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:: Week in Review

A highly selective capture of strategic developments, research, commentary, analysis and announcements spanning Human Rights Action, Humanitarian Response, Health, Education, Holistic Development, Heritage Stewardship, Sustainable Resilience. Achieving a balance across these broad

themes is a challenge and we appreciate your observations and ideas in this regard. This is not intended to be a "news and events" digest.

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Human Rights – 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration

Universal Human Rights Declaration Must Continue Guiding Path to Development, Security, Secretary-General Says at Anniversary Event for Historic Document

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26 September 2018

Following are UN Secretary-General António Guterres' remarks to the high-level event marking the seventieth anniversary of the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#): "A Prevention Tool to Achieve Peace and Sustainable Development", in New York today:

It is indeed a pleasure to be here with all of you to mark the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The rights enshrined in this foundational document belong to everyone, everywhere; they have no physical or [moral] frontier. Human rights are not the sole purview of north, south, east or west; or of developed or developing countries. They are independent of nationality, circumstances, gender or sexual orientation, race, religion or belief. The first article of the Universal Declaration is clear: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

Human rights are of value in themselves; they are not at the service of any other agenda. And no one ever loses their human rights, no matter what they do.

Over the past 70 years, the concept of human rights set out in the Universal Declaration has had a revolutionary impact. It has permeated policies and Constitutions, from the global level to national and regional frameworks.

In this way, the Universal Declaration has unleashed the power of women's full participation; it has spurred the fight against racism, xenophobia and intolerance — including the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, as Nelson Mandela told the General Assembly 20 years ago.

The Universal Declaration has heralded movements by groups of all kinds, from indigenous people to people with disabilities, to claim their rights.

There is now broad recognition that, as Kofi Annan said: "The human family will not enjoy development without security, will not enjoy security without development and will not enjoy either without respect for human rights."

Sadly, we still have a long way to go before respect for human rights is truly universal. Many people around the world still suffer from abuse of their rights. Gender inequality is one of the greatest human rights challenges we face. Refugees and migrants, people who do not conform to gender norms, and minorities of all kinds are frequently targeted for denial and abuse of their rights.

There is still resistance to supporting human rights, often linked to a false dichotomy between those rights and national sovereignty. But, human rights and sovereignty must go hand in hand.

Human rights strengthen States and societies and reinforce sovereignty. We have ample evidence that State-sponsored human rights abuses are a sign of weakness, not strength. They are often precursors to conflict and even to collapse.

I urge all Member States to heed these lessons and to strengthen support for United Nations action on human rights, including the Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner [for Human Rights]. It is a pleasure to see Michelle, my dear friend, Michelle Bachelet, here today.

And I call on Governments that have not signed or ratified the two human rights Covenants, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to do so urgently.

Every social movement for human rights and solidarity in history has been led by young people. It was the fight for human rights and democracy in my country, under Salazar's dictatorship, that triggered my own interest in political action.

There is a special place in my heart for young women and men who are speaking out for social justice. On Monday, I launched my new youth strategy, Youth 2030, to bring young people into the centre of our work.

I urge young people to make this space your home, to bring your energy and passion here, to challenge our ways of doing things and to take up the torch for our common humanity. You are the true custodians of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the guarantee that it will not succumb.

I entrust you with keeping it alight for another 70 years, to show us the path to a world of peace, dignity and opportunity for all.

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Human Rights/Protection – Rohingya

Framework of Cooperation signed between the United Nations and the Government of Bangladesh will enhance efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence against displaced Rohingya population

New York, 28 September 2018: The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Ms. Pramila Patten, signed a Framework of Cooperation between the Government of Bangladesh and the United Nations to jointly address conflict-related sexual violence committed against members of the Rohingya population forcibly displaced from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

"During my two official visits to Bangladesh, in November 2017 and May 2018, I spent several days in the camps in Cox's Bazaar speaking with women and girls who had survived brutal acts of sexual violence in Myanmar and bear the profound physical and psychological scars of war", stated Special

Representative Patten. "I believe that through this Framework of Cooperation the Rohingya survivors of sexual violence will benefit from enhanced service-delivery, accountability and protection", she added.

The Framework of Cooperation focuses on five priority areas, namely:

- :: Improving access of Rohingya survivors of sexual violence to medical and psychosocial support services;
- :: Providing capacity-building to the justice and security sector on the prevention of trafficking in persons, including the prompt identification of victims, the return and reintegration of trafficked women and children, and the referral of victims to service providers;
- :: Engaging with religious and community leaders to combat stigma against Rohingya survivors of sexual violence and their children who may be born of rape;
- :: Strengthening the capacity of national human rights institutions to collect and document information on conflict-related sexual violence perpetrated in Myanmar to enable justice and accountability; and
- :: Engaging with civil society organizations to raise awareness about the availability of services for survivors and the rights of victims.

