond to this outbreak.

Moreover, Gavi is providing US\$1 million towards the vaccination drive. Gavi's funding will support the deployment of health workers, transport, critical supplies and other operations. The vaccination will be implemented by the Government of DRC and partners including WHO, which is leading and coordinating the international health response, and Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). Guinea and Niger sent experts in DRC to support implementation that reflects a great solidarity effort in the continent.

Next 10 days are going to be critical. We will have a better sense of how the epidemic is going to evolve...

21 May 2018

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## **Ebola vaccine to help tackle DRC outbreak**

Vaccination begins in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### **Global Fund** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 26 May 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **InterAction** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Start Network** [to 26 May 2018]

[http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U\\_O7FR98E](http://www.start-network.org/news-blog/#.U9U_O7FR98E)

22 May 18 *News Article*

#### **Start Fund marks release of 4th annual report**

The Start Fund, which provides rapid humanitarian aid for overlooked crises, is marking the second anniversary of the World Humanitarian Summit by sharing the impact of its 4th year, through its new annual report released today.

The Start Fund fills a critical gap in humanitarian financing. It pools funding from donors for immediate release for underfunded small to medium scale crises, spikes in chronic humanitarian crises, and to act in anticipation of impending crises.

In its fourth year alone the Start Fund spent over £8.8 million responding to the unmet needs of 2,050,546 people across 44 crises in 31 countries...

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### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CHS Alliance** [to 26 May 2018]

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

23/05/2018

### **[Call for papers - Can standards and reforms drive effective change?](#)**

We are organising a panel within the framework of the 5th bi-annual World Conference on Humanitarian Studies, which will take place on 27–29 August in The Hague. Our panel will explore why our sector struggles to make change happen while we all agree it should. Do you have any thoughts to share? Submit your paper by 1 June 2018.

23/05/2018

### **[Webinar: on-boarding, on-board keeping and off-boarding of staff in international cooperation](#)**

How can NGOs ensure that their employees live, support and promote their values throughout the employee life cycle, from on-boarding to off-boarding? Join our webinar on 26 June at 14.00 BST to find out more.

23/05/2018

### **[CHS Alliance elects new Board members, approves motions to its Statutes](#)**

The members of the CHS Alliance elected seven new Board members and approved eight motions to the Alliance's Statutes at a General Assembly which took place virtually from 10 to 16 May 2018.

22/05/2018

### **[How can mindfulness improve humanitarian aid? - Coffee with Hitendra Solanki, Action Against Hunger UK](#)**

On the occasion of Mental Health Awareness Week, we caught up with Hitendra to talk about why it is crucial to pay attention to the mental health of humanitarian staff, and how mindfulness and stress management can improve their wellbeing. As the Mindfulness & Wellbeing Adviser for Action Against Hunger UK and the Start Network, Hitendra has led a three-year pilot project for the Start Network's Transforming Surge Capacity programme, funded by DFID.

## **Development Initiatives** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 24, 2018 *News*

### **[Angela Kageni appointed Head of Development Initiatives' Africa Office](#)**

*Angela Kageni has been appointed Head of Africa Office, leading Development Initiatives' (DI's) operations in Africa.*

Having joined DI in April 2016 as Senior Manager for Strategic Partnerships & Data Use, Angela brings a wealth of knowledge about DI's work in the region to her new role. She also has more than 13 years of prior professional experience, including nine years at international non-profit organisation [Aidspan](#)...

## **EHLRA/R2HC** [to 26 May 2018]

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

### **[Annual Call for Proposals](#)**

*R2HC 6TH annual CALL will be launched in June 2018*

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



**The Sphere Project** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 26 May 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

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**Center for Global Development** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 23, 2018

**Speeding Sustainable Development: Integrating Economic, Social, and Environmental Development - Working Paper 484**

This paper discusses the role for policy integration to speed progress towards delivering the SDGs. This paper suggests a mechanism for prioritizing coordination and the use of coordination tools including regulation, safeguards, taxes, and subsidies. It also suggests re-orienting ministerial responsibilities where possible from input control to achievement of outcomes as well as tools to promote innovation by subnational governments and the private sector.

*Charles Kenny*

**ODI** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Selected Research/Publications*

**Constructive deconstruction: imagining alternative humanitarian action**

Publication series | May 2018 | Christina Bennett, Paul Currion, Marc DuBois and Tahir Zaman

This project explores three alternative visions for humanitarian action that aim to transform and rebuild a more effective humanitarian system.

**Should resilience-building projects (always) be socially acceptable?**

Research reports and studies | May 2018 | Virginie Le Masson

What makes humanitarian and development projects socially acceptable?

**Economic development in fragile contexts: learning from success and failure**

Working and discussion papers | May 2018 | Alastair McKechnie, Dirk Willem te Velde and Andrew Lightner

Economic development is rarely prioritised in fragile states. This paper explores why it should be, and draws out lessons from case studies of success.

**Contextualising the SDGs to leave no one behind in health: a case study from Zimbabwe**

Briefing papers | May 2018 | Fortunate Machingura and Susan Nicolai

This briefing discusses contextualisation of the SDGs, using Zimbabwe's experience with the health target as an example.

**Urban Institute** [to 26 May 2018]

<https://www.urban.org/publications>

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May 25, 2018

### **[Measuring the “Charitability” of Hospitals: Putting Meat on the Bones of the Grassley-Hatch Request](#)**

On February 15, 2018, Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) requested specific information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on its oversight activities of nonprofit hospitals. In this brief, to provide evidence well beyond what the IRS considers, I present a new tool that they and the hospitals themselves can to help assess whether a charity fully utilizes the charitable resources available to it

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#)

*Brief*

### **[Medicaid Work Requirements in Arkansas](#)**

On June 1, 2018, Arkansas will be the first state to begin implementing work requirements in its Medicaid program. The new requirements stem from guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services that paved the way for states to make “work or other community engagement” activities a condition of Medicaid eligibility. Who could be affected, and what do we know about them? This report assesses the size and

[Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Rachel A. Burton](#), [Jeremy Marks](#)

May 24, 2018

*Research Report*

### **[Housing Finance at a Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, May 2018](#)**

The May 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center’s reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing GSE guarantee fees, mortgage delinquency rates, Federal Reserve’s MBS purchase activities and the composition of the mortgage insurance market.

