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Period ending 28 July 2018

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***To Our Readers: The Sentinel will resume publication on 18 August 2018
following the Editor's annual leave.***

:: Week in Review

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

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Global Governance

Crimea Declaration

Press Statement

Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State. Washington, DC

July 25, 2018

Russia, through its 2014 invasion of Ukraine and its attempted annexation of Crimea, sought to undermine a bedrock international principle shared by democratic states: that no country can change the borders of another by force. The states of the world, including Russia, agreed to this principle in the United Nations Charter, pledging to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. This fundamental principle — which was reaffirmed in the Helsinki Final Act — constitutes one of the foundations upon which our shared security and safety rests.

As we did in the Welles Declaration in 1940, the United States reaffirms as policy its refusal to recognize the Kremlin's claims of sovereignty over territory seized by force in contravention of international law. In concert with allies, partners, and the international community, the United States rejects Russia's attempted annexation of Crimea and pledges to maintain this policy until Ukraine's territorial integrity is restored.

The United States calls on Russia to respect the principles to which it has long claimed to adhere and to end its occupation of Crimea. As democratic states seek to build a free, just, and prosperous world, we must uphold our commitment to the international principle of sovereign equality and respect the territorial integrity of other states. Through its actions, Russia has acted in a manner unworthy of a great nation and has chosen to isolate itself from the international community.

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Human Rights

Global Disability Summit sparks 170 commitments to tackle stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities

The UK Government's first ever Global Disability Summit has yielded ambitious commitments from a host of governments and other organisations.

24 July 2018 DFID Press release

:: The Global Disability Summit has resulted in 170 ambitious commitments from all over the world to take action on stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities

:: The commitments follow the call to "move from rhetoric to action" from the International Development Secretary, Penny Mordaunt, in the build up to the Summit

:: 301 organisations and governments have signed the Charter for Change – an action plan to implement the UN International Convention on Disability

The UK Government's first ever Global Disability Summit has yielded ambitious commitments from a host of governments and other organisations to tackle discrimination and stigma against people with disabilities...

Among the most significant pledges made were commitments to pass transformative new laws to protect the rights of people with disabilities, as well as assurances to help those affected by humanitarian crises. There were also commitments to help people with disabilities to access vital technology and work with the private sector around the world to reduce their prices.

:: Nine national governments have committed to passing or formulating new or revised laws to give people with disabilities greater rights in the countries in which they live

:: 18 governments and other organisations have committed to new action plans on disability inclusion

:: 33 governments and other organisations have pledged to specifically support more people with disabilities affected by humanitarian crises – this includes the Australian government who will give \$16.4m to support disability inclusive action in response to the Syria crisis

:: Nine organisations and governments, including USAID, The World Health Organisation and UNICEF, have, along with the UK, joined the Global Partnership on assistive technology, aimed at transforming access to, and the affordability of, life changing devices and basic technology, like wheelchairs and glasses

Seven UN agencies attended the Summit, and they committed to change the way they include people with disabilities into their work...

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Featured Journal Content

The Lancet

Jul 28, 2018 Volume 392 Number 10144 p253-358

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

The Lancet Commissions

[Advancing global health and strengthening the HIV response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals: the International AIDS Society—Lancet Commission](#)

Linda-Gail Bekker, George Alleyne, Stefan Baral, Javier Cepeda, Demetre Daskalakis, David Dowdy, Mark Dybul, Serge Eholie, Kene Esom, Geoff Garnett, Anna Grimsrud, James Hakim, Diane Havlir, Michael T Isbell, Leigh Johnson, Adeeba Kamarulzaman, Parastu Kasaie, Michel Kazatchkine, Nduku Kilonzo, Michael Klag, Marina Klein, Sharon R Lewin, Chewe Luo, Keletso Makofane, Natasha K Martin, Kenneth Mayer, Gregorio Millett, Ntobeko Ntusi, Loyce Pace, Carey Pike, Peter Piot, Anton Pozniak, Thomas C Quinn, Jurgen Rockstroh, Jirair Ratevosian, Owen Ryan, Serra Sippel, Bruno Spire, Agnes Soucat, Ann Starrs, Steffanie A Strathdee, Nicholas Thomson, Stefano Vella, Mauro Schechter, Peter Vickerman, Brian Weir, Chris Beyrer

Key messages

:: The HIV pandemic is not on track to end, and the prevailing discourse on ending AIDS has bred a dangerous complacency and may have hastened the weakening of global resolve to combat HIV

:: Existing HIV tools and strategies are insufficient, and although dramatic gains can be made through maximizing existing prevention and treatment strategies, the HIV pandemic is likely to remain a major global challenge for the foreseeable future

:: Tens of millions of people will require sustained access to antiretroviral therapy for decades to come, vigilance will be needed to prevent a resurgence of the epidemic as the largest-ever generation of young people age into adolescence and young adulthood, and intensified efforts are required to address HIV among populations and settings that are being left behind

:: Allowing the pandemic to rebound after achieving such remarkable progress would not only increase the human and financial costs of HIV, but it would potentially demoralise the global health field and diminish support for similarly ambitious global health undertakings

:: A rejuvenated global effort on HIV is essential; to renew and strengthen the global HIV response, the world's impressive commitment to the scaling up of HIV treatment services must be matched by a similarly robust commitment to expanded access to HIV prevention

:: The HIV response must make common cause with the broader global health field to herald a new era of global solidarity for health, and specific action is urgently needed to respond to the rapidly rising health toll associated with non-communicable diseases, including taking health into account in the development of public policies of all kinds. HIV services should, where feasible, be integrated with broader health services, in co-located sites where possible, with the aim of improving both HIV-related and non-HIV-specific health outcomes; greater integration of HIV and global health must preserve and build on key attributes of the HIV response, including participatory community and civil society engagement and an ironclad commitment to human rights, gender equality, and equitable access to health and social justice

:: The new era of global health solidarity should focus on the development of robust, flexible, people-centred health systems to end communicable diseases, develop effective measures to address the steady rise of non-communicable diseases, achieve universal health coverage, provide coordinated services tailored to the needs of health service users, and effectively address the social and structural determinants of health.

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Featured Journal Content

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

August 2018 Volume 55, Issue 2, p133-280, e19-e52

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

Global Health Promotion and Prevention

[Human Rights as Political Determinants of Health: A Retrospective Study of North Korean Refugees](#)

Jiho Cha, Pamela J. Surkan, Jaeshin Kim, Isabel A. Yoon, Courtland Robinson, Barbara Lopes Cardozo, Hayoung Lee
p271–279

Published online: June 19, 2018

Introduction

The gravity, scale, and nature of human rights violations are severe in North Korea. Little is known about the mental health consequences of the lifelong exposures to these violations.

Methods

In 2014–2015, a retrospective study was conducted among 383 North Korean refugees in South Korea using respondent-driven sampling to access this hidden population. This study collected information on the full range of political and economic rights violations and measured post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression symptoms, and social functioning by standard instruments. Multivariate regression analysis was performed with the adjustment of political, economic, and demographic variables in 2016–2017.

Results

The results indicate elevated symptoms of anxiety (60.1%, 95% CI=54.3%, 65.7%), depression (56.3%, 95% CI=50.8%, 61.9%), and post-traumatic stress disorder (22.8%, 95% CI=18.6%, 27.4%), which are significantly associated with exposures to political rights violations (ten to 19 items versus non-exposure: anxiety AOR=16.78, $p<0.001$, depression AOR=12.52, $p<0.001$, post-traumatic stress disorder AOR=16.71, $p<0.05$), and economic rights violations (seven to 13 items versus non-exposure: anxiety AOR=5.68, $p<0.001$, depression AOR=4.23, $p<0.01$, post-traumatic stress disorder AOR=5.85, $p<0.05$). The mean score of social functioning was also lower in those who were exposed to political (adjusted difference=−13.29, $p<0.001$) and economic rights violations (adjusted difference=−11.20, $p<0.001$).

Conclusions

This study highlights mental health consequences of lifelong human rights violations in North Korea. Beyond the conventional approach, it suggests the need for a collaborative preventive response from global health and human rights activists to address human rights in regard to mental health determinants of the 20 million people in North Korea.

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Heritage Stewardship

[African Development Bank reiterates support for Lake Chad Basin Heritage Project](#)

25/07/2018 - The African Development Bank will continue its support for an environmental initiative to protect the shrinking Lake Chad - a source of water to millions of people in central and West Africa, the Bank's Director General for Central Africa Region, Ousmane Dore told UN bodies and representatives of west and central African UN missions.

In the past decade, the Bank has invested more than \$160 Million through regional projects aimed at fighting the ecological and humanitarian crises in the Lake Chad region.

The UNESCO Biosphere and Heritage of Lake Chad (BIOPALT) project, funded by the Bank, is a multi-disciplinary project, linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project is implemented in five countries within the Lake Chad area: Nigeria, Niger, Chad, Cameroon and the Central African Republic.

The lake has shrunk to nine tenths of its size due to climate change, population growth and irrigation. Addressing participants at the meeting, UNESCO Assistant Director General Flavia Schlegel described it as a platform for governments, UN agencies, civil society and academia to reflect on the relevance of adopting a multisectoral response to solving the region's humanitarian and ecological crisis.

The Lake Chad area is important for its terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity, but a 90% reduction in rainfall has affected more than 40 million people, Zacharie Serge Raoul Nyanid, Permanent Mission of Cameroon, said.

Dore who represented the Bank at the meeting, reiterated its commitment to work closely with the five member countries' governments to restore and rehabilitate degraded ecosystems, improve the livelihoods of the communities and bring back lasting peace in the region...

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Ebola - DRC

Ebola outbreak in DRC ends: WHO calls for international efforts to stop other deadly outbreaks in the country

24 July 2018

News Release - KINSHASA/GENEVA

Today marks the end of the ninth outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The World Health Organization (WHO) congratulates the country and all those involved in ending the outbreak, while urging them to extend this success to combatting other diseases in DRC.

WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, and Regional Director for Africa, Dr Matshidiso Moeti, joined Minister of Health Dr Oly Ilunga for the announcement in Kinshasa.

"The outbreak was contained due to the tireless efforts of local teams, the support of partners, the generosity of donors, and the effective leadership of the Ministry of Health. That kind of leadership, allied with strong collaboration between partners, saves lives," said Dr Tedros.

Unlike previous Ebola outbreaks in the country, this one involved four separate locations, including an urban centre with river connections to the capital and to neighbouring countries, as well as remote rainforest villages. There were initial concerns that the disease could spread to other parts of DRC, and to neighbouring countries.

Within hours of the outbreak being declared on 8 May, WHO released US\$2 million from its Contingency Fund for Emergencies, deployed a team to augment capacity in the field, and activated an emergency incident management system.

"WHO moved quickly and efficiently," said Dr Moeti, "We also demonstrated the tremendous capacity of the African region. More than three-quarters of the 360 people deployed to respond came from within the region. Dozens of experts from Guinea spent weeks leading Ebola vaccination efforts here, transferring expertise which will enable the DRC to mount an effective response both within its borders and beyond."

Dr Tedros urged the DRC Government and the international community to build on the positive momentum generated by the quick containment of the Ebola outbreak.

"This effective response to Ebola should make the Government and partners confident that other major outbreaks affecting the country such as cholera and polio can also be tackled," said Dr Tedros. "We must continue to work together, investing in strengthened preparedness and access to healthcare for the most vulnerable."

Funding

:: WHO's rapid response and scale up of operations in the DRC was funded by a total of US\$4 million disbursement from the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE).

:: WHO and partners appealed for US\$57 million to stop the spread of Ebola. The total funds received by all partners, as tracked by OCHA, amount to US\$63 million.