An Action Plan based on these five key areas will be developed as a tool to measure progress and mobilize technical and financial resources for specific interventions. In this regard, the United Nations calls for sustained support from international donors...

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Yemen

Humanitarian Crisis in Free Fall – Joint NGO Statement on Yemen

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Below is a joint NGO statement on Yemen for the 73rd UN General Assembly

After almost four years of conflict, and despite all efforts to halt displacement, hunger and disease, Yemen remains the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth. The suffering inflicted on Yemeni people is entirely man made and will continue to deteriorate rapidly on all fronts without actions to end the violence.

Increased fighting risks pushing the country into utter devastation: The ongoing escalation around the port city of Hodeidah jeopardises the safety of civilians and threatens the channels for critical fuel, food and medical supplies to the rest of the country. It is crucial that this remains open. The lives of millions of Yemeni women, men and children hang on this lifeline.

Civilians continue to bear the brunt: Civilians and civilian infrastructure, such as markets, hospitals, school buses and mills continue to be hit by all parties with impunity, as reported by the UN Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen. Attacks on schools and hospitals continue with over 1,800 schools directly impacted by the conflict, including more than 1,500 that have been [damaged or destroyed](#) and 21 used by armed groups.

A lost generation of Yemeni children: Two million children and young people remain out of school, depriving them of an education and exposing them to higher levels of violence and exploitation.

Millions of displaced children cannot access education, and ongoing attacks on schools or their use by armed groups mean children's safety at school cannot be guaranteed.

Populations on the brink of starvation: 17.8 million people, over 60 percent of the population, are food insecure and over 8.4 million of them stand on the brink of starvation; 4.2 million of them children and another million children at risk as food and fuel prices soar across the country. Malnutrition directly threatens lives but also weakens the immune system, leading to people dying from preventable diseases, including cholera and pneumonia. Breast-feeding mothers, children and the elderly remain particularly vulnerable. Half of all Yemeni children are stunted where these children are unable to access the nutrients their bodies need to grow, reducing their ability to learn and thrive.

A struggling economy continues to falter: A crippled economy continues to weaken, with the recent sharp devaluation of the Yemeni Riyal (YER) further constraining peoples' ability to purchase food and medicine, with many having to make agonising choices between the two and many others left with too little to access either.

Protracted conflict and eroding safety nets has left millions of Yemeni without access to livelihoods or the ability to deal with economic shocks. An estimated 1.2 million public servants, especially in northern governorates, have not been paid their usual salaries in more than two years and a war economy has left millions with very few earning opportunities.

Barriers to access continue: Restrictions to land, sea and air trade routes have led to severely reduced supplies of vital commodities. In addition to uncertainty about the accessibility of Yemen's ports, particularly Hodeidah, Sana'a's airport has been closed to commercial flights since August 2016; further restricting the mobility of the Yemeni population. While the new 'medical airbridge' agreement is welcome, this is a small concession that continues to leave the majority of Yemeni people without freedom to seek medical treatment overseas.

In addition, 1.4 million people remain in hard-to-reach areas, unable to access vital assistance and support, an increase of 200,000 since February 2018. Escalation in fighting has exacerbated these challenges, with hundreds of thousands displaced in recent months, including close to half a million from Hodeidah [since June 2018](#).

The international community must step up to pressure all parties to the conflict to:

- :: Comply with their obligations under international law, and take immediate measures to prevent and end grave violations against children;
- :: Ensure humanitarian and commercial access of essential goods and services; and
- :: Engage all parties to the conflict to find a peaceful, sustainable and implementable political solution that involves women, youth, minority groups and civil society.

Only a political solution can bring the war to an end and reinstate peace in Yemen. All parties must immediately cease hostilities, agree to a comprehensive ceasefire, and cooperate in 'good faith' with UN Special Envoy Martin Griffith's peace process.

Signed by:

Action Against Hunger (ACF)

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)

CARE

Global Communities
Islamic Relief Worldwide
Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
Relief International
Save the Children
War Child
ZOA

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Governance – Siting of Diplomatic Mission

The State of Palestine institutes proceedings against the United States of America

THE HAGUE, 28 September 2018. The State of Palestine today instituted proceedings against the United States of America before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, with respect to a dispute concerning alleged violations of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 (hereinafter the "Vienna Convention").