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Edward Golding](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Todd M. Hill](#), [Jun Zhu](#), [Bing Bai](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Bhargavi Ganesh](#), [Sarah Strochak](#), [Andrea Reyes](#)

May 23, 2018

*Research Report*

### **[Employer Engagement by Community-Based Organizations](#)**

Employers need skilled workers to fill open jobs. Yet some workers face barriers to employment, even as the national unemployment rate dips to its lowest level in nearly two decades. These workers might face such challenges as a lack of skills, gaps in employment, or previous involvement in the criminal justice system. Workforce development programs can help these workers overcome barriers to employment, helping them become a

[Shayne Spaulding](#), [David Blount](#)

May 22, 2018

*Research Report*

### **[Did States Maximize their Opportunity Zone Selections?](#)**

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act included a new federal incentive—Opportunity Zones—to spur investment in poor and undercapitalized communities. Governors (and the mayor of the District of Columbia) have now selected which among the roughly 56 percent of eligible census tracts in the U.S. should be classified as Opportunity Zones. While many criteria could be used to assess how successfully governors targeted Zones, we offer two for

[Brett Theodos](#), [Brady Meixell](#), [Carl Hedman](#)

May 21, 2018

*Brief*

**World Economic Forum** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

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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 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Annie E. Casey Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 26 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 26 May 2018]

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

*Press Release May 24, 2018*

### **President Bill Clinton and Chelsea Clinton release 2017 Impact Report on the work of the Clinton Foundation**

*Report shows growing impact of its programs to create economic opportunity, improve public health, and inspire civic engagement and service; charts path forward in 2018*

**Co Impact** [to 26 May 2018]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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.*

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**Ford Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**GHIT Fund** [to 26 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 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>  
May 23, 2018

**What's next for digital disinformation? A research roadmap**

What are the most important research questions about the impact of social media on political polarization and democracy? How can we support scholarly efforts to answer them? These are among the questions the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Ford Foundation discussed with 50 academics, funders, and social media representatives in January 2018.

By Kelly Born, Hewlett Foundation and Dr. Natalia Stroud, Center for Media Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]  
<http://www.hiltonfoundation.org/news>  
*Our News*

**National Foster Care Month: Addressing the Evolving Needs of Los Angeles' Foster Youth**

May 25, 2018

As National Foster Care Month offsite link comes to a close, we want to reflect on recent policy motions that advance outcomes for transition age foster youth here in Los Angeles. While much work still lies ahead, these policy shifts demonstrate significant local momentum in addressing the needs of vulnerable subpopulations of foster youth...

**IKEA Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]  
<https://www.ikeafoundation.org/category/press-releases/>  
*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 26 May 2018]  
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>  
May 23, 2018  
*Institute*

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## **HHMI Bets Big On 19 New Investigators**

### *Summary*

*HHMI invests \$200 million in a small cadre of leading scientists, challenging them to push the limits of what we know about biology.*

... Each of the 19 new investigators will receive roughly \$8 million over a seven-year term, which is renewable pending a scientific review. In addition, investigator support includes a guaranteed two-year transition period. This new group of investigators is the first to be appointed to a seven-year term (previous terms lasted five years). HHMI selected the new investigators from a pool of 675 eligible applicants. The scientists represent 15 U.S. institutions and will join an investigator community that now numbers over 300.

"Every scientist is unique, but they all need one thing: time," says HHMI President Erin O'Shea. "HHMI is dedicated to providing outstanding biomedical scientists with the time and resources to do their best work. We think of this as investing in people, not just projects." To date, 28 current or former HHMI scientists have won the Nobel Prize. Investigators have made big leaps forward in HIV vaccine development, microbiome and circadian rhythm research, immunotherapy, and the genome editing tool known as CRISPR/Cas9, among other fields...

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 25, 2018 *News Release*

### **The Latest Ebola Outbreak: What's Different about the U.S. and International Response?**

The United States played a leading role in the international response to the 2014 Ebola outbreak in West Africa, providing the most financial support, mobilizing U.S. staff across the federal government, and jumpstarting international efforts to strengthen global health security. As this month's new outbreak unfolds in the Democratic Republic...

May 21, 2018 *News Release*

### **New Brief Examines Potential Effects of Public Charge Changes on Health Coverage for Citizen Children**

The Trump Administration is pursuing changes that, for the first time, would allow the federal government to take into account the use of federal health, nutrition, and other non-cash public programs, including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), when making a determination about whether someone is likely...

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 22, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

### **Reversing the Damage of Segregation in Chicago**

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Following a 2017 report on the cost of segregation in Chicago, the Metropolitan Planning Council has released 24 recommendations to restore financial equity to residents and neighborhoods most affected by segregation and racism.

May 21, 2018 - *Grantee Research*

### **Promoting Anti-Corruption Reforms in Mexico**

A report from the Washington Office on Latin America examines how corruption threatens the integrity of Mexico's electoral processes, the role of corruption officials in facilitating and perpetrating violence and human rights abuses, and the effects of graft, embezzlement, and corrupt business practices on economic growth and inequality.

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 25, 2018

### **New online course on advocacy and lobbying available for nonprofits**

Legal staff at the Moore Foundation recently joined the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to launch a new online course to help their grantees and other nonprofit organizations better understand the laws governing advocacy and lobbying.

The free course, "Advocacy & Lobbying: Rules for Public Charity Grantees of Private Foundations" is the latest in the Learn Foundation Law suite of trainings, and is designed for U.S. public charities and their equivalents who are seeking funding from a private foundation to support their advocacy work...

May 23, 2018

### **Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation names Paul Gray chairman**

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation today announced the election of Paul Gray, Ph.D., as chairman of the board of trustees. Gordon Moore, the founder and original chairman of the organization, will continue to serve on the board as chairman emeritus.

Paul Gray joined the foundation's board of trustees in March 2008, became vice chairman of the board in 2013, and served as interim president in 2014. He is the former executive vice chancellor and provost at the University of California, Berkeley and former dean and professor emeritus in Berkeley's College of Engineering. In 2015, Gordon and Betty endowed the Paul R. Gray Distinguished Chair in the College of Engineering at U.C. Berkeley to acknowledge Gray's contributions to engineering and thank him for the leadership he provided to the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation as a longtime trustee and as interim president.

"Recognizing that age and health won't allow me to continue as chairman forever, the time is right for this transition," said Gordon Moore. "Both Betty and I are deeply grateful for the leadership Paul has offered the foundation over the past decade and are especially thankful that he will assume the role of chairman now. We share a belief in the importance of the work the foundation supports and its potential to make the world a better place for future generations."...

**Open Society Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*Event*

### **How Disinformation Spreads: Social Media's Impact on Italy's Elections**

May 17, 2018

Alexandre Alaphilippe from EU DisinfoLab and fact-checker David Puente discuss how civil society cooperation helped monitor and counter online disinformation during the elections.