:: Funding towards WHO's contribution to the Ebola response was provided from: Italy (€ 300 000), UN CERF (US\$ 800 000), Gavi (US\$ 1 million), USAID (US\$ 5.3 million), Wellcome Trust and UK-DFID (US\$ 4.1 million), UK-DFID (£5 million), Germany (€5 million), Norway (NOK 8 million), Canada (CAD\$1 million), World Bank PEF (US\$ 6.8 million), Japan (US\$1.3 million), EU ECHO (€ 1.5 million) and from the Ebola MPTF (US\$ 428,000) bringing the total to approximately US\$ 36 million.

:: Germany's contribution is in recognition of the critical role the WHO CFE has played in responding to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and will go to replenish the CFE, which provided initial funds for the response efforts.

:: In-kind contributions for medical evacuation were received from Norway. EU ECHO support was provided for flights between Kinshasa and Mbandaka. Technical expertise was provided by Guinea, the UK, USA and Germany through the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN). Merck provided the vaccines that were used to protect over 3300 people.

WHO partners in the DRC Ebola response included the following:

The Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Red Cross of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo Red Cross), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF), the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa-CDC), the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US-CDC), ECHO, the Department for International Development (DFID), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, UNCERF, UNOCHA, MONUSCO, UNFPA, International Organization for Migration (IOM), the FAO Emergency Management Centre – Animal Health (EMC-AH), the International Humanitarian Partnership (IHP), Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET), the UK Public Health Rapid Support team, the EPIET Alumni Network (EAN), the International Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Emerging Diseases Clinical Assessment and Response Network (EDCARN), the World Bank and PATH. The Government of Guinea deployed more than 30 Ministry of Health staff to assist with the ring vaccination campaign, and Merck provided the Ebola vaccine. Additional coordination and technical support through the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), Association pour le développement de l'épidémiologie de terrain (EPITER), European Mobile Laboratory (EMLab), Infection Control Africa Network (ICAN), Institut Pasteur (IP), National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD), South Africa, Robert Koch Institut (RKI), and Emergency Medical Teams (EMT).

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Children in fragile states missing out on lifesaving vaccines - Gavi

New vaccination figures show millions more children being immunised in world's poorest countries.

Geneva, 26 July 2018 - Children in fragile states are being left behind in the global effort to improve immunisation rates in the world's poorest countries, an analysis by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance of the latest global immunisation statistics has shown.

For the 68 developing countries in which Gavi works, the latest WHO/UNICEF Estimates of National Immunisation Coverage (WUENIC) show that coverage for the basic Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis vaccine (DTP3) rose to 86% in 2017 from 80% in 2010, when fragile states are excluded.

However coverage has stagnated at 62% in fragile states. Five of the six Gavi-supported countries with less than 50% DTP3 coverage in 2017 were classed as fragile. The number of under-immunised children has also increased by 170,000 in Gavi-supported countries to 16.2 million children. Just under half of these children were in fragile countries.

In July 2017, Gavi introduced a new fragility, emergencies and refugee policy to boost the number of children receiving vaccines in fragile settings, especially among vulnerable populations. Bangladesh became the first country to take advantage of the policy in late 2017, carrying out Gavi-funded vaccination campaigns for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

"Over the last two decades we have made enormous progress in boosting vaccination coverage in many of the world's poorest countries," said Dr Seth Berkley, CEO of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. "Gavi is helping more children receive lifesaving vaccines than at any point in our history but millions of children are still being left behind, with half of these under-immunised children living in fragile countries. As an alliance we need to redouble our efforts and maintain our focus on routine immunisation as the most sustainable way to improve child health, strengthen health systems and boost economies."..

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 24 July 2018 [GPEI]

:: Strengthening vaccine trust in Pakistan: How a vaccine refuser became an advocate for polio eradication.

:: Disease surveillance innovations help defeat the poliovirus: Across the Lake Chad Basin, e-Surve technology is reshaping the way that the polio programme conducts disease surveillance.

Summary of new cases this week:

Afghanistan:

:: Following advance notification last week, one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case in Chawkay district, Kunar province, has been confirmed. The case had onset of paralysis on 22 June.

:: Five new WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in the past week. Two samples were collected in Kabul province on 26 June, two samples were collected in Kandahar province, one on 26 June and one on 5 July, and one sample was collected in Nangarhar province, on 26 June.

Pakistan:

:: Three new WPV1 positive environmental samples were reported in the past week. All samples were collected on 10 July, one in Islamabad province, one in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and one in Punjab province.

Nigeria:

:: Two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples detected in Sokoto State have been confirmed, following advance notification last week. The samples were collected on 5 June and 12 June.

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 28 Jul 2018]

Yemen

:: WHO airlifts 168 tonnes of life-saving medicines and medical supplies to Yemen

20 July 2018— Seven WHO-chartered aircraft have landed in Sana'a Airport this week, while between 30 to 50 tonnes of medicines and medical supplies reach Aden regularly by a UN ship run by the World Food Programme (WFP). In total this week more than 200 tonnes of life-saving medicines and medical supplies, and emergency equipment have been delivered in Yemen by WHO, in partnership with WFP and the logistic cluster, as health needs in Yemen grow at an alarming pace.

The shipments contain Interagency Emergency Health Kits (IEHK), surgical kits, cholera kits, intravenous (IV) fluids and various types of antibiotics which are much-needed by health facilities across the country, particularly in Hudaydah and Aden. Around 120 tonnes of these supplies will be distributed to Al Hudaydah as part of WHO plans to scale up health interventions in the governorates affected by the recent intensification of the military operations...

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

The Syrian Arab Republic - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 28 Jul 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.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syrian Arab Republic: Dar'a, Quneitra, As-Sweida Situation Report No. 4 as of 26 July 2018

Yemen

:: Yemen: Al Hudaydah Update Situation Report No. 9 - Reporting Period: 14 - 24 July 2018

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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.

Ethiopia - No new announcements identified.

Somalia - No new announcements identified.

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 28 Jul 2018]

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

27 July 2018

SC/13437

More than 7,000 Children Killed or Maimed Since Outbreak of Syria Crisis in 2011, Secretary-General's Special Representative Tells Security Council

The United Nations has verified that more than 7,000 children lost their lives or were maimed since the crisis in Syria erupted in 2011, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict told the Security Council today, noting that unverified reports escalate that figure "way beyond" 20,000.

24 July 2018

SC/13433

Outbreak of New Israel-Hamas Conflict 'Almost a Certainty', Special Coordinator for Middle East Peace Process Warns Security Council

The outbreak of a new conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip is "almost a certainty" unless the international community gets to work immediately to ease tensions on the ground, without losing sight of the broader aim of a sustainable peace, the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process told the Security Council today.

24 July 2018

GA/12042

General Assembly Unanimously Adopts Resolution Highlighting Decade of Action on Nutrition

Following expressions of condolences to the people of Argentina and Namibia for the recent deaths of two influential leaders, the General Assembly today unanimously adopted a resolution underlining

the importance of the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025), which highlights and encourages efforts towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal targets related to hunger, undernutrition and extreme poverty.

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

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

[UN Human Rights Chief deeply alarmed by reports of serious rights breaches in Cameroon](#)

[States must treat refugees and migrants as rights holders and act to prevent trafficking and exploitation](#)

[Kenya: Stop forced evictions from Nairobi's Kibera settlement, say UN rights experts](#)

[Press briefing note on Zimbabwe](#)

[UN Human Rights Committee publishes findings on Bahrain, Algeria, the Gambia, Liberia, Lithuania, and Lao People's Democratic Republic](#)

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 28 Jul 2018]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/culturalrights/pages/srculturalrightsindex.aspx>

Latest news

[Egypt: UN human rights experts urge release of poet/songwriter](#)

26 July 2018

[Spain: UN experts welcome proposal for Truth Commission](#)

25 July 2018

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 28 Jul 2018]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/poverty/pages/srextremepovertyindex.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

24 Jul 2018

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict Join Forces to Address the Root Causes of Sexual Violence

UN OCHA [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

23 July 2018

South Sudan: Humanitarian Coordinator condemns attacks on aid workers, facilities in Maban

22 July 2018

Essential services on verge of shutting down in Gaza due to lack of emergency fuel

23 July 2018

Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq Ms. Marta Ruedas on the one-year anniversary of the liberation of Mosul city [EN/AR/KU]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

Rohingya refugee children face onset of deadly monsoon rains

27/07/2018

Press release

Nearly 25 per cent of boys aged 15 out of school in the State of Palestine

Adolescent boys out of school due to the low quality of education, lack of relevance to their young lives, physical and emotional violence in schools, and conflict
26/07/2018

Press release

Children affected by floods in Laos need urgent support

UNICEF and partners working to save lives and reach the most vulnerable children
25/07/2018

Press release

Every three minutes a teenage girl is infected by HIV – UNICEF

Teenage girls bear brunt of a far-from-over HIV/AIDS epidemic
24/07/2018

Statement

Access to water continues to be jeopardized for millions of children in war-torn Yemen

Statement attributable to Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director in the Middle East and North Africa
24/07/2018

Press release

DRC Ebola epidemic ends, but ongoing vigilance is essential to keeping children safe from future outbreaks – UNICEF

24/07/2018

Statement

UNICEF Executive Director remarks at the Global Disability Summit, as prepared

24/07/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR to facilitate emergency humanitarian resettlement from Jordan

22 Jul 2018

Upon request of several member states, including the United Kingdom, Canada and Germany, and authorized by the Government of Jordan, the United Nations received 422 Syrian citizens from southern Syria who are at risk and seeking asylum and solutions in above mentioned countries...

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

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

Selected Announcements

More Support Vital for 970,000 Displaced People in Ethiopia's Gedeo, West Guji

2018-07-27 17:00

Dilla – Roughly 970,000 people have been internally displaced by conflict in Ethiopia's Gedeo Zone and West Guji in the past four months, the majority in June.

IOM Staff Tackle Floods and Landslides to Support Rohingya Refugees During Monsoon

2018-07-27 16:55

Cox's Bazar – UN Migration Agency (IOM) staff have been working round the clock this week, as monsoon downpours caused flooding and landslides in Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, where almost one million people are living in bamboo and tarpaulin shelters after fleeing...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 55,001 in 2018; Deaths 1,504

2018-07-27 16:50

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 55,001 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea through 25 July 2018. That total compares to 111,753 at this time last year, and over 250,000 at this time in 2016.

UNAIDS [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

27 July 2018

Defending the rights of people living with HIV at community level in the Russian Federation **Read**

26 July 2018

How HIV treatment numbers are shown to be accurate

26 July 2018

Sustaining the HIV response in Latin America

25 July 2018

Reaching the 10-10-10 will put Europe on track to achieving the SDG targets

24 July 2018

Health leaders from 10 countries in eastern Europe and central Asia reaffirm commitment to scale up the AIDS response

24 July 2018

Global HIV Prevention Coalition implements the HIV Prevention 2020 Road Map

WHO & Regional Offices [to 28 Jul 2018]

Ebola outbreak in DRC ends: WHO calls for international efforts to stop other deadly outbreaks in the country 24 July 2018

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

:: No Vaccine Derived Polio Outbreak in Uganda 27 July 2018

South Sudan strengthens preparedness and response for Ebola and other deadly diseases through Emergency risk communication 27 July 2018

WHO Director General: Republic of Congo can transform its primary health care into a model for other nations 27 July 2018

Nigeria to avert over 160,000 deaths in children yearly, with introduction of rotavirus vaccine into immunization schedule. 24 July 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: New course to improve nutrition programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (07/25/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new announcements identified.*

WHO European Region EURO

:: Universal access to testing and treatment is key to eliminating viral hepatitis 26-07-2018

:: Toolkit to help European Region move towards sustainable health workforce now available online 26-07-2018

:: WHO calls for urgent action to accelerate HIV response in eastern Europe and central Asia 23-07-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: WHO thanks Kuwait for the generous support to the people of Yemen 26 July 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Candidates announced for next WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific

MANILA, 27 JULY 2018 – The list of candidates for the next Regional Director of the Western Pacific was today sent by World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to all Members of WHO's Western Pacific Region. The candidates are as follows:

:: Dr Narimah Awini, proposed by Malaysia

:: Dr Takeshi Kasai, proposed by Japan

:: Dr Susan Mercado, proposed by the Philippines

:: Dr Colin Tukuitonga, proposed by New Zealand

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

[UN calls for more support for people with disabilities](#)

Saying a world free from discrimination was possible, the head of UNDP Achim Steiner urged nations to work together to ensure equal rights for people with disabilities.
Posted on July 24, 2018

Bad laws and discrimination undermining AIDS response

Discrimination against vulnerable and marginalized communities is seriously hampering the global effort to tackle the HIV epidemic according to a groundbreaking new report by the Global Commission on...