It is recalled in the Application that, on 6 December 2017, the President of the United States recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and announced the relocation of the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The American Embassy in Jerusalem was then inaugurated on 14 May 2018.

Palestine contends that it flows from the Vienna Convention that the diplomatic mission of a sending State must be established on the territory of the receiving State. According to Palestine, in view of the special status of Jerusalem, "[t]he relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to . . . Jerusalem constitutes a breach of the Vienna Convention".

As basis for the Court's jurisdiction, the Applicant invokes Article 1 of the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes. It notes that Palestine acceded to the Vienna Convention on 2 April 2014 and to the Optional Protocol on 22 March 2018, whereas the United States of America is a party to both these instruments since 13 November 1972....

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Health – Famine Prevention/Mitigation

United Nations, World Bank, and Humanitarian Organizations Launch Innovative Partnership to End Famine

Global Technology Firms to Provide Expertise on Frontier Technology to Better Predict Famines

WASHINGTON, September 23, 2018—**The United Nations, World Bank, International Committee of the Red Cross, Microsoft Corp., Google and Amazon Web Services today announced an unprecedented global partnership to prevent future famines.**

The international organizations, with support from leading global technology firms, are launching the **Famine Action Mechanism (FAM)—the first global mechanism dedicated to preventing future famines**. In the past, responses to these devastating events has often come too late, once many lives have already been lost, incurring high assistance costs. The FAM seeks to change this by moving towards famine prevention, preparedness and early action—interventions that can save more lives and reduce humanitarian costs by as much as 30%. The initiative will use the predictive power of data to trigger funding through appropriate financing instruments, working closely with existing systems.

In 2017, more than 20 million people across north-eastern Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen faced famine or famine-like conditions, the result of a complex intersection of conflict, poverty, climate change and food prices. These conditions continue in many parts of the world today, derailing hard-won development gains in chronically poor countries. Today, 124 million people live in crisis levels of food insecurity, requiring urgent humanitarian assistance for their survival. Over half of them live in areas affected by conflict.

“The Famine Action Mechanism, FAM, is an important new tool that will help to predict and therefore prevent food insecurity and famine before they have a chance to take hold. Crisis prevention saves lives. With the Famine Action Mechanism, we are renewing our pledge to Zero Tolerance for famine and acute food insecurity,” said United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

“The fact that millions of people—many of them children—still suffer from severe malnutrition and famine in the 21st century is a global tragedy,” World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim said. “We are forming an unprecedented global coalition to say, ‘no more.’ The Famine Action Mechanism is a preventative approach that knits together innovative technology, early financing, and strong partnerships on the ground in an effort to prevent famine. It will help us deploy our combined resources to protect the poorest and most vulnerable, and it will allow us to refocus our collective attention on the millions of chronically food-insecure people who suffer each year.”

“The ICRC, working on frontlines around the world, sees the deep suffering inflicted by conflict and violence. Famine is often a devastating symptom of protracted war. We are hopeful that new models of collaboration such as this will bring new solutions and reduce food insecurity at scale,” said ICRC President Peter Maurer.

The FAM will promote investments that tackle the root causes of famine at the first warning signs. It will help build vulnerable people’s livelihoods, safety nets and coping mechanisms. In the last decade, the Bank has invested up to \$3 billion annually in food security initiatives and will be looking for additional ways to increase these investments in future projects and programs.

The FAM will use state-of-the-art technology to provide more powerful early warning to identify when food crises threaten to turn into famines. These alerts will trigger pre-arranged funding and action plans by donors, humanitarian agencies and governments to generate earlier and more efficient interventions.

“If we can better predict when and where future famines will occur, we can save lives by responding earlier and more effectively,” said Brad Smith, President of Microsoft. “Artificial intelligence and machine learning hold huge promise for forecasting and detecting early signs of food shortages, like

crop failures, droughts, natural disasters, and conflicts. Microsoft is proud to join Amazon and Google in developing solutions to address this humanitarian need."

Google, Microsoft and Amazon Web Services and other technology firms are providing the world's top expertise to develop a suite of analytical models called "Artemis" that uses advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning to estimate and forecast worsening food security crises in real-time. These forecasts will help guide and promote decision makers to respond earlier.

"Artificial intelligence and other advanced technologies can be a powerful force for good, and we've already seen that they have the potential to help farmers identify disease in cassava plants, keep cows healthier and more productive, and integrate overall relief efforts. Google is proud to partner with the World Bank on the Famine Action Mechanism to help prevent future famine in communities around the world," said Kent Walker, Google's Senior Vice President of Global Affairs and Chief Legal Officer.