**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 25, 2018

**Pew Applauds First Routing Measures for Ships in Arctic**

*International Maritime Organization adopts U.S. proposed area protections, joint route with Russia*

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts today applauded the International Maritime Organization (IMO), a U.N. agency, for adopting the first two-way route for ships transiting the Arctic. The IMO accepted a joint Russia-U.S. proposed route through the Bering Strait and the Bering Sea, as well as three Areas to Be Avoided that were submitted by the U.S. Coast Guard based on a study of the region's vessel traffic trends as well as its ecological and cultural values

*Press Release*

**Pew Commends OCC for Encouraging Banks to Provide Installment Loans**

May 23, 2018

WASHINGTON—The Pew Charitable Trusts today praised the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) for formally encouraging banks to offer their customers safe, affordable small-dollar installment loans.

Millions of American adults, many of whom are low income and have damaged credit, spend more than \$30 billion a year to borrow small amounts of money from payday and other high-cost lenders that operate outside the banking system. Pew research indicates that, given the opportunity, 8 in 10 payday loan borrowers would prefer to get credit from their banks or credit unions.

Based on years of research and conversations with regulators and bankers, Pew has recommended criteria that new, scalable, and consumer-friendly small-dollar credit products from banks and credit unions should meet...

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 23, 2018

**The Rockefeller Foundation Names Dr. Naveen Rao as New Managing Director for Health and Senior Advisor to the President**

Dr. Rao will lead a team focused on reducing child and maternal deaths and ensuring better protection against non-communicable disease and pandemic threats.

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 26 May 2018]

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

May 24, 2018 *News Release*

**Comments from Richard Besser, MD, on Direct Provider Contracting Models**

Richard Besser comments in response to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's Request for Information on Direct Provider Contracting Models.

May 23, 2018 *Blog Post*

**Teaming up with Harvard to Bring Health to Business**

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Marjorie Paloma

RWJF and Harvard developed a “massive open online course” (MOOC) to help business leaders better understand how to prioritize health and well-being, make the case for why it’s important, and understand how to measure progress.

### **Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 26 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...”*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **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).*

24-5-2018

### **Foundations Have Invested \$50 Billion in the SDGs, But Who’s Counting?**

by Arif Ekram and Lauren Bradford

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent the most ambitious — as well as expensive — global development framework in history. The framework sets specific targets in seventeen areas, from ending poverty in all its forms (Goal 1), to combating climate change and its impacts (Goal 13), to achieving gender equality (Goal 5). But with an estimated annual price tag of \$3.5 trillion, it's clear that governments alone cannot finance the SDGs and hope to achieve the framework's 2030 targets. With that in mind, all stakeholders within the development ecosystem, including private and philanthropic actors, need to step in and step up their contributions. Our research shows that while the philanthropic sector has been doing its part, it can do much more.

Foundation Center has been tracking philanthropy's support for the Sustainable Development Goals since the beginning. Our data shows that foundations have contributed more than \$50 billion toward achieving the SDGs since January 2016, when the SDG agenda was formally launched, and we are tracking that number in real time — i.e., as more grantmaking data becomes available, we immediately make more SDG-related funding data available. Pretty cool! (NB: We can only track what we can collect, so if we don't have your data, we can't account for your contribution.) Using this “latest available data approach,” we can confirm that philanthropy has been and will continue to play a crucial role in financing and driving the SDGs...

### **Alfred P. Sloan Foundation**

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Wellcome Trust** [to 26 May 2018]

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

News / Published: 23 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 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.

News / Published: 23 May 2018

### **Second global call to action against drug-resistant infections**

*Wellcome is to co-host a second global conference, in Ghana, to help drive pioneering action to stop the rise and spread of superbugs.*

The two-day Call to Action, taking place in Accra this November, is co-hosted with the governments of Ghana and Thailand, and the United Nations Foundation, and is organised in partnership with the Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG) on Antimicrobial Resistance. Health representatives from national governments and agencies, civil society, the private sector and global philanthropies will be invited to come together at the Call to Action to focus on how to address the most critical gaps in tackling the development and spread of drug-resistant infections.

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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**

June 2018 Volume 46, Issue 6, p601-732, e31-e42

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

#### **American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

June 2018 Volume 54, Issue 6, p727-848

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

#### **American Journal of Public Health**

June 2018 108(6)

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

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*ISLAMOPHOBIA*

**Islamophobia and the Public Health Implications of Religious Hatred**

Jeff Levin and Ellen L. Idler

108(6), pp. 718–719

**Islamophobia, Health, and Public Health: A Systematic Literature Review**

Goleen Samari, Héctor E. Alcalá and Mienah Zulfacar Sharif

108(6), pp. e1–e9

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 98, Issue 5, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

15 May 2018 Vol: 168, Issue 10

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

**BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 26 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 26 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

**BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

*Research article*

**Infection with high proportion of multidrug-resistant bacteria in conflict-related injuries is associated with poor outcomes and excess resource consumption: a cohort study of Syrian patients treated in Jordan**

*Armed conflicts are a major contributor to injury and death globally. Conflict-related injuries are associated with a high risk of wound infection, but it is unknown to what extent infection directly relates t...*

Authors: Andreas Älgå, Sidney Wong, Muhammad Shoaib, Kalle Lundgren, Christian G. Giske, Johan von Schreeb and Jonas Malmstedt

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## **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

*Commentary*

### **[Informing real-world practice with real-world evidence: the value of PRECIS-2](#)**

Authors: Gila Neta and Karin E. Johnson

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:76

Published on: 21 May 2018

*Abstract*

Real-world evidence is needed to inform real-world practice. Pragmatic controlled trials are intended to provide such evidence by assessing the effectiveness of medicines and other interventions in real-world settings, as opposed to explanatory trials that assess efficacy in highly controlled settings. Dal-Ré and colleagues (BMC Med 16:49, 2018) recently performed a literature review of studies published between 2014 and 2017 to assess the degree to which studies that self-identified as pragmatic were truly so. The authors found that over one-third of randomized controlled trials of drugs and biologics that were self-labeled as pragmatic used placebo controls (as opposed to usual care), tested medicines before licensing, or were conducted in a single site. Further, they proposed that, in order to improve the reliability of the 'pragmatic' label, investigators should assess their trials using the PRECIS-2 tool upon submission to funders, ethics boards, or journals. We appreciate the value of PRECIS-2 as an indicator to assess the pragmatic versus explanatory features in a trial, and we herein highlight the potential challenges and opportunities that may arise with its systematic and widespread use.

## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 26 May 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMJ Open**

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January 2018 - Volume 8 - 5  
<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

**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 26 May 2018]  
[No new digest content identified]

**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>

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[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>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

April 2018 Volume 42, Issue 2 Pages 205–404

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

01 April 2018; volume 19, issue 4

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/4?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emergency Medicine Journal**

Volume 24, Number 6—June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 24, Number 6—June 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 23 Pages 1-120 (June 2018)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

## **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 146 - Issue 7 - May 2018

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

## **Ethics & International Affairs**

Winter 2017 (Issue 31.4)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2017/winter-2017-issue-31-4/>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 28, Issue 3, 1 June 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/3>

*Editorials*

### **Investing in public health—driving prosperity for the present and future generations**

M Dyakova; C Hamelmann

*Extract*

Countries across Europe and the World are faced with growing health, inequity, social security, economic and environmental challenges. We need urgent, innovative and priority-focused investment to ensure sustainable development for the present and future generations. Doing business as usual is unsustainable with high costs for individuals, families, communities, society, the economy and the planet. Governments can have a major impact on all factors influencing health and wellbeing, on the way people live and on their everyday choices. The interconnected nature of current challenges and possible solutions needs strong leadership, strategic and political commitment, and coherent action. It also requires new approaches and financing mechanisms building on cross-sector collaboration and...

*Migration and health*

### **Vaccination policies of immigrants in the EU/EEA Member States—the measles immunization example**

Mihai A Bica; Ralf Clemens

*Abstract*

**Background**

In 2015–16, the European Union/European Economic Area Member States (EU/EEA MSs) experienced an unprecedented volume and rate of migration, posing serious challenges to existing national immunization systems and strategies and raising the questions of where, when and who to vaccinate. We assessed existing strategies for vaccinating immigrant populations in the EU/EEA using measles as an example of the most important vaccine-preventable diseases.

**Methods**

In this cross-sectional study, conducted from March to May 2016, an electronic questionnaire was sent to the Heads of National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs) or equivalent policy-making bodies in each of the 31 EU/EEA Member States. Responses were entered into a structured database and validated by survey responders for final analysis.

**Results**

Validated responses from all 31 EU/EEA NITAGs or equivalents showed that there is no common measles immunization policy for European immigrants. Policies vary widely from no policy at all (9 of 31, 29%) to vaccination of all comers (2 of 31, 6%), or vaccination of selected cohorts based on vaccination history (17 of 31, 55%) or serum antibody analysis (2 of 31, 6%). Further, the operational responsibilities for immigrant vaccination and documentation methods are not unified within the EU/EEA region.

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## Conclusions

With some notable exceptions immunization policies to contain spread of infectious diseases through migration are either non-existent or vary widely between countries in the EU/EEA. With freedom of movement within the EU/EEA there ought to be harmonization and a common EU/EEA vaccination strategy to replace national policies for immigrant populations.

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### *Review Article*

#### **[Review: Meta-analysis of the association between production diversity, diets, and nutrition in smallholder farm households](#)**

Open access - Review article

Pages 1-18

Kibrom T. Sibhatu, Matin Qaim

### *Abstract*

Undernutrition and low dietary diversity remain big problems in many developing countries. A large proportion of the people affected are smallholder farmers. Hence, it is often assumed that further diversifying small-farm production would be a good strategy to improve nutrition, but the evidence is mixed. We systematically review studies that have analyzed associations between production diversity, dietary diversity, and nutrition in smallholder households and provide a meta-analysis of estimated effects. We identified 45 original studies reporting results from 26 countries and using various indicators of diets and nutrition. While in the majority of these studies positive results are highlighted, less than 20% of the studies report consistently positive and significant associations between production diversity and dietary diversity and/or nutrition. Around 60% report positive associations only for certain subsamples or indicators, the rest found no significant associations at all. The average marginal effect of production diversity on dietary diversity is positive but small. The mean effect of 0.062 implies that farms would have to produce 16 additional crop or livestock species to increase dietary diversity by one food group. The mean effect is somewhat larger in Sub-Saharan Africa than in other regions, but even in Africa farms would have to produce around 9 additional species to increase dietary diversity by one food group. While results may look differently under very specific conditions, there is little evidence to support the assumption that increasing farm production diversity is a highly effective strategy to improve smallholder diets and nutrition in most or all situations.

### *Research Articles*

#### **[The role of social networks in the inclusion of small-scale producers in agri-food developing clusters](#)**

Original research article

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Matias Ramirez, Paloma Bernal, Ian Clarke, Ivan Hernandez

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### ***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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**Analyzing the impacts of global trade and investment on non-communicable diseases and risk factors: a critical review of methodological approaches used in quantitative analyses**

Authors: Krycia Cowling, Anne Marie Thow and Keshia Pollack Porter

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*Review*

**The impact of cash transfers on social determinants of health and health inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review**

Ebenezer Owusu-Addo; Andre M N Renzaho; Ben J Smith

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue 5, 1 June 2018, Pages 675–696,

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*Abstract*

Cash transfers (CTs) are now high on the agenda of most governments in low- and middle-income countries. Within the field of health promotion, CTs constitute a healthy public policy initiative as they have the potential to address the social determinants of health (SDoH) and health inequalities. A systematic review was conducted to synthesise the evidence on CTs' impacts on SDoH and health inequalities in sub-Saharan Africa, and to identify the barriers and facilitators of effective CTs. Twenty-one electronic databases and the websites of 14 key organizations were searched in addition to grey literature and hand searching of selected journals for quantitative and qualitative studies on CTs' impacts on SDoH and health outcomes. Out of 182 full texts screened for eligibility, 79 reports that reported findings from 53 studies were included in the final review. The studies were undertaken within 24 CTs comprising 11 unconditional CTs (UCTs), 8 conditional CTs (CCTs) and 5 combined UCTs and CCTs. The review found that CTs can be effective in tackling structural determinants of health such as financial poverty, education, household resilience, child labour, social capital and social cohesion, civic participation, and birth registration. The review further found that CTs modify intermediate determinants such as nutrition, dietary diversity, child deprivation, sexual risk behaviours, teen pregnancy and early marriage. In conjunction with their influence on SDoH,

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there is moderate evidence from the review that CTs impact on health and quality of life outcomes. The review also found many factors relating to intervention design features, macro-economic stability, household dynamics and community acceptance of programs that could influence the effectiveness of CTs. The external validity of the review findings is strong as the findings are largely consistent with those from Latin America. The findings thus provide useful insights to policy makers and managers and can be used to optimise CTs to reduce health inequalities.

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*Research*

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#### **Translating research into action: an international study of the role of research funders**

Authors: Robert K. D. McLean, Ian D. Graham, Jacqueline M. Tetroe and Jimmy A. Volmink

*Abstract*

Background

It is widely accepted that research can lead to improved health outcomes. However, translating research into meaningful impacts in peoples' lives requires actions that stretch well beyond those traditionally associated with knowledge creation. The research reported in this manuscript provides an international review of health research funders' efforts to encourage this process of research uptake, application and scaling, often referred to as knowledge translation.