Posted on July 22, 2018

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

25 July 2018

Call for Submissions: Good Practices, Success Stories and Lessons Learned in SDG Implementation

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

27 Jul 2018

Urban resilience expert to chair ARISE

GENEVA, 27 July, 2018 - The business professional who pioneered the Disaster Resilience Scorecard for Cities has been elected as the new co-chair of ARISE, the UNISDR private sector partnership.

Dale Sands of MD Sands Consulting Solutions will serve for two years as ARISE co-chair alongside Mami Mizutori, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, and he brings a wealth of experience in studying urban resilience to his new role.

ARISE currently comprises 140 members representing a broad swathe of industry and private sector interests and is committed to mobilizing the business community to implement the global plan for reducing disaster losses, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030...

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 28 Jul 2018]
<https://www.un.org/development/desa/en/news.html>

27 July 2018, New York

[New ECOSOC president to revive 'deliberative function' of forum](#)

UNESCO [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

28 July 2018

[UNESCO and EU partner to improve youth opportunities and heritage restoration in Yemen](#)

26 July 2018

[Twenty-four new sites join UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves](#)

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

27/07/2018 –

[Message of United Nations Secretary-General on the International Day Against Trafficking in Persons](#)

27/07/2018 –

[Statement of the UNODC Executive Director on World Day against Trafficking in Persons](#)

25/07/2018 –

[Statement of the UNODC Executive Director on World Hepatitis Day](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Posted July 26, 2018

[Mr. Victor Kisob of Cameroon – Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme \(UN-Habitat\)](#)

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Victor Kisob of Cameroon as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). He succeeds Aisa Kirabo Kacyira of Rwanda, to...

[Renowned Architect Designs Refugee Shelters](#)

Nairobi, 23 July 2018 – World renowned architect Shigeru Ban paid his second visit to the Kalobeyei Refugee Settlement in Turkana County where houses are being constructed based on shelter models he has designed for refugees in...

Posted July 25, 2018

[Supporting Afghanistan in building Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaption](#)

24th July 2018, Kabul. UN-Habitat Afghanistan hosted a three-day Training of Trainers workshop on Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into Sustainable Development

in close cooperation with Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority (ANMDA), senior representatives...

Posted July 24, 2018

UN-Habitat calls for nominations for Scroll of Honour Award

Nairobi, Kenya 23 July 2018 – UN-Habitat is calling for nominations for its prestigious Scroll of Honour Award given to those who have made a significant, long lasting impact in the field of urbanization. UN-Habitat, which works...

Posted July 23, 2018

UN-Habitat supports Afghans to pay fairer property tax more easily

Kabul, Afghanistan, July 2018: The protracted conflict in Afghanistan and migration in search for better economic opportunities have led to unprecedented population growth in cities. Improving living conditions for burgeoning city populations is critical for prosperous and...

Posted July 23, 2018

Thousands of Sri Lankan students learn from gardens in schools

Mannar, Sri Lanka, July 2018 – Engaging students in environmentally friendly activities is improving overall performance and attendance in schools across Sri Lanka, giving hope to thousands of students who are returning after being displaced by conflict...

Posted July 23, 2018

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

26-07-2018

Acting early to prevent humanitarian emergencies

Intervening early in countries predicted to be hit by natural disasters can prevent threats from becoming humanitarian emergencies, or can mitigate their impacts, according to a new report released by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) today.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Social protection

More than half of Latin American workers are not covered by contributory social security:

ILO

27 July 2018

New report highlights risks for the future of work and social protection in the region.

International AIDS Conference 2018

Survey highlights persistent discrimination against people living with HIV

26 July 2018

Many people living with HIV lose their jobs or cannot find one because of their HIV status, says study.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/Home.aspx>
No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]
<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release>
Publish Date: 26 July 2018

Aeronautical meteorology supports safe and efficient aviation industry

Aviation safety and efficiency, environmental risks and protection, as well as extreme weather and climate change impacts are on the agenda of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://www.unido.org/news-centre/news.html>
No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 28 Jul 2018]
https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/
By Clare Naden on 25 July 2018

Improving customer satisfaction with updated ISO series of standards

We all know that retaining loyal, happy customers is the key to any successful business, but the fickle consumer world is not always easy to please. A series of guidelines has just been published, bringing together international best practice on customer satisfaction.

By Clare Naden on 24 July 2018

Getting upgraded: newly improved guidelines for testing machine-readable passports just out

Passports have come a long way since the days of clunky hand-written books and long(er) immigration queues. These days, the technology is as slick as the security is strict. Ensuring machine-readable passports work effectively and last their lifetime is therefore a rigorous procedure. ISO and IEC internationally...

ISO/IEC 18745-1:2018, Test methods for machine readable travel documents (MRTD) and associated devices – Part 1: Physical test methods for passport books (durability), now replaces the ICAO's own technical report for durability, specifying the minimum criteria to be achieved in order to meet ICAO's expectations.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://media.unwto.org/news>
23 July 2018

UNWTO launches an online Platform to Achieve SDGs through Tourism

Madrid, Spain, 23 July 2018 - Promoting a greater engagement of the tourism sector with sustainable

development is the main objective of the Tourism for SDGs Platform. The online tool is designed to advance the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through tourism, and was developed by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) with the support of Switzerland's State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom](#)

July 26, 2018

Remarks

At USAID, we see freedom of worship as an essential element in our pursuit of government that is citizen-centered and citizen-responsive. It is inseparable from freedoms of expression, assembly, association, and freedom from discrimination; yet a third reason why USAID believes this topic is so timely and important is a much more practical one. In order for us as an agency to be able to accomplish our core purposes, our core mission, whether it be in development assistance or in humanitarian relief, we need to reach corners in communities where governments cannot effectively go or where they have chosen not to go. We must be able to touch people who have been left behind, people who have been forgotten. In many settings, being able to partner with the community of faith, with faith-based organizations, enables us to do just that...

[Statement by U.S. Agency for International Development Spokesperson Clayton M. McCleskey on the Launch of the 2018 Feed the Future Progress Snapshot](#)

July 26, 2018

This week, USAID announced the launch of the 2018 Progress Snapshot for Feed the Future, America's initiative to combat global hunger. The report shows that in Feed the Future partner countries, an estimated 23.4 million more people live above the poverty line, and 3.4 million more children have escaped the devastating, life-long consequences of poor nutrition early in life since the initiative began.

[United States Announces \\$170 Million in Humanitarian Assistance to Help Vulnerable People in Ethiopia who are Facing Displacement and Food Insecurity](#)

July 24, 2018

Today the United States announced an additional \$170 million in humanitarian assistance to support the people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, many of whom left their homes because of

escalating conflict or natural disaster, and who are facing severe food insecurity as a result. This additional funding brings the total U.S. humanitarian contribution for Ethiopia to more than \$802 million since October 2016.

DFID [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

[UK to double support for Palestinian economy to advance peace with Israel](#)

27 July 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid helps Welsh charity to train Ethiopian beekeepers](#)

27 July 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid raises the voices of grassroots HIV organisations](#)

25 July 2018 DFID Press release

[UK aid helps end Ebola outbreak in Democratic Republic of the Congo - potentially preventing it "reaching our shores"](#)

25 July 2018 DFID and PHE Press release

[Global Disability Summit sparks 170 commitments to tackle stigma and discrimination against people with disabilities](#)

24 July 2018 DFID Press release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[UK calls for action to address 'global injustice' of discrimination against disabled people](#)

24 July 2018 DFID Press release

[Resettlement of White Helmets from Syria: statement](#)

22 July 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

ECHO [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

[Statement by Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides on the end of the Ebola outbreak in the DRC](#)

25/07/2018

The World Health Organisation has today declared the Ebola virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo to be over. These are welcome news. Today our thoughts are with the victims and the brave health workers who fought on the frontline...

[EU mobilises support following devastating fires in Greece, Sweden and Latvia](#)

24/07/2018

The European Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre is working around the clock and is in constant contact with the authorities of Greece, Sweden, and Latvia, which have all requested EU support following the unprecedented forest...

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African Union [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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July 26, 2018

Statement of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission on the end of the Ebola Outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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

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

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No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

25/07/2018

EU Facility for Refugees in Turkey: EUR 400 million Special Measure on education adopted

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 25 July 2018 The European Commission has approved a new assistance package worth €400 million, for the education of Syrian refugees in Turkey. This is the first action adopted following the agreement by EU Member States to finance an additional €3 billion for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey....

Managing migration: Commission expands on disembarkation and controlled centre concepts

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 24 July 2018 . Following the call by EU leaders at the June European Council, the Commission is today expanding on the concept of controlled centres as well as short-term measures that could be taken to improve the processing of migrants being disembarked in...

OECD [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

25/07/2018

ISF ADOPTS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR 36 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has approved financial assistance for 37 development projects with a total value of USD 1.490 million in some OIC Arab Member States.

OIC: Assistance for the Educational and Developmental Projects for the African Group

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), represented by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) has approved financial allocations for the benefit of 16 educational and developmental projects in Member States of the African Group.

24/07/2018

Group of 77 [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

26 July 2018

WCO publishes 2018 edition of SAFE Framework of Standards

Today, the WCO published the 2018 edition of the SAFE Framework of Standards, following its adoption by the Council - the Organization's highest decision-making body - at the end of June 2018. The Framework provides baseline international standards to secure and facilitate global trade. It is updated every three years to ensure that it remains relevant and reflects new opportunities, challenges and associated solutions.

Launched in 2005, this unique instrument ushered in modern supply chain security standards, heralding the beginning of a new approach to the end-to-end management of goods moving across borders while recognizing the significance of a closer partnership between Customs and businesses...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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Monitoring report shows increase of new trade restrictions from WTO members

25 July 2018

WTO members introduced more trade-restrictive measures from mid-October 2017 to mid-May 2018 compared to the previous review period (mid-October 2016 to mid-October 2017), according to the

Director-General's mid-year report on trade-related developments presented to members on 25 July at a meeting of the Trade Policy Review Body. While WTO members continued to implement more trade-facilitating than trade-restrictive measures, the value of trade covered by the restrictive measures rose and the value covered by facilitating measures fell. The report draws attention to this shift, and to the fact that it is taking place at a time of heightened trade tensions and associated rhetoric, which should be of concern to the international community.

DG Azevêdo: Now is the time to speak up for trade and the trading system

24 July 2018

At a meeting of the full WTO membership today (24 July), Director-General Roberto Azevêdo outlined the economic and systemic threats posed by the growing tensions in global trade and called on "everyone who believes in trade as a force for good" to speak up in its defence.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

29 June 2018

Are parliamentary democracies in danger? International Day of Parliamentarism

Data on parliaments shows a mixed picture on 30 June, the first International Day of Parliamentarism. This date was chosen by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution 72/278 as it coincides with the foundation of the IPU – the global organization of parliaments – in 1889. Using its unique, worldwide vantage point, the IPU can offer a snapshot of the state of parliaments in 2018.