"We are proud to play a role in the FAM initiative, and to work collaboratively to solve one of the world's most pressing issues," said Teresa Carlson, Vice President of Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services, Inc. "Public-private collaborations like this one allow us to collectively bring cutting-edge technology to leading humanitarian organizations, giving them innovative tools to predict and prevent famine, and to ultimately save lives."

The FAM builds on the World Bank's experience and commitment to better forecast risks and prevent crises of all types before they occur. In July, the World Bank Group Board endorsed the Global Crisis Risk Platform, a new platform for identifying risks before they become full blown crises. The Platform incorporates prevention and preparedness into client country development strategies and is being used to get ahead of global crises such as famine, Ebola and other natural and man-made disasters.

The FAM also builds on the United Nations efforts to prioritize prevention, and its efforts to address risks more systematically. It also aligns with the recently adopted Security Council Resolution 2417 on the links between conflict-induced food insecurity and the threat of famine.

The FAM will initially be rolled out in a small group of vulnerable countries building up to ultimately provide global coverage. On October 13, leaders dedicated to this initiative will gather as part of the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings to discuss further implementation of the FAM.

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Education – "Digital Intelligence"

OECD, IEEE and DQI Announce Platform for Coordinating Digital Intelligence Across Technology and Education Sectors

:: Three leading global organizations – OECD, IEEE Standards Association and DQ Institute – announce new platform for digital coordination, [Coalition for Digital Intelligence \(CDI\)](#)

:: CDI will serve as coordinating platform for organizations implementing a common set of standards and definitions for digital intelligence across the technology and education sectors, allowing digital intelligence to be better tracked and understood

:: Digital Intelligence refers to the set of competencies necessary for digital life and includes basic digital skills and digital literacy

Geneva and New York, 26 September 2018 – During the World Economic Forum Sustainable Development Impact Summit in New York, three leading global organizations – the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the IEEE Standards Association and the DQ Institute announced their engagement in the Coalition for Digital Intelligence (CDI). The coalition is a platform for coordinating efforts on raising digital intelligence across the technology and education sectors and is supported by the World Economic Forum.

Every year, the world economy invests billions of dollars in developing digital literacy and digital skills. These efforts are not well coordinated, however, with many companies, governments and organizations running their respective programmes under their own frameworks. There are countless global, national and organizational efforts to create frameworks that classify digital skills and digital literacy.

Consequently, there is no globally shared understanding of what terms like digital skills and digital literacy mean. As used today, they can refer to competencies that range from typing and web-browsing, to using social media platforms, to administering vendor-specific database products to writing software.

Lack of a shared understanding leads to uncoordinated monitoring and reporting. There is no shared baseline understanding of the level of digital skills in the world today and it is difficult to address how to improve and sustain them. CDI is grounded in an agreement that the world could build basic digital skills and digital literacy more efficiently and effectively if there was increased coordination on a common set of definitions and standards.

The DQ Institute, an international think-tank, has used an academically rigorous process to aggregate more than 20 leading frameworks from around the world. The resulting framework, Digital Intelligence (DQ), includes eight comprehensive areas deemed necessary for digital life today. They include not only the technical skills one might expect but also abilities related to digital safety, digital rights and digital emotional intelligence. These capacities allow people to not just use a computer or smartphone, but to deal with modern social and economic challenges such as identity theft, screen addiction, online privacy and the spread of digital misinformation. DQ brings together education agendas of digital literacies, with industry efforts to develop digital skills: encompassing digital citizenship, digital resilience, media and information literacy, job readiness, entrepreneurship, and more. The DQ framework is also built on the OECD's Education 2030 Learning Framework to create a guide for nations to develop their national education and policies on digital intelligence.

"Technology is only meaningful when it enhances humanness. In the age of AI and hyper-connectivity, Digital Intelligence (DQ) is a comprehensive set of technical, cognitive, social and emotional digital competencies that are grounded in ethics and human values," said Yuhyun Park, Founder of DQ Institute.

If DQ is to become a global framework that allows for better coordination and the scalability of digital skills training, there must be a way of working across the worlds of education and technology. Both schools and the technology community have a significant role to play in building digital intelligence.