Methods

We conducted web-site review, document review and key informant interviews to investigate knowledge translation at 26 research funding agencies. The sample comprises the regions of Australia, Europe and North America, and a diverse range of funder types, including biomedical, clinical, multi-health domain, philanthropic, public and private organisations. The data builds on a 2008 study by the authors with the same international sample, which permitted longitudinal trend analysis.

Results

Knowledge translation is an objective of growing significance for funders across each region studied. However, there is no clear international consensus or standard on how funders might support knowledge translation. We found that approaches and mechanisms vary across region and funder type. Strategically tailored funding opportunities (grants) are the most prevalent modality of support. The most common funder-driven strategy for knowledge translation within these grants is the linking of researchers to research users. Funders could not to provide empirical evidence to support the majority of the knowledge translation activities they encourage or undertake.

Conclusions

Knowledge translation at a research funder relies on context. Accordingly, we suggest that the diversity of approaches uncovered in our research is fitting. We argue that evaluation of funding agency efforts to promote and/or support knowledge translation should be prioritised and actioned. It is paradoxical that funders' efforts to get evidence into practice are not themselves evidence based.

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**The evolution of the field of Health Policy and Systems Research and outstanding challenges**

Authors: Sara Bennett, Julio Frenk and Anne Mills

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**Identifying the Components of a Core Health Services Package from a Human Rights Perspective to Inform Progress Toward Universal Health Coverage**

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Christopher R. Rossi

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**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 challenge. Huge, diverse and mobile populations complicate needs assessments, and close coordination with other, often unfamiliar, actors is necessary.

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**Sources of Funding for Research in Evidence Reviews That Inform Recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force**

Jennifer Villani, PhD, MPH; Quyen Ngo-Metzger, MD, MPH; Isaah S. Vincent, PhD; et al.

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The US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) is an independent panel of national experts in disease prevention and evidence-based medicine that develops recommendations for the delivery of clinical preventive services including screening tests, preventive medications, and behavioral counseling.<sup>1</sup> To develop recommendations, the USPSTF evaluates the quantity, quality, and strength of evidence from systematic reviews of published studies.<sup>2</sup>

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*Editorial*

### **Health care in conflict: war still has rules**

The Lancet

Denouncing attacks on health-care facilities and personnel in conflict situations, the UN Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 2286 in May, 2016. Addressing the Council, then UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, condemned military actions leading to destruction of health-care facilities as war crimes, and called on Member States to honour their obligations to protect health-care workers and patients in conflict saying “even war has rules”.

But 2 years later, on May 21, a [new report](#) from the Safeguarding Health in Conflict Coalition, *Violence on the front line: attacks on healthcare in 2017*, shows a grim reality of continued attacks on health infrastructures coming from all sides, and which persist with impunity. In 2017, at least 188 hospitals and clinics were damaged or destroyed, 50 ambulances attacked or stolen, and there were 57 reports of armed groups violently assaulting staff and patients in hospitals—101 health-care workers were killed and 64 kidnapped, 203 patients were killed, and 141 injured. Denial or obstruction of access to health-care facilities was reported 74 times. 57 of these events were in the occupied Palestinian territory. In Turkey, a physician was arrested for providing impartial medical care, and in Afghanistan, female health workers have been threatened for actions deemed inappropriate for a woman. Health facilities in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Egypt, and Turkey have been forced to close.

When resolution 2286 was adopted, Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, urged Member States that “after outrage must come action, not complacency”. But the sheer number of attacks in 2017 demonstrates the international community's catastrophic failure to uphold its commitment to the resolution. The Coalition makes specific recommendations to the UN High Commission for Human Rights, Security Council, and Secretary-General to ensure that the lives and rights of health-care workers and patients are protected in conflict areas. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General, must continue to condemn these attacks, work proactively to stop them, and hold the perpetrators accountable for their war crimes.

## **Lancet Global Health**

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### **Untangling the causes of the 2016–18 Cholera epidemic in Yemen**

Michael Gormley

As war continues to rage in Yemen into its third year, the disruption to civil society has been immense. An estimated [22·2 million](#) Yemenis are in need of humanitarian assistance and 2 million people have been displaced by the conflict and live in desperate conditions in Yemen itself or have sought refuge elsewhere in the region.

Amid this deepening crisis sits the largest documented cholera epidemic of modern times. In *The Lancet Global Health*, Anton Camacho and colleagues<sup>1</sup> address this epidemic from an epidemiological perspective and have sought to explain the key triggers for the massive surge in cases in May 2017. The publication of these results is very timely since one of the key

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triggers identified in the study links the surge in cases to the advent of the rainy season in May, with the concern that a resurgence in transmission of the disease could occur in 2018 when the rains start. The research addresses the causal factors of the epidemic and investigates the size, spatial extent, and key populations affected by both waves of the epidemic. A key driver for the research was to identify public health interventions to try to mitigate the effects of a possible third wave in 2018. The mapping of the epidemic has shown the full extent of the problem and is key to implementing the intervention. The research maps the transmission and incidence of cholera in over 1 million suspected cases in Yemen, and the methods used are applicable to conflict zones and humanitarian situations globally.

The paper highlights the difficulties associated with carrying out research in war zones. When civil society is stretched to its limits, data gathering can be near impossible. The close working between the research team, the Health Authorities in Yemen, and WHO facilitated the production of a well kept line list database of cases, which formed the basis for the outbreak data.

Gathering environmental data poses similar difficulty in a conflict zone. The hypothesis that water sources were contaminated by rainfall in the second wave of the outbreak in May 2017 requires more than anecdotal evidence to be proven. The use of the Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation with Station data (CHIRPS) system was a novel approach to estimating precipitation levels during the period in question. It is recognised that the use of more localised data would have produced a more robust correlation; however, given the conflict in Yemen, the installation and maintenance of local weather stations would have been impractical. The research team have recognised the level of detail available and some inherent biases of the [CHIRPS](#) product used. Because of the aerial averages from satellite data used in the production of localised data by CHIRPS, it is likely that precipitation was underestimated. While accuracy is important, it is useful to note that an underestimation of precipitation levels does not invalidate the hypothesis in this research that the second wave was caused by the start of the rainy season.

The methods used for the assessment of precipitation levels follows recent trends in the use of earth observation data from recognised sources. The level of detail possible is increasing and it may be worth exploring the possibilities of using real time (RT) or Near Real Time (NRT) data from these satellite data sources to assess the extent and quality of local water resources.<sup>2</sup> The challenges of implementing these earth observation data into a study such as the cholera outbreak in Yemen are not to be underestimated; however, given the difficulty in obtaining real time local data, the effort may be worthwhile, particularly if algorithms can be developed to manipulate the Big Data available in a meaningful way. An increase in local accuracy might also contribute to a greater understanding of the different impacts of spring rainfall to summer rainfall and their relative impact on water quality.