International Court of Justice [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

26 July 2018

Press release No. 2018/38

Alleged violations of the 1955 Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights (Islamic Republic of Iran v. United States of America) - Request for the indication of provisional measures - The Court to hold public hearings from Monday 27 to Thursday 30 August 2018

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

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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Date: July 26, 2018 Type: *Press Release*

World Bank Canadian Dollar Benchmark Bond Highlights Benefits of Investing in Women and Young People

Washington, D.C, July 26, 2018—The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD rated Aaa/AAA) launched a Sustainable Development Bond to raise awareness for the significant...

New Inclusive Education Initiative for Children with Disabilities announced by DFID, Norad, and the World Bank

LONDON, July 26, 2018 — On the occasion of this week's Global Disability Summit, and recognizing that children with disabilities continue to be among the most marginalized and excluded from education opportunities...

Date: July 26, 2018 Type: Press Release

World Bank Group Commitments on Disability-Inclusive Development

COMMITMENT 1: Inclusive Education 1.1. Building on the objective of SDG 4 ("ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all"), we aim to make all...

Date: July 24, 2018 Type: Brief

Trade Logistics Gap Persists Between Developed and Developing Countries

Report finds advanced economies remain leaders on trade logistics WASHINGTON, July 24, 2018—Advanced economies remain the global leaders in trade logistics, finds Connecting to Compete, a new World Bank...

Date: July 24, 2018 Type: Press Release

World Bank Group Announces New Commitments on Disability Inclusion

LONDON, July 24, 2018 – Today, at the Global Disability Summit, co-hosted by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID) in partnership with the Government of Kenya and the International...

Date: July 24, 2018 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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July 24, 2018

The Pursuit of Inclusive Growth in Africa

Tao Zhang, IMF Deputy Managing Director

Speech, BRICS Summit, South Africa

African Development Bank Group [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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27/07/2018

Tunisia launches pilot project to use drones for data collection in agricultural sector

- Tunisia and the African Development Bank have signed an agreement for the launch of a pilot project to use drones for data collection to enhance management of agricultural projects in the country.

African Development Bank Signs US\$41 million grant agreement for Sudan's Agriculture Value Chain Development Project

27/07/2018 - The African Development Bank on Thursday signed a US\$41-million grant agreement with Republic of Sudan to finance a public sector Agriculture Value Chain Development Project in the country.

African Development Bank reiterates support for Lake Chad Basin Heritage Project

25/07/2018 - The African Development Bank will continue its support for an environmental initiative to protect the shrinking Lake Chad - a source of water to millions of people in central and West Africa. *[See Week in Review above for more detail]*

Asian Development Bank [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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26 Jul 2018

ADB Reaffirms Commitment to Support People with Disabilities in Asia

ADB reaffirmed its commitment to support the rights of people with disabilities in Asia and the Pacific by signing the Charter for Change and announcing nine specific commitments at the Global Disability Summit in London.

26 Jul 2018

ADB Launches Strategy 2030 to Respond to Changing Needs of Asia and Pacific

ADB's Board of Directors has approved a new long-term corporate strategy, Strategy 2030, that sets out the institution's broad vision and strategic response to the evolving needs of Asia and the Pacific.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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Beijing, China, July 26, 2018

AIIB Welcomes HK Contribution of USD10 Million to Help Low-Income Countries in Asia

Hong Kong, China will contribute USD10 million to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Project Preparation Special Fund, according to AIIB President Jin Lique and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Chief Executive Carrie Lam. The fund provides grant support to low-income members of AIIB to help them prepare high-quality infrastructure projects.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

26 Jul 18

IFAD supports G20 initiatives to promote land management and rural youth employment

Rome – Ahead of his address to the Group of Twenty (G20) Ministers of Agriculture Meeting this week, Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural

Development (IFAD), offered the institution's full support for efforts to increase the sustainable production of nutritious foods.

"Sustainably feeding a growing population will take collective action and IFAD stands ready to partner with the G20 to achieve this," Hounbo said prior to his departure for Buenos Aires. "With small family farms supplying up to 80 per cent of the food produced in developing countries, it has never been more critical to invest in these farmers, providing the tools for them to better manage their land and ensure the health and productivity of their soil in the face of a changing climate."...

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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 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Thursday, 26 July, 2018

Amref Medical Specialist Consortium Makes its Inaugural Surgical Outreach Mission to Dadaab

Thursday, 26 July, 2018

Amref Health Africa in Kenya through the Amref Medical Specialist Consortium (AMSC) in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) organised a week long general surgical mission at the IRC and Red Cross Hospital located within the Dadaab Refugee Camp.

This is after IRC and Amref Health Africa in Kenya entered into an agreement to provide reverse referral services to Dadaab Refugee Camp effective July 2018. The partnership marks the first service offered by AMSC since its inception last year. AMSC builds on the existing Amref Outreach Programme through which locally relevant models of medical specialist outreach services are delivered. Reverse referral implies taking doctors to the patients instead of referring patients to another hospital for a specialised treatment.

Throughout the week, two visiting specialists – Dr Philemon Too, a General Surgeon, and Mr Mahalon Owino, a Radiographer/Sonographer – attended to scores of patients, mainly refugees, at the IRC Hospital located in Fafi Constituency and Ifo in Lagdera Constituency at the Dadaab Refugee complex. Dr Too was stationed at IRC and Red Cross hospital while Mr Owino was stationed at IFO 2 Hospital...

Aravind Eye Care System [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 25, 2018

Agriculture and nutrition: Exploring the links and disconnects

by Bibi-Aisha Wadvalla

Bangladesh is largely an agricultural-based economy. According to the World Bank, almost half of all workers are directly employed by agriculture. The sector is credited with greatly reducing the country's poverty rate due to rapid growth.

CARE International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

25th Jul 2018

CARE calls for an end to targeted violence against aid workers in South Sudan

CARE has joined United Nations and civil society organisations in South Sudan to denounce recent attacks on aid workers and destruction of property in Maban County.

Joint INGO Statement: Fresh Displacement Increasing Humanitarian Needs in Ethiopia

23rd Jul 2018

At least 1 million people, the majority of whom being women and children are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance following recent inter-communal conflict in Ethiopia.

Clubhouse International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

24-07-2018 | *News release*

[Sudan: 18,000 families receive seeds and food assistance in Central Darfur state](#)

18,000 families in the Jebel Marra region of Darfur are receiving seeds and food assistance from the ICRC.

IFRC [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Africa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

[IFRC Secretary General's Statement on the end of the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo \(DRC\)](#)

25 July 2018

Greece

[Red Cross teams on the ground in Greece as wildfires continue to rage](#)

Athens/Geneva 24 July 2018 – Red Cross teams are providing first aid and support as part of a huge search and rescue effort for people who have been caught in deadly wildfires that are raging across areas near Athens, Greece. More than 50 people are fe ...

24 July 2018

Asia Pacific, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, New Zealand, Philippines, United States

[New report shows risk of gender-based violence rises after disasters](#)

Kuala Lumpur/Geneva, 24 July 2018 – More must be done to protect women, men and children from sexual and gender-based violence after disasters, say the authors of a new report written by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies ...

24 July 2018

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

Yemen: IRC-supported health facility damaged overnight as the Saudi-led Coalition launches airstrikes in Hodeidah city

July 27, 2018

Press Release

IRC statement on Trump Administration's failure to meet July 26th deadline to reunite families

July 26, 2018

Perspective

As economy buckles, Venezuelans forced to flee, undertake desperate measures to survive

July 26, 2018

Perspective

In advance of State Department Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom, IRC Urges U.S. Re-Commitment to Refugee Resettlement

July 23, 2018

IRCT [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

News 24 Jul 2018

Annual report 2017

Islamic Relief [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Landsea [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Sierra Leone

Winning people's trust in healthcare

Project Update 27 Jul 2018

Chad

MSF opens emergency nutrition programme in N'Djamena

Press Release 27 Jul 2018

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreak

Ministry of Health declares Ebola epidemic over

Project Update 25 Jul 2018

..."Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) welcomes this announcement and the end of the Ebola epidemic," says MSF medical director Dr Micaela Serafini.

"Since the beginning of the outbreak, MSF set up its medical response along with national health authorities, providing care, isolation of patients and health promotion activities, in addition to participating in epidemiological surveillance and safe burials in Mbandaka, Bikoro, Itipo and Iboko.

Along with the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO), MSF also participated in an investigational vaccination to hold off the spread of the virus. The data is still being analysed, but we are encouraged that this vaccination – as well as the rapid international response and concerted outreach efforts into remote communities – contributed to stemming the spread of this deadly virus. Vaccination provides an additional tool for fighting such epidemics...

Libya

Stop arbitrary detention of refugees and migrants disembarked in Libya

Statement 25 Jul 2018

Annual Report

International Activity Report 2017

24 Jul 2018

South Sudan

MSF suspends the majority of medical activities in Maban area after a violent attack

Statement 24 Jul 2018 [*South Sudan*]

Yemen

"In Taiz, people are still hopeful for a stronger future."

Interview 23 Jul 2018

HIV/AIDS

Stopping Senseless Deaths: Overcoming access barriers to affordable, lifesaving diagnostics and treatments for HIV and opportunistic infections

Report 23 Jul 2018

This technical brief analyses access barriers to affordable, lifesaving diagnostics and treatments for HIV and OIs, including adult and paediatric formulations of dolutegravir – a highly effective and tolerable HIV integrase inhibitor that replaces efavirenz in first-line treatment regimens. Updated antiretroviral drug pricing information is also provided.

HIV/AIDS

Pfizer and GSK's HIV/AIDS division, ViiV, prevents children with HIV from getting needed medicine [dolutegravir]

Press Release 23 Jul 2018

HIV/AIDS

Towards Peer-Led HIV and SRH Services for Sex Workers and Men...

Report 23 Jul 2018

HIV/AIDS

Meeting the specific needs of key populations living with HIV

Project Update 23 Jul 2018

Mercy Corps [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Program Schedule

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

Operation Smile changes lives, even their own

News

Posted 7/25/2018

A short story on the Magee family on how Operation Smile has changed their lives over the years.

OXFAM [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Oxfam training 119 staff to become investigators and invests over €2m as part of package to strengthen safeguarding worldwide

26 July 2018

Oxfam has trained 119 staff to become new safeguarding investigators as part of its commitment to contribute to improve safeguarding work across the humanitarian and aid sector as a whole.

Young people in Latin America still think violence against women is "normal": Oxfam

25 July 2018

Oxfam has revealed in a report published today that male violence against women remains very much a part of life for young Latin Americans, who still consider it "normal."

Ebola outbreak ends in the Democratic Republic of Congo

24 July 2018

In response to the announcement today, that the latest Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo has officially ended, Oxfam warns that the communities affected still need support to rebuild.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Published 25. Jul 2018

Keeping her family safe from Cholera

Nashon Tado|Published 25. Jul 2018

Selina learnt about the need to stay clear of diseases the hard way - as a refugee from South Sudan, she has witnessed more people dying from cholera than bullets.

Children in DR Congo traumatised by war

Ephrem Chiruzza|Published 24. Jul 2018

After conflict erupted two years ago in the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Kasai-Central province, thousands of children were left traumatised in the wake of their war-time suffering.

Pact [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Jul 24, 2018

Treating Mind and Body: Mental Health Care Expanding in Lesotho

It was a story no doctor wants to tell. But at Botšabelo Hospital in Maseru, Lesotho, during a recent training on mental health care, a doctor related the story of a man who had successfully completed two grueling years of treatment for multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, or MDR-TB—only to succumb to a different, devastating illness, that far too often goes unseen.

PATH [to 28 Jul 2018]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/>

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Thursday 26 July 2018

A siege of Hodeidah could have devastating consequences, warns Save the Children's

Malnutrition and risk of a severe cholera outbreak could endanger the lives of thousands

Wednesday 25 July 2018

Save the Children to respond to catastrophic dam collapse in Laos

Save the Children staff in Laos are preparing an emergency response after at least 10 people were killed and hundreds more left missing when a dam collapsed in the south of the country. Casualties are expected to rise in the coming days.