"The development of Digital Intelligence is not ad hoc," said Melissa Sassi, co-chair of the IEEE Digital Literacy Industry Connections Program. "It should be a paradigm with a focus on technical excellence and deployment through collaboration of many forms around the world. We see the opportunity to enable the build of Digital Intelligence into product and software design from the onset through the use of global standards that include agreed upon common definitions and take into account various contexts. It will also enable improved practices and processes towards the development of indicators and measurement."

The CDI will serve as a platform for coordinating efforts on raising Digital Intelligence across the technology and education sectors. Initial efforts of the Coalition include institutionalizing the DQ framework, which will be done through a formal adoption process with the OECD and by the development of an IEEE technical standard. The CDI will then help to organize implementation groups around each of these: a multistakeholder coalition of firms to promote and implement the IEEE standard, and a similar group built around a coalition of education ministers to implement the guidelines created by the OECD.

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Development – Power

World Bank Group Commits \$1 Billion for Battery Storage to Ramp Up Renewable Energy Globally

New program will mobilize another \$4 billion; "game changer" for developing countries

NEW YORK, September 26, 2018 - In a major announcement at the One Planet Summit here today, the World Bank Group committed \$1 billion for a new global program to accelerate investments in battery storage for energy systems in developing and middle-income countries. The program is expected to help these countries ramp up their use of renewables – particularly wind and solar power – improve energy security, increase grid stability and expand access to electricity.

The \$1 billion in World Bank Group financing is expected to mobilize another \$4 billion in concessional climate financing and public and private investments. The program aims to finance 17.5 gigawatt hours (GWh) of battery storage by 2025 – more than triple the 4-5 GWh currently installed in all developing countries.

"For developing countries, this can be a game changer," said World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim. "Battery storage can help countries leapfrog to the next generation of power generation technology, expand energy access, and set the stage for much cleaner, more stable, energy systems." Currently, batteries used in energy generation systems are expensive, and most projects are concentrated in developed countries. The "Accelerating Battery Storage for Development" program, in response to demand from countries, will finance and de-risk investments such as utility-scale solar parks with battery storage, off-grid systems – including mini-grids – and stand-alone batteries that can help stabilize and strengthen grids.

The program will also support large-scale demonstration projects for new storage technologies suitable for developing countries' needs – such as batteries that are long-lasting, resilient to harsh conditions and high temperatures, and that present minimal environmental risks.

"Batteries are critical to decarbonizing the world's power systems. They allow us to store wind and solar energy and deploy it when it's needed most to provide people with clean, affordable, round-the-clock power." Dr. Kim said. "We call on our partners to join us and match the investments we're making today. We can create new markets for battery storage in countries with high wind and solar potential, growing energy demand, and populations that still live without reliable electricity." The World Bank Group is putting \$1 billion of its own funds towards this new program and will fundraise another \$1 billion in concessional climate funds through channels such as the Climate Investment Funds' Clean Technology Fund (CTF). The program is expected to raise an additional \$3 billion from public and private funds and investors.

The new program will also convene a global think tank on battery storage, bringing together national laboratories, research institutions, development agencies and philanthropies to foster international technological cooperation and training that can develop and adapt new storage solutions tailored for the needs and conditions of developing countries...

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Ebola/DRC – Protection of Humanitarian Workers

[WHO calls for protection of humanitarian workers and civilians in Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

26 September 2018 News Release

The response to the outbreak of Ebola in North Kivu and Ituri provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is at a critical juncture, threatened by worsening insecurity, mistrust from affected communities, and extension into previously unaffected areas...

But there is a risk now that hard-won gains may be lost.

First, there has been an increase in frequency and severity of attacks by armed opposition groups. Attacks by armed opposition groups on the town Beni, in North Kivu, where the Ministry of Health and partners have based their response, have occurred with alarming frequency. Most recently a deadly attack on 22 September left 21 dead, including 17 civilians.

As a result, WHO and its UN partners were asked to halt operations in Beni, while the city mourns its dead. As of today, some operations have begun to resume, but even a gap of two days has resulted in health workers not being able to reach contacts of Ebola patients to monitor their health; or investigate alerts of potential cases.

Meanwhile, some families have chosen to care for sick relatives at home, often because they have been misinformed, and because a natural fear of the disease is now being exploited by local politicians.

Others sick with Ebola travel widely to seek alternative care, putting themselves, their families and health workers at risk. This has brought infection to new locations, where teams cannot provide them with access to treatment, or provide protective vaccines to their contacts. These include security red zones which are difficult to access, and to areas bordering Uganda.

WHO calls on all relevant parties, and the governments or groups that have influence over these

parties, to help protect responders and civilians.