The paper also highlights the possible effect that local cultural practices had on the transmission of the disease, particularly during Ramadan. The research concluded that the risk of being reported as a suspected cholera case during Ramadan was 1.19 times (1.14–1.25) higher than that of the preceding month and that this risk varied substantially across districts. This hypothesis is supported by the data, but more research would be required to show why Ramadan had an effect on transmission. The variability across districts would also merit further investigation. A social survey of the areas involved might illuminate the reason for these correlations, but the transient nature of populations in these times of conflict could make this an overly onerous task.

In conclusion, the paper represents a timely investigation of the plausible causes for the two waves of cholera outbreak in Yemen between 2016 and 2018. More social research on the influence of Ramadan on transmission of the disease would further add to the quantitative analysis presented in the paper. There is a real opportunity to develop remote methods of assessing water quality using earth observation satellite data in RT or NRT, which would create a generalised methodology for assessing the likelihood of disease spread in conflict zones. The methods would also be applicable to other areas of humanitarian need such as post-disaster refugee camps.

With this work, and future planned work, Camacho and colleagues<sup>1</sup> are helping to implement a public health strategy to mitigate against a possible third wave of the outbreak following the rains due in May 2018. It is hoped that further data will be collected in 2018 to further the models developed in this research.

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##### **[Cholera epidemic in Yemen, 2016–18: an analysis of surveillance data](#)**

Anton Camacho, Malika Bouhenia, Reema Alyusfi, Abdulhakeem Alkohani, Munna Abdulla Mohammed Naji, Xavier de Radiguès, Abdinassir M Abubakar, Abdulkareem Almoalmi, Caroline Seguin, Maria Jose Sagrado, Marc Poncin, Melissa McRae, Mohammed Musoke, Ankur Rakesh, Klaudia Porten, Christopher Haskew, Katherine E Atkins, Rosalind M Eggo, Andrew S Azman, Marije Broekhuijsen, Mehmet Akif Saatcioglu, Lorenzo Pezzoli, Marie-Laure Quilici, Abdul Rahman Al-Mesbahy, Nevio Zagaria, Francisco J Luquero

#### Summary

##### Background

In war-torn Yemen, reports of confirmed cholera started in late September, 2016. The disease continues to plague Yemen today in what has become the largest documented cholera epidemic of modern times. We aimed to describe the key epidemiological features of this epidemic, including the drivers of cholera transmission during the outbreak.

##### Methods

The Yemen Health Authorities set up a national cholera surveillance system to collect information on suspected cholera cases presenting at health facilities. Individual variables included symptom onset date, age, severity of dehydration, and rapid diagnostic test result. Suspected cholera cases were confirmed by culture, and a subset of samples had additional phenotypic and genotypic analysis. We first conducted descriptive analyses at national and governorate levels. We divided the epidemic into three time periods: the first wave (Sept 28, 2016, to April 23, 2017), the increasing phase of the second wave (April 24, 2017, to July 2, 2017), and the decreasing phase of the second wave (July 3, 2017, to March 12, 2018). We reconstructed the changes in cholera transmission over time by estimating the instantaneous reproduction number,  $R_t$ . Finally, we estimated the association between rainfall and the daily cholera incidence during the increasing phase of the second epidemic wave by fitting a spatiotemporal regression model.

##### Findings

From Sept 28, 2016, to March 12, 2018, 1,103,683 suspected cholera cases (attack rate 3·69%) and 2385 deaths (case fatality risk 0·22%) were reported countrywide. The epidemic consisted of two distinct waves with a surge in transmission in May, 2017, corresponding to a median  $R_t$  of more than 2 in 13 of 23 governorates. Microbiological analyses suggested that the same *Vibrio cholerae* O1 Ogawa strain circulated in both waves. We found a positive, non-linear, association between weekly rainfall and suspected cholera incidence in the following 10 days; the relative risk of cholera after a weekly rainfall of 25 mm was 1·42 (95% CI 1·31–1·55) compared with a week without rain.

##### Interpretation

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Our analysis suggests that the small first cholera epidemic wave seeded cholera across Yemen during the dry season. When the rains returned in April, 2017, they triggered widespread cholera transmission that led to the large second wave. These results suggest that cholera could resurge during the ongoing 2018 rainy season if transmission remains active. Therefore, health authorities and partners should immediately enhance current control efforts to mitigate the risk of a new cholera epidemic wave in Yemen.

Funding

Health Authorities of Yemen, WHO, and Médecins Sans Frontières.

### **Circumstances of child deaths in Mali and Uganda: a community-based confidential enquiry**

Merlin L Willcox, Elias Kumbakumba, Drissa Diallo, Vincent Mubangizi, Peter Kirabira, Florence Nakaggwa, Birungi Mutahunga, Chiaka Diakit , Eugene Demb l , Mamadou Traor , Pierre Daou, Drissa Bamba, Amadou Traor , Diafara Berth , Nick Wooding, Kieran Dinwoodie, Sarah Capewell, Hamish Foster, Rowena Neville, Joseph Ngonzi, Jerome Kabakyenga, David Mant, Anthony Harnden

### **Lancet Infectious Diseases**

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*Comment*

### **Eradicating polio with a vaccine we must stop using**

Nicholas C Grassly

### **Cholera control: one dose at a time**

Louise C Ivers

Cholera continues to harm the most vulnerable people worldwide.<sup>1</sup> As an indicator of human progress, the sustained or new presence of the disease in any region is a stark reminder of how far we, as a society, have to go to reach Sustainable Development Goal 6: ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.<sup>2</sup> Diarrhoeal diseases are a major source of preventable morbidity and mortality, and in 2015 claimed the lives of more than 1·3 million people, of whom 499,000 were children younger than 5 years.<sup>3</sup>

As a contributor to the global burden of diarrhoeal disease, *Vibrio cholerae* is a particularly harsh pathogen, causing rapid onset of severe nausea, vomiting, and profuse watery diarrhoea that can lead to death within hours—even of the healthiest young adults. Whole communities can be rapidly affected in epidemics, causing both physical harm and psychological distress. The pervasive social determinant of the problem—poor or no access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene—means that displaced people, refugee populations, and those in conflict zones are at risk of major outbreaks of the illness. Cholera also continues to occur routinely, regularly, and with great impact (although often with less media attention) in endemic countries, such as Bangladesh and now Haiti, where children and the poorest people are the most at risk of being harmed. In both epidemic and endemic circumstances, the public health role of cholera vaccination has been re-emerging with interest from policy makers over the past 8 years.