The saddle dam - part of a hydropower dam which is under construction – collapsed at 8pm local time on Monday after heavy rains, sending 5,000 million cubic metres of water crashing through eight villages in Sanamxay district in the southeast of the country.

Tuesday 24 July 2018

FRESH DISPLACEMENT INCREASING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS IN ETHIOPIA

At least 1 million people, the majority of whom being women and children are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance following recent inter-communal conflict in Ethiopia.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Brazil – 27 July 2018

Offering support for Venezuelan refugees

SOS Children's Villages is making homes available to families crossing the border, says emergency response coordinator Sergio Marques.

SOS Children's Villages Brazil is mobilising to help children and families from Venezuela who have sought refuge in the country. An estimated 1.5 million Venezuelans have been displaced over the past year, many seeking refuge in neighbouring Colombia and Brazil.

The Brazilian government estimates that 800 Venezuelans arrive in Brazil every day and more than 70,000 have crossed the border in the past year. Most cross the border near Pacaraima, in Brazil's northern Roraima state, and continue for another 200 kilometers to capital Boa Vista. More than 40,000 Venezuelans are refugees in the state of Roraima, mainly living in Boa Vista and Pacaraima...

Tostan [to 28 Jul 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 28 Jul 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

Wednesday, July 25th 2018

World Vision Statement Regarding our Past Engagement with Islamic Relief Agency in Sudan

World Vision's work in Sudan is focused on improving the lives of the most vulnerable children.

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

<http://cmfr-phil.org/media-ethics-responsibility/>
No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release
No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 28 Jul 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>
Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research
No new digest content identified.

Transparency International [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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ChildFund Alliance [to 28 Jul 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

July 25, 2018 / *Blog*

[Member spotlight: Saving children's lives with a 'yellow carpet' - ChildFund Korea](#) i

CONCORD [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Jul 24, 2018

[How can we measure coherence? HLPF and progress trackers – from Rilli Lappalainen](#)

Blogpost from Rilli Lappalainen – Policy coherence for sustainable development is finally starting to break through both in political documents and speeches. Now the development of an indicator measuring the sustainable development target 17.14 on coherence has also been started. Read Rilli's feedback on the High-Level Political Forum 2018 and get an insight on the progress done in policy coherence for sustainable development.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

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

The Elders [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

END Fund [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 28 Jul 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

26 July 2018

Children in fragile states missing out on lifesaving vaccines

New vaccination figures show millions more children being immunised in world's poorest countries.

[See Milestones/Perspectives above for more detail]

25 July 2018

Ebola vaccine praised as Congo outbreak declared over

DRC government officially declares end of outbreak following the vaccination of over 3,000 people.

Global Fund [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

News

Global Fund Joins AIDS 2018 to Break Barriers and Build Bridges

25 July 2018

At the International AIDS Conference, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria joined efforts to accelerate the end of the HIV epidemic, linking civil society, scientific experts and policymakers from all over the world on the conference theme of breaking barriers and building bridges.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

GCR Debrief Meeting with NGOs

July, 2018

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Jul 25, 2018 *Blog*

[Social Inclusion: The Key to Effective Global Development](#)

The global development community is pursuing historic and ambitious goals. They include: eliminating extreme...

Start Network [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 28 Jul 2018]

<http://www.3ieimpact.org/en/about/>

No new digest content identified.

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

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

26/07/2018

[Project FAIR: Updating on research on fair remuneration](#)

Project FAIR continues to build on the research that was done through Project FAIR and is in the process of developing an online toolkit for organisations that are considering reviewing their reward system, to help walk them through various things to think about before deciding what is appropriate for their organisation.

Development Initiatives [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Jul 27, 2018

[Africa Office to host SDGs Kenya Forum](#)

News

Development Initiatives' Africa Office will host the SDGs Kenya Forum in 2018.

The SDGs Kenya Forum and Development Initiatives (DI) have agreed that the forum's secretariat, including National Coordinator Ms Florence Syevuo, will be hosted in DI's Nairobi offices throughout 2018.

This partnership, which is expected to lead to even deeper collaboration between both organisations, will support forum members' work around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – including contributing to national reporting, building capacity among key decision-makers, and raising awareness at the county level...

Jul 25, 2018

DI signs the Global Disability Summit's Charter for Change

News

Development Initiatives (DI) has joined more than three hundred organisations worldwide in calling for greater progress towards ensuring the rights, freedoms, dignity and inclusion of all persons with disabilities.

As a signatory to the Charter for Change, DI commits to ten specific goals – including the collection and use of better data to characterise the challenges faced by people with disabilities, the prioritisation of the people being left furthest behind, and the elimination of stigma and discrimination against them.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 25, 2018

If You Build It, Will They Consume? Key Challenges for Universal, Reliable, and Low-Cost Electricity Delivery in Kenya - Working Paper 491

Kenya's rapid electrification in the past decade has improved the lives of millions, but significant challenges remain. This paper provides analysis that shows electrification can be improved by considering cheaper options that still meet the needs of low consumers and that low consumption is a first-order problem for the sustainability of utilities.

ODI [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Adolescents with disabilities denied access to basic education and health services – new report

Press release | 23 July 2018

ODI research highlights the widespread discrimination and social exclusion faced by adolescents with disabilities in low- and middle-income countries

Disability inclusion and disaster risk reduction: overcoming barriers to progress

Briefing papers | July 2018 | John Twigg, Maria Kett and Emma Lovell

This briefing note identifies five key challenges that must be addressed in order to promote disability inclusion in disaster risk reduction and response.

Urban Institute [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 26, 2018

Brief

How Would the President's Proposed 2019 Budget Affect Spending on Children?

If the Trump administration's 2019 budget were to be fully adopted, federal spending on children would be 6 percent lower over the next 10 years, compared with spending projections under current law. The largest proportional cuts would be to spending on early education and care programs, which would be reduced by 26 percent below baseline projections for 2019–28. Education spending on children would be reduced by 19 percent,

Cary Lou, Julia B. Isaacs, Ashley Hong

Real Denial Rates

This paper updates the current denial rate for mortgages using the Real Denial Rate (RDR) methodology developed in 2014. The RDR improves upon the traditional denial rate measurement because it takes into account the differences in credit worthiness among borrowers. Accordingly, our RDR more accurately reveals the current levels of mortgage credit accessibility. Our updated results show that conventional mortgages have higher

Laurie Goodman, Bing Bai, Wei Li

July 26, 2018

Research Report

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

The July 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing agency refinance shares, housing credit availability, and first-time homebuyer share.

Laurie Goodman, Alanna McCargo, Edward Golding, Jim Parrott, Sheryl Pardo, Todd M. Hill, Jun Zhu, Bing Bai, Karan Kaul, Bhargavi Ganesh, Sarah Storchak, Andrea Reyes

July 25, 2018

Research Report

Data Philanthropy: Unlocking the Power of Private Data for Public Good

In the era of big data, private companies are accumulating information at an ever-increasing rate and are using the power of these data to derive greater and more detailed insights about all types of activity. Some companies are leveraging their data assets to improve public services and decision-

making through the emerging field of data philanthropy. These companies responsibly share their data with researchers, nonprofit

Brice McKeever, Solomon Greene, Graham MacDonald, Peter A. Tatian, Deondre' Jones

July 24, 2018

Research Report

The Nature of Work and the Social Safety Net

Work is at the core of the American dream, bringing to people the promise of income, dignity, and security. The US social safety net has historically reinforced this work ethic, premised on employer-provided benefits in combination with public programs, policies, and workplace laws and regulations. Yet shifts in the economy and the nature of work have created challenges for the social safety net.

There is growing concern that

Pamela J. Loprest, Demetra Smith Nightingale

July 23, 2018

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 28 Jul 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 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 28 Jul 2018]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.
No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]
<https://www.clintonfoundation.org/press-releases-and-statements>
No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 28 Jul 2018]
www.co-impact.io
Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.
No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>
News 20 July 2018
[A new hotline for anonymous harassment and discrimination complaints](#)
At the Ford Foundation, we believe in providing space free from harassment and discrimination, and in being and supporting a community that reflects diversity, equity, and inclusion.

GHIT Fund [to 28 Jul 2018]
<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>
GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical
No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://www.grameenfoundation.org/news-events/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]
<http://hewlett.org/latest-updates/>
July 25, 2018
[Q&A with Margot Fahnstock: A teen-centered approach to contraception in Zambia and Kenya](#)
By [Sarah Jane Staats](#)

[Promise and progress on family planning in Francophone West Africa](#)

The nine countries that comprise Francophone West Africa have some of the highest maternal fertility rates, lowest contraceptive rates, and highest number of maternal deaths of any region in the world. Yet they receive less investment from international donors—particularly for family planning—than other regions in sub-Saharan Africa. The Hewlett Foundation gave an initial grant to...

By [Margot Fahnestock](#)

July 25, 2018

Evaluation: Family planning and reproductive health in Francophone West Africa

The nine countries that comprise Francophone West Africa have some of the highest maternal fertility rates, lowest contraceptive rates, and highest number of maternal deaths of any region in the world. Yet they receive less investment from international donors—particularly for family planning—than other regions in sub-Saharan Africa. The Hewlett Foundation gave an initial grant to...

By [Global Impact Advisors](#)

July 24, 2018

Evaluation: Hewlett Foundation's strategy to apply human-centered design to family planning and reproductive health

Since 2013, the Hewlett Foundation has supported IDEO.org and Marie Stopes International to apply human-centered design to improve family planning and reproductive health services for adolescent girls in sub-Saharan Africa. Human-centered design, as practiced in this program by IDEO.org, is a structured process that starts by asking young women what they like, what they care...

By [Itad](#)

July 24, 2018

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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

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

Jul 26 2018

45 Gilliam Fellowships Support Students and Advisers Committed to Increasing Diversity in Science

Summary

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has awarded grants to 45 doctoral student-adviser pairs to support the development of their scientific leadership and commitment to advance diversity and inclusion in the sciences.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 25, 2018 *News Release*

Most Americans – Across Parties – Say 2018 Candidates’ Position on Pre-Existing Condition Protections Will Matter to Their Vote; Do Not Want Supreme Court to Overturn These ACA Protections

Half in Non-Expansion States Support Their State Expanding Medicaid; More if Tied to Work Requirements

With less than four months to go until the Congressional midterm general election, a candidate’s position on continuing protections for people with pre-existing health conditions is at the forefront of the many health care issues...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 23, 2018

W.K. Kellogg Foundation names Faye Alexander Nelson as director of Michigan programs

BATTLE CREEK, MI – The W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) is pleased to announce the selection of Faye Alexander Nelson as its new director of Michigan programs, effective August 6, 2018.

In this role, Nelson will be providing leadership and oversight of the foundation’s investments in Michigan to create conditions that ensure children have opportunities to thrive in equitable communities. Nelson, who will be based in WKKF’s Detroit office, will lead the foundation’s statewide grantmaking priorities, in collaboration and partnership with grantees, communities, and other stakeholders throughout the region...