WHO also calls on governments in surrounding countries to accelerate the preparedness activities which they have begun, with WHO support, to ensure a level of readiness should they face cases of Ebola themselves.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 25 September 2018 [GPEI]

:: Featured on www.polioeradication.org: Coffee with Polio Experts – Head of WHO Chad Dr Jean-Bosco Ndiokubwayo speaks about the ongoing efforts to reach every child with polio vaccine across Chad.

Summary of new viruses this week:

Afghanistan – – two new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) positive environmental samples; **Pakistan** – five new WPV1-positive environmental samples;

Nigeria – three cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) and two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples;

Niger – two cVDPV2 cases;

Horn of Africa (Somalia) – three cVDPV3 cases and one cVDPV3 positive environmental sample; and,

Papua New Guinea – two new cVDPV1 cases.

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Editor's Note:

WHO has posted a [refreshed emergencies page](#) which presents an updated listing of Grade 3,2,1 emergencies as below.

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 29 Sep 2018]

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis

:: [Weekly Situation Report 44 -19 September 2018 pdf, 281kb](#)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [08: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 25 September 2018](#)

:: [Disease Outbreak News \(DONs\) Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 27 September 2018](#)

[See Milestones above for detail]

Syrian Arab Republic

:: [The only tuberculosis control centre in Aleppo is up and running again 26 September 2018](#)

Yemen

:: [High-Level Event on the Humanitarian Response in Yemen](#)

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization

United Nations General Assembly, 24 September 2018

Nigeria - *No new announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 29 Sep 2018]

Myanmar

:: [Weekly Situation Report 44 -19 September 2018](#)

Zimbabwe

:: [WHO is scaling up response to a fast-moving cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe's capital](#)

Harare/Brazzaville 13 September 2018 - The World Health Organization (WHO) is scaling up its response to an outbreak of cholera in Zimbabwe, which is expanding quickly in Harare, the country's capital with a population of more than two million people...

Cameroon - *No new announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new announcements identified*

Hurricane Irma and Maria in the Caribbean - *No new announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new announcements identified*

Libya - *No new announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new announcements identified*

Niger - *No new announcements identified*

Sao Tome and Principe Necrotizing Cellulitis (2017) - *No new announcements identified*

South Africa Listeriosis (2017) - *No new announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new announcements identified*

Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin, Week 37: 15 -21 September 2018

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 54 events in the AFRO region. This week's edition covers key ongoing events, including:

:: Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Cholera outbreak in Niger

:: Cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe

:: Cholera outbreak in Chad

:: Cholera outbreak in Nigeria

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 29 Sep 2018]

Afghanistan

Angola (in Portuguese)
Chad
Ethiopia
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Mali
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Tanzania
Tropical Cyclone Gira
Zambia

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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 - *No new announcements identified.*

Yemen - *No new announcements identified.*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

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 29 Sep 2018]

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

27 September 2018

GA/12069

Approving Draft Declaration, World Leaders in General Assembly Pledge Increasing Multi-Stakeholder, Multisectoral Response to Tackle Non-Communicable Diseases

World leaders in the General Assembly today vowed to scale up efforts to prevent and control non-communicable diseases, approving a draft political declaration during a high-level meeting that commits them to providing greater policy coherence through a whole-of-Government approach.

27 September 2018

SC/13525

Bright Future Awaits If Democratic People's Republic of Korea Fulfils Promises of Complete Denuclearization, United States Tells Security Council

A bright future awaits the Democratic People's Republic of Korea if its leader, Kim Jong Un, makes good on his promise to completely denuclearize the country, the senior United States foreign affairs official told the Security Council today, emphasizing that Washington stands ready to facilitate such a process.

26 September 2018

GA/12067

World Leaders Reaffirm Commitment to End Tuberculosis by 2030, as General Assembly Adopts Declaration Outlining Actions for Increased Financing, Treatment Access

World leaders in the General Assembly today reaffirmed their commitment to end the global tuberculosis epidemic by 2030, unanimously adopting a political declaration committing them to accelerate national and collective actions, investments and innovations in fighting the preventable disease.

26 September 2018

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Universal Human Rights Declaration Must Continue Guiding Path to Development, Security, Secretary-General Says at Anniversary Event for Historic Document

24 September 2018

GA/12060

Nelson Mandela Peace Summit Unanimously Adopts Declaration, Resolving to 'Move Beyond Words', Redouble Efforts towards Peaceful, Prosperous, Fair World

Unanimously adopting a political declaration at the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit, nearly 100 Heads of State and Government, Ministers, Member States and representatives of civil society today committed to redoubling efforts to build a just, peaceful, prosperous, inclusive, and fair world, as they paid tribute to the late South African President's celebrated qualities and service to humanity.