In The Lancet Infectious Diseases, Firdausi Qadri and colleagues<sup>4</sup> describe results of 2 years of follow-up of a large, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled efficacy trial of a single dose of an inactivated whole-cell oral cholera vaccine (OCV) in Bangladesh. They found that a single dose provided protection for at least 2 years when given to adults (vaccine protective efficacy against all cholera episodes 59%, 95% CI 42–71) and to children aged 5 years or older (52%, 8–75). The findings make an important contribution to cholera control around the world, and

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could help to take us one step closer to WHO's ambitious goal of reducing deaths from the disease by 90% by 2030.<sup>5</sup>

Increasing practical experiences with large-scale public health use of OCV—initially including reactive vaccination campaigns in Guinea and Haiti in 2012,<sup>6, 7</sup> revitalised WHO's support of cholera-affected countries,<sup>8</sup> and investment by GAVI, the vaccine alliance, in a global stockpile of vaccine—have resulted in millions of doses of OCV being used each year since 2014. The vaccine has most often been given in two doses, 14 days apart, as recommended by the manufacturers.<sup>9</sup> Yet giving a second dose of OCV on schedule can be challenging during crisis situations. Furthermore, multiple competing demands on the global stockpile mean that, at times, officials might have to decide if they should vaccinate a population without guarantee of the availability of the second tranche of doses.

Qadri and colleagues' trial complements findings from other important studies on the use of a single-dose OCV, which were largely secondary analyses and shorter-term prospective observational studies.<sup>10, 11</sup> Together, the evidence shows that single-dose OCV campaigns can be effective both in the short term in outbreaks and for up to 2 years in endemic settings. With these data to further support decision making on who to vaccinate against cholera and when to vaccinate them, government agencies, multilateral organisations, and non-governmental organisations should continue to invest in cholera vaccines as a part of the toolkit to control and prevent the disease.

However, a single dose of OCV did not protect children younger than 5 years compared with placebo (vaccine protective efficacy against all cholera episodes –13%, 95% CI –68 to 25),<sup>4</sup> consistent with the 6-month results of the same study.<sup>12</sup> Other studies show some, but reduced, protection of two doses of OCV in this age group as well, which has implications for strategies on the use of OCV in highly endemic regions where young children are an important risk group.<sup>13</sup> Further studies are needed to determine how best to protect the youngest individuals, and to identify the ideal dosing schedule of the vaccine.

Still more evidence is needed on how to integrate vaccination strategies into evidence-based water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions to interrupt diarrhoeal disease—a subject in which evidence of impact is surprisingly scarce.<sup>14</sup> What is notable about the discourse on OCV in 2018 are the burning questions not associated with whether vaccines should be used in endemic countries or whether they should be used during epidemics for cholera control, but rather how best to use them in a way that maximises effectiveness and efficiency in saving the lives of the most vulnerable people from this entirely preventable disease.

#### *Articles*

##### **[Immunogenicity of type 2 monovalent oral and inactivated poliovirus vaccines for type 2 poliovirus outbreak response: an open-label, randomised controlled trial](#)**

Khalequ Zaman, Concepción F Estívariz, Michelle Morales, Mohammad Yunus, Cynthia J Snider, Howard E Gary Jr, William C Weldon, M Steven Oberste, Steven G Wassilak, Mark A Pallansch, Abhijeet Anand

#### *Articles*

##### **[Efficacy of a single-dose regimen of inactivated whole-cell oral cholera vaccine: results from 2 years of follow-up of a randomised trial](#)**

Firdausi Qadri, Mohammad Ali, Julia Lynch, Fahima Chowdhury, Ashraful Islam Khan, Thomas F Wierzba, Jean-Louis Excler, Amit Saha, Md Taufiqul Islam, Yasmin A Begum, Taufiqur R Bhuiyan, Farhana Khanam, Mohiul I Chowdhury, Iqbal Ansary Khan, Alamgir Kabir, Baizid



Khoorshid Riaz, Afroza Akter, Arifuzzaman Khan, Muhammad Asaduzzaman, Deok Ryun Kim, Ashraf U Siddik, Nirod C Saha, Alejandro Cravioto, Ajit P Singh, John D Clemens

## Summary

### Background

A single-dose regimen of inactivated whole-cell oral cholera vaccine (OCV) is attractive because it reduces logistical challenges for vaccination and could enable more people to be vaccinated. Previously, we reported the efficacy of a single dose of an OCV vaccine during the 6 months following dosing. Herein, we report the results of 2 years of follow-up.

### Methods

In this placebo-controlled, double-blind trial done in Dhaka, Bangladesh, individuals aged 1 year or older with no history of receipt of OCV were randomly assigned to receive a single dose of inactivated OCV or oral placebo. The primary endpoint was a confirmed episode of non-bloody diarrhoea for which the onset was at least 7 days after dosing and a faecal culture was positive for *Vibrio cholerae* O1 or O139. Passive surveillance for diarrhoea was done in 13 hospitals or major clinics located in or near the study area for 2 years after the last administered dose. We assessed the protective efficacy of the OCV against culture-confirmed cholera occurring 7–730 days after dosing with both crude and multivariable per-protocol analyses. This trial is registered at [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02027207), number [NCT02027207](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT02027207).

### Findings

Between Jan 10, 2014, and Feb 4, 2014, 205,513 people were randomly assigned to receive either vaccine or placebo, of whom 204,700 (102,552 vaccine recipients and 102,148 placebo recipients) were included in the per-protocol analysis. 287 first episodes of cholera (109 among vaccine recipients and 178 among placebo recipients) were detected during the 2-year follow-up; 138 of these episodes (46 in vaccine recipients and 92 in placebo recipients) were associated with severe dehydration. The overall incidence rates of initial cholera episodes were 0·22 (95% CI 0·18 to 0·27) per 100,000 person-days in vaccine recipients versus 0·36 (0·31 to 0·42) per 100,000 person-days in placebo recipients (adjusted protective efficacy 39%, 95% CI 23 to 52). The overall incidence of severe cholera was 0·09 (0·07 to 0·12) per 100,000 person-days versus 0·19 (0·15 to 0·23; adjusted protective efficacy 50%, 29 to 65). Vaccine protective efficacy was 52% (8 to 75) against all cholera episodes and 71% (27 to 88) against severe cholera episodes in participants aged 5 years to younger than 15 years. For participants aged 15 years or older, vaccine protective efficacy was 59% (42 to 71) against all cholera episodes and 59% (35 to 74) against severe cholera. The protection in the older age groups was sustained throughout the 2-year follow-up. In participants younger than 5 years, the vaccine did not show protection against either all cholera episodes (protective efficacy –13%, –68 to 25) or severe cholera episodes (–44%, –220 to 35).

### Interpretation

A single dose of the inactivated whole-cell OCV offered protection to older children and adults that was sustained for at least 2 years. The absence of protection of young children might reflect a lesser degree of pre-existing natural immunity in this age group.