MacArthur Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

Press Releases & Statements

July 24, 2018

[Pew Urges Ohio Governor to Sign Payday Loan Reform Measure](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 27, 2018

[Remarks by Rockefeller Foundation President Dr. Rajiv J. Shah on Opportunity Zones to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Council on Metro Economies and the New American City](#)

July 26, 2018

[The Rockefeller Foundation and the Government of India Sign Statement of Intent to Advance Scale and Quality of Rural Electrification across India](#)

NEW DELHI – The Rockefeller Foundation and NITI Aayog, India's premier policy think tank, today signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to advance the common goal of promoting research and innovation to guide policy-level thinking for rural electrification. The purpose of the SoI is to provide a framework for joint cooperation to advance rapid improvements in the scale and quality of electricity access in India. This will be achieved through the exchange of knowledge and expertise, collaborative research, and by advancing rural electricity access models with the public and private sector stakeholders...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

July 25, 2018 *Blog Post*

[Four Ways to Build Inclusive, Healthy Places for All](#)

Sharon Roerty

Inclusive public spaces for all are a central part of healthy, resilient communities. A framework can help planners ensure that processes for shaping these spaces lead to design decisions that promote equity.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 28 Jul 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). No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 28 Jul 2018]

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

News / Published: 26 July 2018

Wellcome to use Researchfish for reporting research outcomes

From February 2019, Wellcome will ask most Science and Humanities & Social Science grantholders to use the Researchfish platform when reporting research outcomes at the end of their awards.

This will replace our current end-of-grant report, and will capture research outputs such as publications, intellectual property and software tools, and other outcomes such as influence on policy.

The change follows on from our [announcement](#) earlier this year about the [Wellcome Success Framework](#), which set out nine ambitions that express what success looks like across all Wellcome's work.

The data from [Researchfish \(opens in a new tab\)](#) will help us assess progress against these ambitions. It will be used at an aggregate level to gain a deeper understanding of what is being achieved through Wellcome grants and in partnership with others.

We won't use it to assess the impact of individual grants, or to inform decisions about individual funding applications.

Collecting data in this way will also make it easier for research offices and researchers to record...

News / Published: 24 July 2018

Wellcome's gender pay gap data for 2018

Today, we're publishing our gender pay gap statistics which show a 17.4% median gender pay gap on 5 April 2018. This is an improvement on our 2017 gap of 20.8% and slightly better than the 2017 UK average of 18.4%.

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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

July 2018 Volume 46, Issue 7, p733-850, e43-e64

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

August 2018 Volume 55, Issue 2, p133-280, e19-e52

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

Research Articles

[Biomedical and Behavioral Outcomes of Keep It Up!: An eHealth HIV Prevention Program RCT](#)

Brian Mustanski, Jeffrey T. Parsons, Patrick S. Sullivan, Krystal Madkins, Eli Rosenberg, Gregory Swann

Published online: June 28, 201

[Experience of Child–Parent Separation and Later Risk of Violent Criminality](#)

Pearl L.H. Mok, Aske Astrup, Matthew J. Carr, Sussie Antonsen, Roger T. Webb, Carsten B. Pedersen
p178–186

Published online: June 14, 2018

Global Health Promotion and Prevention

[Human Rights as Political Determinants of Health: A Retrospective Study of North Korean Refugees](#)

Jiho Cha, Pamela J. Surkan, Jaeshin Kim, Isabel A. Yoon, Courtland Robinson, Barbara Lopes Cardozo, Hayoung Lee

p271–279

Published online: June 19, 2018

[See Week in Review above for more detail]

American Journal of Public Health

August 2018 108(8)

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 98, Issue 6, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/98/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

17 July 2018 Vol: 169, Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 28 Jul 2018)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

July 2018 - Volume 3 - 4

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 28 Jul 2018)

Research article

[Pilot to policy: statewide dissemination and implementation of evidence-based treatment for traumatized youth](#)

A model for statewide dissemination of evidence-based treatment (EBT) for traumatized youth was piloted and taken to scale across North Carolina (NC). This article describes the implementation platform develop...

Authors: Lisa Amaya-Jackson, Dana Hagele, John Sideris, Donna Potter, Ernestine C. Briggs, Leila Keen, Robert A. Murphy, Shannon Dorsey, Vanessa Patchett, George S. Ake and Rebecca Socolar

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[Knowledge, attitudes and practices of primary healthcare professionals to female genital mutilation in Valencia, Spain: are we ready for this challenge?](#)

The practice of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a deeply-rooted tradition in 30 Sub-Saharan and Middle-East countries which affects approximately 200 million women and girls worldwide. The practice leads to...

Authors: Alba González-Timoneda, Vicente Ruiz Ros, Marta González-Timoneda and Antonio Cano Sánchez

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Stigma and intersectionality: a systematic review of systematic reviews across HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and physical disability

Stigma across HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and physical disability can be co-occurring and may interact with other forms of stigma related to social identities like race, gender, and sexuality. Stigma is especial...

Authors: Fatimah Jackson-Best and Nancy Edwards

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:919

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Evaluating the impact of the DREAMS partnership to reduce HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women in four settings: a study protocol

HIV risk remains unacceptably high among adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in southern and eastern Africa, reflecting structural and social inequities that drive new infections. In 2015, PEPFAR (the Unit...

Authors: Isolde Birdthistle, Susan B. Schaffnit, Daniel Kwaro, Maryam Shahmanesh, Abdhalah Ziraba, Caroline W. Kabiru, Penelope Phillips-Howard, Natsayi Chimbindi, Kenneth Ondeng'e, Annabelle Gourlay, Frances M. Cowan, James R. Hargreaves, Bernadette Hensen, Tarisai Chiyaka, Judith R. Glynn and Sian Floyd

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Major depressive disorder prevalence and risk factors among Syrian asylum seekers in Greece

Over one million Syrian asylum seekers have travelled to Greece with the ultimate aim of reaching other countries in western Europe. Depression prevalence and associated sociodemographic and displacement chara...

Authors: Danielle N. Poole, Bethany Hedt-Gauthier, Shirley Liao, Nathaniel A. Raymond and Till Bärnighausen
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Research

Managing emerging transnational public health security threats: lessons learned from the 2014 West African Ebola outbreak

Pandemics pose significant security/stability risks to nations with fragile infrastructures. We evaluated characteristics of the 2014 West African Ebola outbreak to elucidate lessons learned for managing trans...

Authors: Aaron M. Wendelboe, Micah McCumber, Julie Erb-Alvarez, Nicholas Mould, Richard W. Childs and James L. Regens

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Research

'The development sector is a graveyard of pilot projects!' Six critical actions for externally funded implementers to foster scale-up of maternal and newborn health innovations in low and middle-income countries

Donors often fund projects that develop innovative practices in low and middle-income countries, hoping recipient governments will adopt and scale them within existing systems and programmes. Such innovations ...

Authors: Neil Spicer, Yashua Alkali Hamza, Della Berhanu, Meenakshi Gautham, Joanna Schellenberg, Feker Tadesse, Nasir Umar and Deepthi Wickremasinghe

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Research

A pharmacovigilance system for treatment access and medical donation programs: The Max Foundation experience

Cancer is a major burden of disease in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) yet financial barriers limit access to life-saving oncology drugs. Medical donation and other drug access programs can help improve patient access to essential medicines, such as quality assured oncology drugs in LMICs. However, there are no published examples of the conduct of pharmacovigilance with donated medical products intended for use in LMICs where pharmacovigilance is weak. We describe a partnership between a pharmaceutical company and a non-governmental organization as a case example that addresses the challenges in performing pharmacovigilance with donated medicines in LMICs. The Max Foundation's direct to patient model is designed to improve global access to quality assured oncology

drugs through access programs such as the Glivec® (generic name: imatinib) International Patient Assistance Program (GIPAP).

Authors: Ann Kim Novakowski, Pat Garcia-Gonzalez, Michael Wrigglesworth and Andy Stergachis

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SUPPLEMENT: Experiences of African health system leadership and its development

Editorial

[Strengthening health system leadership for better governance: what does it take?](#)

Lucy Gilson; Irene Akua Agyepong

Health Policy and Planning, Volume 33, Issue suppl_2, 1 July 2018, Pages ii1–ii4,

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Abstract

This editorial provides an overview of the six papers included in this special supplement on health leadership in Africa. Together the papers provide evidence of leadership in public hospital settings and of initiatives to strengthen leadership development. On the one hand, they demonstrate both that current leadership practices often impact negatively on staff motivation and patient care, and that contextual factors underpin poor leadership. On the other hand, they provide some evidence of the positive potential of new forms of participatory leadership, together with ideas about what forms of

leadership development intervention can nurture new forms of leadership. Finally, the papers prompt reflection on the research needed to support the implementation of such interventions.

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[Mental health and psychosocial support in humanitarian crises](#)

by Humanitarian Practice Network July 2018

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Anne Harmer, Manager of Elrha's Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) Programme, focuses on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in humanitarian crises. M. Claire Greene and her co-authors highlight opportunities for integrating MHPSS programming in humanitarian response, and discuss ways to overcome the challenges associated with introducing multi-sectoral interventions into existing systems. Davin Mpaka Mbeya and colleagues and Courtney Welton-Mitchell and Leah Emily James share research and operational experience from the Central African Republic and Haiti. Catherine Panter-Brick, Jon Kurtz and Rana Dajani reflect on how academics and practitioners can partner effectively to produce actionable evidence in humanitarian settings. Alison Schafer and her co-authors make the case for scaling up MHPSS interventions to reach more people at lower cost.

Emma Soye discusses learning programmes for children in the Syrian refugee response, and Fiona Samuels, Nicola Jones and Bassam Abu Hamad explore adolescent girls' psychosocial vulnerabilities in Gaza, Liberia and Sri Lanka. Theresa S. Betancourt's article focuses on a mental health intervention for young people in Sierra Leone, and Karine Le Roche and Cecile Bizouerne highlight Action contre La Faim's experience with psychosocial support as part of nutrition interventions for children in Nepal. Sexual and gender-based violence is addressed in an article by Ayesha Ahmad, Lida Ahmad and Jenevieve Mannell on story-telling as a therapeutic intervention in Afghanistan.

A series of articles explore mental health issues in the Middle East. Relinde Reiffers, Kimberly Stam and Suzan Mitwalli offer insights from a community support programme in the West Bank, Patricia Moghames, Fiona McEwen and Michael Pluess summarise findings from research with Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Nour Kik and Rabih El Chammay reflect on the Lebanese government-led MHPSS

coordination mechanism and [Marie Darmayan and Dia Abou Mosleh](#) discuss Médecins du Monde's support for mental health care provision in Lebanon and Iraq. To conclude the issue, [Leslie Snider, Alison Schafer and Carina Hjelmstam Winberg](#) summarise the findings from a retrospective study on Psychological First Aid, and [Cecilie Dineson](#) looks at the mental health needs of volunteers in humanitarian responses.

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Immigrant Economic Outcomes at Home and Abroad

[Remittances for Collective Consumption and Social Status Compensation - Variations on Transnational Practices among Chinese International Migrants1](#)

Min Zhou, Xiangyi Li

First Published June 27, 2018; pp. 4–42

Preview

This paper focuses on a special type of remittances — monetary remittances sent by international migrants to their hometowns to build symbolic structures and cultural facilities for collective consumption. We develop an analytical framework to examine the motives behind migrants' remitting behavior and the mechanisms for realizing their remitting objectives based on a comparative study of two emigrant groups from China. We find that the sending of remittances for collective consumption serves as a unique mechanism for social status compensation. Such behavior is not only affected by migrants' socioeconomic circumstances or government policies, but also by intersecting contextual and institutional factors at multiple levels transnationally.

Internal versus International Migration - Impacts of Remittances on Child Labor and Schooling in Vietnam

Michele Binci, Gianna Claudia Giannelli

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Preview

This paper focuses on the effects of domestic and international remittances on child labor and schooling. Using data from the 1992–1993 and 1997–1998 Vietnam Living Standards Surveys, we investigate school attendance and child labor in remittance recipient and non-recipient households. The results of our binomial logit and two-sided censored regression panel analysis indicate that remittances increase schooling and reduce child labor. Although international remittances are found to have a stronger beneficial impact than domestic remittances in the cross-section, the panel analysis, taking account of fixed effects, reverses this result, showing that the only significant impact stems from domestic remittances.