24 September 2018

DSG/SM/1216

With 260 Million Children Out of School, Financial Innovations Needed to Promote Equitable, Inclusive Education, Deputy Secretary-General Tells High-Level Event

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Top News

Egypt: UN experts condemn "systematic targeting" of human rights defenders

Cambodia: UN expert questions "genuineness" of ruling party's landslide victory

UN disability rights experts issue findings on Algeria, Bulgaria, Malta, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

UN expert: Argentina should avoid dismantling family farming at times of economic crisis

Egypt: UN experts call for Human Rights Council response to “appalling” verdicts against protesters

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 September 2018

Committee on the Rights of the Child holds a day of General Discussion on Protecting and Empowering Children as Human Rights Defenders

Committee on the Rights of the Child examines Benin's reports on sale of children and on children in armed conflict

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Committee on the Rights of the Child examines reports of Niger

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Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

24 September 2018

Poland: UN expert set for visit to assess cultural rights situation

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children

[to 29 Sep 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 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Thursday, 27 September 2018

South Sudan: UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict Welcomes Accession to OPAC

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba, congratulates the government of South Sudan for its accession to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC).

South Sudan's Ambassadors Kureng Garang and Agnes Oswaha deposited the accession instrument during a ceremony that took place on the margins of the 73rd General Assembly debates at the UN headquarters in New York.

"Today, the Government of South Sudan is making an important promise to its children that they will take all possible measures to protect them from recruitment and use by both its armed forces and armed groups active in the country", said Virginia Gamba...

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Latest news

International Safe Abortion Day- Friday 28 September 2018

27 September 2018

States must act now to allow safe, legal abortions for women and girls, say UN rights experts

27 September 2018

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 Sep 2018

Framework of Cooperation signed between the United Nations and the Government of Bangladesh will enhance efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence against displaced Rohingya population

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/ipeoples/srindigenouspeoples/pages/sripeoplesindex.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

29 September 2018

Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator for the occupied Palestinian territory, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, on Palestinian casualties in the Gaza Strip

28 September 2018

UN Secretary-General calls for increased funding for CERF to promote early humanitarian action

24 September 2018

Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya, Maria Ribeiro, on the Impact of Hostilities in Tripoli, Libya and Civilian Casualties [EN/AR]

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

Press release

UNICEF teams up with Ebola survivors to help stop spread of deadly outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

28/09/2018

Press release

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at the High Level Meeting on Action for Refugee Education

27/09/2018

Statement

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at 'Children and women under attack: Ending gender-based violence in emergencies'

27/09/2018

Press release

UNICEF announces new partnership with Microsoft to address education crisis affecting displaced and refugee children and young people

26/09/2018

Press release

Remarks by Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF Executive Director at the High-Level Meeting on Tuberculosis

As prepared for delivery

26/09/2018

Press release

UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore's remarks at 'Safe and Respected: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment in the Humanitarian Sector'

26/09/2018

Statement

"We have learned to love ourselves, so now I urge you to 'speak yourself.'"

Remarks by BTS' Kim Nam Jun (RM) at the launch of Generation Unlimited, at the UN General Assembly
24/09/2018

Press release

Remarks by Henrietta H. Fore, UNICEF Executive Director at the launch of Generation Unlimited New York

As prepared for delivery
24/09/2018

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Briefing notes

[UNHCR alarm at recent attacks and rising displacement in eastern DRC](#) 28 Sep 2018

Press releases and news comments

[UNHCR welcomes Spain and Haiti move to counter statelessness](#) 29 Sep 2018

[Tindouf camps planning figures](#) 28 Sep 2018

[South Sudanese surgeon wins UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award](#) 25 Sep 2018

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Announcements

New Framework for Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Crises 'Reinforces IOM's Accountability'

2018-09-28 15:33

Geneva – Gender-Based Violence (GBV) is prevalent in all the crises where the UN Migration Agency (IOM) operates.

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 81,207 in 2018; Deaths Reach 1,733

2018-09-28 15:20

Geneva – IOM, the UN Migration Agency, reports that 81,207 migrants and refugees entered Europe by sea in 2018 through 26 September, with 35,859 to Spain – an increase of 600 to this destination since IOM's last report on 23 September.