### Funding

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*If the world can meet the target of limiting global warming to 1.5 °C, economic damage will probably be greatly reduced, especially in poorer countries.*  
Marshall Burke, W. Matthew Davis & Noah S. Diffenbaugh

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*Research Article*

#### **[Child morbidity and mortality associated with alternative policy responses to the economic crisis in Brazil: A nationwide microsimulation study](#)**

Davide Rasella, Sanjay Basu, Thomas Hone, Romulo Paes-Sousa, Carlos Octávio Ocké-Reis, Christopher Millett

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### **PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases**

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*Viewpoints*

#### **[“Rapid impact” 10 years after: The first “decade” \(2006–2016\) of integrated neglected tropical disease control](#)**

Peter J. Hotez, Alan Fenwick, Sarah E. Ray, Simon I. Hay, David H. Molyneux

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*Research Article*

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### **Cost-effectiveness of dog rabies vaccination programs in East Africa**

Rebekah H. Borse, Charisma Y. Atkins, Manoj Gambhir, Eduardo A. Undurraga, Jesse D. Blanton, Emily B. Kahn, Jessie L. Dyer, Charles E. Rupprecht, Martin I. Meltzer  
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#### *Research Article*

### **WASH activities at two Ebola treatment units in Sierra Leone**

Michaela Mallow, Lee Gary, Timmy Jeng, Bob Bongomin Jr, Miriam Tamar Aschkenasy, Peter Wallis, Hilarie H. Cranmer, Estifanos Debasu, Adam C. Levine  
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### **Global patterns of protection of elevational gradients in mountain ranges**

Paul R. Elsen, William B. Monahan, and Adina M. Merenlender  
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#### *Significance*

Mountain ranges constitute biodiversity hotspots, and montane species are shifting their ranges in elevation in response to climate change. Protecting elevational gradients can help fully capture montane biodiversity patterns and facilitate species range shifts. We map the protection of elevational gradients for mountain ranges worldwide to reveal where elevational protection is needed and may be optimized. Most of the world's mountain ranges are narrowly protected and lack elevational distributions needed to preserve biodiversity. This could undermine the effectiveness of protected areas (PAs) under climate change. Strategic planning is required to prioritize elevational gradients in future PA establishment; otherwise, protecting roughly half of all mountainous area will be required to protect just 17% of land across nearly all elevational gradients.

### **Prehospital & Disaster Medicine**

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***Special issue on Migration: A global public health issue***

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## **Public Health Ethics**

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## **Public Health Reports**

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## **Qualitative Health Research**

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*Research Articles*

### **Innovating for Transformation in First Nations Health Using Community-Based Participatory Research**

Grace Kyoong-Achan, Josée Lavoie, Kathi Avery Kinew, Wanda Phillips-Beck, Naser Ibrahim, Stephanie Sinclair, Alan Katz

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*Preview*

Community-based participatory research (CBPR) provides the opportunity to engage communities for sustainable change. We share a journey to transformation in our work with eight Manitoba First Nations seeking to improve the health of their communities and discuss lessons learned. The study used community-based participatory research approach for the conceptualization of the study, data collection, analysis, and knowledge translation. It was accomplished through a variety of methods, including qualitative interviews, administrative health data analyses, surveys, and case studies. Research relationships built on strong ethics and protocols to enhance mutual commitment to support community-driven transformation. Collaborative and respectful relationships are platforms for defining and strengthening community health care priorities. We further discuss how partnerships were forged to own and sustain innovations. This article contributes a blueprint for respectful CBPR. The outcome is a community-owned, widely recognized process that is sustainable while fulfilling researcher and funding obligations.

## **Refugee Survey Quarterly**

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### **Reproductive Health**

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*Research*

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#### **[Adolescents' perceptions and experiences of pregnancy in refugee and migrant communities on the Thailand-Myanmar border: a qualitative study](#)**

Authors: Carine Asnong, Gracia Fellmeth, Emma Plugge, Nan San Wai, Mupawjay Pimanpanarak, Moo Kho Paw, Prakaykaew Charunwatthana, François Nosten and Rose McGready

### **Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)**

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### **Risk Analysis**

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### **Science**

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*Policy Forum*

#### **[Disparities in science literacy](#)**

By Nick Allum, John Besley, Louis Gomez, Ian Brunton-Smith  
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Cognitive and socioeconomic factors don't fully explain gaps  
*Summary*

Much is known about how adult science literacy varies internationally and over time, and about its association with attitudes and beliefs. However, less is known about disparities in science literacy across racial and ethnic groups (1). This is particularly surprising in light of substantial research on racial and ethnic disparities in related areas such as educational achievement, math and reading ability (2), representation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) occupations (3), and health literacy (4). Given the importance of science literacy to securing and sustaining many jobs, to understanding key health concepts to enhance quality of life, and to increasing public engagement in societal decision-making (5), it is concerning if the distribution of science literacy is unequally stratified, particularly if this stratification reflects broader patterns of disadvantage and cultural dominance as experienced by minorities and educationally underserved populations. We describe here such disparities in science literacy in the United States and attempt to explain underlying drivers, concluding that the science literacy disadvantage among black and Hispanic adults relative to whites is only partially explained by measures of broader, foundational literacies and socioeconomic status (SES).

### **Social Science & Medicine**

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*Regular articles*

#### **[The social network of international health aid](#)**

Original research article

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Lu Han, Mathias Koenig-Archibugi, Tore Opsahl

#### ***Abstract***

International development assistance for health generates an emergent social network in which policy makers in recipient countries are connected to numerous bilateral and multilateral aid agencies and to other aid recipients. Ties in this global network are channels for the transmission of knowledge, norms and influence in addition to material resources, and policy makers in centrally situated governments receive information faster and are exposed to a more diverse range of sources and perspectives. Since diversity of perspectives improves problem-solving capacity, the structural position of aid-receiving governments in the health aid network can affect the health outcomes that those governments are able to attain. We apply a recently developed Social Network Analysis measure to health aid data for 1990–2010 to investigate the relationship between country centrality in the health aid network and improvements in child health. A generalized method of moments (GMM) analysis indicates that, controlling for the volume of health aid and other factors, higher centrality in the health aid network is associated with better child survival rates in a sample of 110 low and middle income countries.

### **Stability: International Journal of Security & Development**

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### **Stanford Social Innovation Review**

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When the founder and long-time leader of an organization is replaced by someone new, it's generally thought that the founder should make a complete break so that there isn't any

confusion about who is in control. But recent research by The Bridgespan Group suggests that in the nonprofit world that may not be the best approach.

*Philanthropy & Funding*

### **The Civic Science Imperative**

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

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

### **Sustainability**

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### **Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases**

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### **UN Chronicle**

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### **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

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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

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### **World Heritage Review**

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### **World Journal of Emergency Medicine**

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