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Kate Gilmore

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Law, ethics and medicine

[Who calls the shots? The ethics of adolescent self-consent for HPV vaccination](#) (26 July, 2018)

Suchi Agrawal, Stephanie R Morain

Abstract

While the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is medically indicated to reduce the risk of genital warts and certain types of cancer, rates of HPV vaccination repeatedly fall short of public health goals. Individual-level factors contributing to low vaccination rates are well documented. However, system-level barriers, particularly the need for parental consent, have been less explored. To date, there is no legal or ethical consensus in the USA regarding whether adolescents might permissibly self-consent to the HPV vaccine. Consequently, there is considerable variability in medical practice at the provider and state level. In this essay, we explore the ethical acceptability of vaccinating adolescents for HPV without parental consent. We argue that the same ethical considerations that justify permitting minors to consent to treatment for sexual and reproductive health care—namely, public health benefit and adolescents' developing autonomy—similarly justify permitting minors to consent to HPV vaccination. Based on this analysis, we conclude that allowing adolescents to self-consent to the HPV vaccine is ethically justifiable and should be reflected in US state policies.

Research ethics

[Reporting suspected abuse or neglect in research involving children](#) (26 July, 2018)

David B Resnik, Duncan C Randall

Abstract

In this article, we explore the ethical issues related to the reporting of suspected abuse or neglect in research involving children. Ethical dilemmas related to reporting child maltreatment are often complex because the rights of children and their adult caregivers may conflict and determinations of abuse or neglect are socially constructed judgments that depend on particular circumstances. We argue that when reporting is legally mandated, investigators must follow the law and report their suspicions to Child Protective Services. When reporting is not legally mandated, investigators still have an ethical obligation to report to help prevent additional maltreatment and allow children to obtain access to services needed to recover from abuse or neglect. We also argue that investigators should include

plans and procedures in the research protocol for making reports and training research staff in recognising evidence of child abuse or neglect. Although investigators should report evidence of abuse or neglect that is discovered incidentally, they have no mandate to actively search for such evidence when it is not related to the study's objectives. Investigators should also inform parents and children about their obligations to report suspected abuse or neglect.

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Identifying Barriers and Facilitators of 13 mHealth Projects in North America and Africa: Protocol for a 5-Year Implementation Science Study

Binyam Tilahun, Kirsten Smillie, Kevin Louis Bardosh, Melanie Murray, Mark Fitzgerald, Victoria Cook, Iraj Poureslami, Jamie Forrest, Richard Lester

JMIR Res Protoc 2018 (Jul 03); 7(7):e162

Using Mobile Health to Enhance Outcomes of Noncommunicable Diseases Care in Rural Settings and Refugee Camps: Randomized Controlled Trial

Shadi Saleh, Angie Farah, Hani Dimassi, Nour El Arnaout, Joanne Constantin, Mona Osman, Christo El Morr, Mohamad Alameddine

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Mobile-Based Nutrition Counseling and Unconditional Cash Transfers for Improving Maternal and Child Nutrition in Bangladesh: Pilot Study

Tanvir M Huda, Ashraful Alam, Tazeen Tahsina, Mohammad Mehedi Hasan, Jasmin Khan, Mohammad Masudur Rahman, Abu Bakkar Siddique, Shams El Arifeen, Michael J Dibley

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Articles

[Police killings and their spillover effects on the mental health of black Americans: a population-based, quasi-experimental study](#)

Jacob Bor, Atheendar S Venkataramani, David R Williams, Alexander C Tsai

Summary

Background

Police kill more than 300 black Americans—at least a quarter of them unarmed—each year in the USA. These events might have spillover effects on the mental health of people not directly affected.

Methods

In this population-based, quasi-experimental study, we combined novel data on police killings with individual-level data from the nationally representative 2013–15 US Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to estimate the causal impact of police killings of unarmed black Americans on self-reported mental health of other black American adults in the US general population. The primary exposure was the number of police killings of unarmed black Americans occurring in the 3 months prior to the BRFSS interview within the same state. The primary outcome was the number of days in the previous month in which the respondent's mental health was reported as "not good". We estimated difference-in-differences regression models—adjusting for state-month, month-year, and interview-day fixed effects, as well as age, sex, and educational attainment. We additionally assessed the timing of effects, the specificity of the effects to black Americans, and the robustness of our findings.

Findings

38 993 (weighted sample share 49%) of 103 710 black American respondents were exposed to one or more police killings of unarmed black Americans in their state of residence in the 3 months prior to the survey. Each additional police killing of an unarmed black American was associated with 0·14 additional poor mental health days (95% CI 0·07–0·22; $p=0·00047$) among black American respondents. The largest effects on mental health occurred in the 1–2 months after exposure, with no significant effects estimated for respondents interviewed before police killings (falsification test). Mental health impacts were not observed among white respondents and resulted only from police killings of unarmed black Americans (not unarmed white Americans or armed black Americans).

Interpretation

Police killings of unarmed black Americans have adverse effects on mental health among black American adults in the general population. Programmes should be implemented to decrease the frequency of police killings and to mitigate adverse mental health effects within communities when such killings do occur.

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Advancing global health and strengthening the HIV response in the era of the Sustainable Development Goals: the International AIDS Society—Lancet Commission

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Key messages

:: The HIV pandemic is not on track to end, and the prevailing discourse on ending AIDS has bred a dangerous complacency and may have hastened the weakening of global resolve to combat HIV

:: Existing HIV tools and strategies are insufficient, and although dramatic gains can be made through maximizing existing prevention and treatment strategies, the HIV pandemic is likely to remain a major global challenge for the foreseeable future

:: Tens of millions of people will require sustained access to antiretroviral therapy for decades to come, vigilance will be needed to prevent a resurgence of the epidemic as the largest-ever generation of young people age into adolescence and young adulthood, and intensified efforts are required to address HIV among populations and settings that are being left behind

:: Allowing the pandemic to rebound after achieving such remarkable progress would not only increase the human and financial costs of HIV, but it would potentially demoralise the global health field and diminish support for similarly ambitious global health undertakings

:: A rejuvenated global effort on HIV is essential; to renew and strengthen the global HIV response, the world's impressive commitment to the scaling up of HIV treatment services must be matched by a similarly robust commitment to expanded access to HIV prevention

:: The HIV response must make common cause with the broader global health field to herald a new era of global solidarity for health, and specific action is urgently needed to respond to the rapidly rising health toll associated with non-communicable diseases, including taking health into account in the development of public policies of all kinds. HIV services should, where feasible, be integrated with broader health services, in co-located sites where possible, with the aim of improving both HIV-related and non-HIV-specific health outcomes; greater integration of HIV and global health must preserve and build on key attributes of the HIV response, including participatory community and civil society engagement and an ironclad commitment to human rights, gender equality, and equitable access to health and social justice

:: The new era of global health solidarity should focus on the development of robust, flexible, people-centred health systems to end communicable diseases, develop effective measures to address the steady rise of non-communicable diseases, achieve universal health coverage, provide coordinated services tailored to the needs of health service users, and effectively address the social and structural determinants of health.

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Implications of converging conflicts, emergencies, and mass gatherings for global health security

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In 2017, 29 countries received UN humanitarian assistance, with coverage reaching 93 million people.¹

In 2014–15, three west African countries experienced Ebola-virus-related emergencies that adversely affected health systems.² Man-made and natural emergencies lead to weakening or cessation of

disease control efforts and surveillance systems, allowing outbreaks of infectious diseases to go undetected before reaching epidemic thresholds.³ Ample historical evidence suggests an ecological association between conflicts and diseases; examples include the Roman civil war in 165–189 (the Antonine plague), the Crimean war in 1854–55 (cholera), and World War 2 in 1939–45 (diphtheria).⁴

The consequences of ongoing conflicts and recent emergencies transcend nations and affect public health in all countries. With international travel, diseases with short incubation periods and high infectiousness, such as measles,⁵ have the potential to find a niche in marginalised populations worldwide. The emergence of measles in 14 European countries in 2017, and more recently in Venezuela, underscores the fact that although conflict-related disruptions might be unique to developing countries, they create infectious reservoirs that pose a risk to stable and developed health systems. Yemen's cholera outbreak persists amidst the ongoing conflict. Outbreaks of cholera, Ebola, and yellow fever happened in The Democratic Republic of the Congo amidst a long conflict. The post-earthquake epidemic of south Asian cholera in Haiti in 2010–12, which was transmitted by Nepalese UN peacekeepers,⁶ is perhaps the most recent reminder that despite advances in all aspects of disease surveillance and prevention services, disease will continue to spread via unsuspected routes of transmission.

Several aspects of conflicts and emergencies are of concern during mass gatherings. First, the UN has recorded more conflicts in the Middle Eastern and African regions than in other regions. These regions also constitute the largest group of countries participating in the Hajj, with a population that amounts to more than 90% of all international pilgrims ([table](#)). In 2018, 12 million pilgrims are expected to visit Saudi Arabia for both Hajj and Umrah.⁷ Second, because of the substantial interconnectedness of the affected regions through international air travel, migration, and trade, even countries that do not have conflicts become transit points for potential disease transmission. Third, nearly half of all deaths from infectious diseases affect people in the African region (16 of the 29 countries in humanitarian crisis are home to 93% of pilgrims), making this region a very vulnerable hotspot for emerging diseases. The Asia and Pacific regions (with two of 29 countries in humanitarian crisis) are affected by drug-resistant tuberculosis, cholera, malaria, and emerging strains of avian influenza.^{7 8 9} Finally, from anecdotal evidence of the spread of 1957 influenza to national and international meningococcal meningitis outbreaks and polio during the Hajj, mass gatherings have been linked to infectious disease transmission due to factors such as overcrowding, high numbers of viral influenza-like illness, and the gathering of millions of people in a small geographical area.^{7 8 9}

In view of the disruption of public health systems in conflicted regions and countries, mass gathering events are an opportunity for one-stop sentinel surveillance and public health interventions with rapid tests, storage infrastructure for biological specimens for future investigation, and assessment of measures to stop transmission.¹⁰ This opportunity for multicountry surveillance programmes in a single venue and within a specific timeframe is of particular interest to regions and countries in conflict and to international partners. The 2009 pH1N1 pandemic and the Hajj showed the potential of mass gatherings for disease surveillance and assessment of control measures.¹¹

No single intervention can address all aspects of disease transmission during mass gatherings amidst ongoing conflicts, but a combination of efforts by host and home countries of visitors and pilgrims can help prepare for outbreaks. Available tools include education and awareness-generating programmes provided before departure and during travel to mass gatherings as well as during predeparture health visits, mandatory travel vaccinations, visa restrictions (as appropriate), arrival and departure health checks at points of entry or departure, prophylaxis for known diseases (such as for polio provided at

Jeddah airport during the Hajj for pilgrims arriving from countries with ongoing transmission, and temperature and symptom screening for Ebola virus during outbreaks), surveillance using live electronic reporting, and easily accessible care and prevention activities at venues of mass gathering.^{10, 11} Support and coordination with some international entities, including WHO, the International Air Transport Association, and transportation companies, will help improve results with these measures. Adequate financing might not be available from one country alone, and collective contribution would be necessary.¹² No single entity can fully be responsible for the implementation of these measures, and collaboration and coordination are key to success.

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WHO preferred product characteristics for new vaccines against tuberculosis

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Just a few months away from the UN General Assembly's first ever meeting on tuberculosis, it is useful to emphasise a central assumption of the WHO's End TB strategy: a new vaccine against tuberculosis halting the spread of drug-sensitive and drug-resistant *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strains is required to reach the expressed goals...¹

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Pay people to fight malaria

Workers on the front line of the battle against the disease are too often overlooked as scientists and funders plot how to defeat malaria.

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Challenges and recent progress in drug discovery for tropical diseases

Manu De Rycker, Beatriz Baragaña[...] & Ian H. Gilbert

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Acting on non-communicable diseases in low- and middle-income tropical countries

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The future of hyperdiverse tropical ecosystems

The immense biodiversity of tropical ecosystems is threatened by multiple interacting local and global stressors that can only be addressed by the concerted efforts of grassroots organizations, researchers, national governments and the international community.

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Perspective

Trolleyology and the Dengue Vaccine Dilemma

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Original Articles

Effect of Dengue Serostatus on Dengue Vaccine Safety and Efficacy

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Community Perspective on Policy Options for Resettlement Management: A Case Study of Risk Reduction in Bududa, Eastern Uganda

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Introduction: Despite existing policy actions on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), many community members in Bududa still continue to settle in high-risk areas re-zoned for nonsettlement. There seems to be an apparent information asymmetry on expectations between the community and Government. The challenge then is 'how to consult communities and seek their opinion in an adequately representative unbiased way'. This paper sets out to explore policy options on resettlement management as a DRR approach and how engaging with communities in a public discourse using the Deliberative Polling (DP) approach; to obtain their opinions and insights on these policy issues, revealed underlying challenges to policy implementation.

Methods: A qualitative study was conducted in Bududa in eastern Uganda with fourteen group discussions; comprising 12-15 randomly assigned participants of mixed socio-economic variables. Trained research assistants and moderators collected data. All discussions were audio taped, transcribed verbatim before analysis. Data were analyzed using latent content analysis by identifying codes from which sub-themes were generated and grouped into main themes on policy options for resettlement management.

Results and Discussion: We used Deliberative Polling, an innovative approach to public policy consultation and found that although the community is in agreement with most government policy options under resettlement management, they lacked an understanding of the rationale underlying these policy options leading to challenges in implementation. The community members seemed uncertain and had mistrust in government's ability to implement the policies especially on issues of compensation for land lost.

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Identifying Areas at Greatest Risk for Recent Zika Virus Importation — New York City, 2016

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Introduction: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene sought to detect and minimize the risk of local, mosquito-borne Zika virus (ZIKV) transmission. We modeled areas at greatest risk for recent ZIKV importation, in the context of spatially biased ZIKV case ascertainment and no data on the local spatial distribution of persons arriving from ZIKV-affected countries.

Methods: For each of 14 weeks during June-September 2016, we used logistic regression to model the census tract-level presence of any ZIKV cases in the prior month, using eight covariates from static sociodemographic census data and the latest surveillance data, restricting to census tracts with any ZIKV testing in the prior month. To assess whether the model discriminated better than random between census tracts with and without recent cases, we compared the area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve for each week's fitted model versus an intercept-only model applied to cross-validated data. For weeks where the ROC contrast test was significant at $P < 0.05$, we output and mapped the model-predicted individual probabilities for all census tracts, including those with no recent testing.

Results: The ROC contrast test was significant for 8 of 14 weekly analyses. No covariates were consistently associated with the presence of recent cases. Modeled risk areas fluctuated across these 8 weeks, with Spearman correlation coefficients ranging from 0.30 to 0.93, all $P < 0.0001$. Areas in the Bronx and upper Manhattan were in the highest risk decile as of late June, while as of late August, the greatest risk shifted to eastern Brooklyn.

Conclusion: We used observable characteristics of areas with recent, known travel-associated ZIKV cases to identify similar areas with no observed cases that might also be at-risk each week. Findings were used to target public education and Aedes spp. mosquito surveillance and control. These methods are applicable to other conditions for which biased case ascertainment is suspected and knowledge of how cases are geographically distributed is important for targeting public health activities.

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Perspective

Climate change, urban health, and the promotion of health equity

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A core principle of public health practice is the obligation to empower and protect the most vulnerable populations [1]. This is closely related to the public health goal of eliminating health inequities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has pointed out that climate change risks to health will be distributed unevenly, with some population groups being more likely to suffer the adverse consequences than others [2].

Urban populations, and especially socially and economically disadvantaged populations within urban areas, are likely to be especially vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change [3]. For example, it is well known that people living in urban centers are exposed to higher extreme temperatures because of the heat island effect. Urban populations may have concurrent exposures to air pollutants and social stressors, and those with low income may be more likely to suffer from comorbid conditions that make them more sensitive to heat effects. Low-income populations are also less able to take adaptive actions, for example, because they lack and cannot afford air conditioning to avoid heat exposure [4]. Low-income, urban neighborhoods may have less green space, less energy-efficient housing, and fewer community resources necessary to escape and mitigate the impact of heat. They may also live in areas that are more subject to flooding and have fewer resources to adjust to flooding when it occurs [5]. The growth of urban populations all over the world makes a focus on the impact of climate change on health in cities especially relevant...

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The cascade of care following community-based detection of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa – A systematic review with 90-90-90 targets in sight

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Assessment of recommended approaches for containment and safe handling of human excreta in emergency settings

Ebola and cholera treatment centres (ETC and CTC) generate considerable quantities of excreta that can further the transmission of disease amongst patients and health workers. Therefore, approaches for the safe handling, containment and removal of excreta within such settings are needed to minimise the likelihood of onward disease transmission. This study compared the performance and suitability of three chlorine-based approaches (0.5% HTH, NaDCC and NaOCl (domestic bleach)) and three lime-based approaches (10%, 20% and 30% Ca(OH)₂). The experiments followed recent recommendations for Ebola Treatment Centres...No statistical difference was observed with respect to contact time for any of the approaches, and no statistical differences were observed with respect to mixing for the chlorine-based approaches. However, statistically significant increases in the efficacy of some lime-based approaches were observed following mixing. These findings provide evidence and practical advice to inform safe handling and containment of excreta and ensure more effective health protection in future emergency settings.

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[A renewed focus on preventing malaria in pregnancy](#)

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Abstract

While much progress has been achieved globally in the fight against malaria, the significant financial investments made to date have not translated into scaled-up malaria in pregnancy (MiP) prevention efforts. Mothers and newborns remain at risk, and now is the time to refocus efforts. Against the backdrop of a new global health architecture embodied by the principles of Every Women, Every Child and driven by the work of the H6 Partnership, Global Financing Facility, strong bilaterals and key financiers, there is a new and timely juncture to advocate for MiP. Recent updates in the WHO Recommendations on Antenatal Care for a Positive Pregnancy Experience present an opportunity to strengthen MiP as a core maternal and child health issue and position MiP prevention as a priority.

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Thematic issue: Economics of NCDs

The global health burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) is large and growing, as this group of diseases already accounts for 70% of total deaths. Global evidence indicates that the high health burden of NCDs translates into significant economic and social costs that threaten to diminish the quality of life of millions of individuals, impoverish families, jeopardize universal health coverage, and increase health disparities within and between countries. Evidence consistently shows that the NCD epidemic cannot be tackled through interventions and policies in the health sector alone. In particular, prevention measures that address NCD risk factors involve a range of sectors including finance, trade, education, agriculture, and transportation. As economics has become the common language among decision makers across sectors, it is imperative that health authorities leverage economic information to more effectively communicate the urgency of tackling NCDs and related risk factors.

This thematic issue of the Pan American Journal of Public Health is part of a continued collaboration between the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and PAHO/WHO to facilitate intragovernmental dialogue for a better understanding of NCD issues by making economic evidence available in the Americas, and to assist countries in integrating economic approaches into their NCD prevention and control policies.

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Special Issue – Frontiers in computation

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Marvelous models

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Scientists learn about the world by observing, manipulating, measuring, and abstracting. To make sure that they truly understand their system, and to gain insight beyond what experimental data can provide, many also turn to building mathematical models. Some models are based directly on fundamental physical laws, but most rely on approximations. The computational costs vary widely—from exactly solvable models to those that require all the computer power you can get. This power has become increasingly accessible; throw in the recent forays of artificial intelligence into scientific computing and the tantalizing promise of quantum computers, and it's clear that exciting times are ahead.

In this special issue, we highlight several areas of scientific computing that have seen recent progress. A feature article by Science reporter Paul Voosen focuses on an ambitious and controversial project, backed by high-tech philanthropists, to leverage breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, satellite imaging, and high-resolution simulations to create a new climate model. Kent and Kotliar reflect on two complementary approaches to predicting the properties of materials in which electrons are inextricably correlated with one another. Bottaro and Lindorff-Larsen report on the simulation of biological molecules, where recent progress has been driven by advances in theory and methods and tighter integration of experimental constraints. Sanchez-Lengeling and Aspuru-Guzik review approaches that use machine learning to design chemical structures that bear a desired characteristic. Finally, Brüggmann describes how to simulate the complex equations that govern four-dimensional spacetime in Einstein's theory of general relativity, focusing on the example of gravitational waves produced by merging black holes.

The anticommons at 20: Concerns for research continue

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Emerging trends in exclusionary rights may affect research

Summary

Fifty years ago, Garrett Hardin famously predicted that unrestrained use of a common resource could lead to its overuse and depletion—the so-called “tragedy of the commons.” Thirty years later, Heller and Eisenberg introduced the term “anticommons” to the research-policy lexicon (1), postulating that unfettered exercise of individual property rights could lead to an equally tragic underutilization of resources. By drawing on analogies from land-use planning, they reasoned that if multiple holders of intellectual property (IP) rights, particularly patents, covering a biomedical technology can individually block others from conducting research on that technology, then overall research progress could be stifled. Though many observers now agree 20 years later that empirical evidence of a patent-based anticommons in biomedical research is inconclusive (2), if not wholly refuted (3, 4), there are emerging areas beyond patent law in which the proliferation of exclusionary rights may threaten research in much the way that Heller and Eisenberg predicted

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Regular articles

Refugees' admission to mental health institutions in Norway: Is there an ethnic density effect?

Original research article

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Abstract

Some recent European research claims that immigrants settle in urban areas with low scores on level-of-living conditions and a high prevalence of health-risk factors, and that these settlement patterns adversely affect their health. Other studies question the association between immigrant segregation and area deprivation on one hand, and negative health outcomes on the other hand, and identify possible beneficial effects of segregation, specifically the ethnic density effect. This paper aims to explore the possible ethnic density effect among refugees, a sub-population that often appears relatively vulnerable compared with immigrants in general. The data comprise 30 871 individuals, aged 20–69, with an (post-1989) officially registered refugee status from six major countries, including Vietnam, Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Sri Lanka and Bosnia. Two outcomes are analysed, covering the 2008–2011 period – the probability of being admitted at least once to a mental health institution and the number of bed days during that period. The results show that all immigrant clusters have relatively high concentrations of negative level-of-living conditions. Despite this finding, refugees living in clusters tend to have less use of mental healthcare services. The results suggest that for most refugee groups, living in clusters has positive health outcomes. Many countries use settlement policies to direct the inflow of refugees away from immigrant-dense areas. Norway's settlement policy is no exception, aiming at a geographic dispersal of refugees to avoid the emergence of socially segregated urban ethnic communities. This paper discusses the relevance of such a policy for refugees' overall integration and level-of-living conditions.

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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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Methodology

Assessing imprecision in Cochrane systematic reviews: a comparison of GRADE and Trial Sequential Analysis

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Editorial

Migration and torture: Building a map of knowledge

Pau Pérez-Sales, Editor in Chief

We already have more than twenty-five years of academic research on migration and torture; the field has developed into an increasingly complex one since the first descriptive and epidemiological studies...It is worthwhile attempting a structural map of knowledge of where we are currently with respect to research.

Special section: Forced migration and torture: challenges and solutions in rehabilitation and prevention

Associated Guest Editor: Joost Jan den Otter, PhD, MD, MSc

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

[The Quest for Water](#)

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

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World Heritage and illicit trade

The illicit trafficking of cultural objects depletes cultures of their identity and contributes to lucrative unlawful trade, which helps to finance terrorism and organized crime. It is a problem that has been growing surreptitiously across the globe. As just one example, since 2011, approximately 25 per cent of Syria's archaeological sites have been pillaged. Objects from conflict regions, including from Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen and Mali are circulating on the black market and are already in unscrupulous hands.

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