IOM Deploys New Ambulance Fleet to Serve Rohingya Refugees, Local Community in Bangladesh Camps

2018-09-25 16:29

Cox's Bazar – IOM has deployed ten new ambulances fitted with critical medical equipment to support emergency health services for Rohingya refugees and the local host community.

UNAIDS [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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28 September 2018

Building faith-based partnerships to end AIDS and TB among children and adolescents

PEPFAR: the first 15 years

27 September 2018

Learning lessons from the AIDS response to control NCDs

26 September 2018

An opportunity to end two of the world's deadliest infectious diseases: TB and HIV

Uniting for every woman and every child

25 September 2018

First ladies of Africa working to stop new HIV infections among children

WHO & Regional Offices [to 29 Sep 2018]

The Global Immunization Meeting

26 - 28 June 2018 [posted 24 September 2018]

World Rabies Day 2018

28 September 2018 | Geneva — In 2015, the world called for action by setting a goal of zero human dog-mediated rabies deaths by 2030, worldwide. World Rabies Day provides a platform to improve awareness, engage communities and help endemic countries in building successful and sustainable rabies programmes.

Awareness and education are vital to the success of the rabies zero by 30 campaign. Through education we can improve the health, wellbeing and development of communities and save thousands of lives each year.

27 September 2018 *News Release*

Heads of State commit to lead response to beat noncommunicable diseases, promote mental health

27 September 2018 *News Release*

WHO Director-General reappoints Michael R. Bloomberg as WHO Global Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries

26 September 2018 *News Release*

WHO calls for protection of humanitarian workers and civilians in Democratic Republic of the Congo

[See Milestones above for detail]

26 September 2018 *News Release*

World leaders commit to bold targets and urgent action to end TB

[See Milestones above for detail]

26 September 2018 *News Release*

Ray Chambers appointed WHO Ambassador for Global Strategy

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Weekly Epidemiological Record, 28 September 2018, vol. 93, 39 (pp. 500–520)

- :: Progress towards poliovirus containment worldwide, 2017–2018
- :: Summary of global update on provision of preventive chemotherapy in 2017 and progress towards ensuring timely supplies and management

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

Selected Featured News

- :: [From high burden to high impact: getting back on track to end malaria](#) 29 September 2018
- :: [Uganda steps up Ebola preparedness response in 22 high-risk districts](#) 27 September 2018
- :: [Yobe State requests WHO's expertise over fresh cholera outbreak](#) 27 September 2018
- :: [WHO deploys nearly 4,000 volunteers to tackle malaria in Borno and Adamawa States](#)
27 September 2018
- :: [The Republic of Congo to vaccinate more than one million people against yellow fever](#)
26 September 2018
- :: [WHO scales up new front against Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo, near the border with Uganda](#) 26 September 2018
- :: [WHO Supports Training of 450 Community Health Volunteers to Enhance Community Case Detection](#)
24 September 2018

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: [PAHO Directing Council ends with agreements to reduce the shortage of health personnel and prevent diseases in the Region](#) (09/27/2018)
- :: [Actions agreed to improve the health of women, children and adolescents across their life course](#) (09/27/2018)
- :: [Bioethics must be strengthened in the Region to better prepare for public health emergencies](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [Ministers of health commit to reducing cervical cancer cases and deaths by 30% in the Americas by 2030](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [PAHO: No cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in the Region of the Americas since 1991](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [Road safety is improving, but more laws are required to control speed limits, helmet and seat belt use in the Americas](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [Countries in the Americas can end preventable child mortality by reaching the most vulnerable](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [New PAHO plan aims to reduce a shortage of nearly 800,000 health workers in the Region of the Americas](#) (09/26/2018)
- :: [Progress must be accelerated to end tuberculosis in the Americas, says new PAHO report](#) (09/25/2018)

- :: [Ministers of Health of the Americas agree to strengthen actions to prevent vector-borne diseases](#) (09/24/2018)
- :: [Uruguayan President and pioneer in tobacco control is named a PAHO Health Hero of the Americas](#) (09/24/2018)
- :: [New challenges threaten health achievements in the Americas and call for innovative solutions](#) (09/23/2018)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: [EU grant to improve health services for more than one million vulnerable people](#)

SEAR/PR/1701 Dhaka, 25 September: A European Union grant of €1 million (US\$1.2 million) is helping the World Health Organization to strengthen health services for the nearly one million vulnerable Rohingyas and their host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, who remain at risk of disease outbreaks.

WHO European Region EURO

- :: [Groundbreaking pledge of United Nations agencies to end HIV, TB and viral hepatitis epidemics in Europe at high-level meeting on ending TB](#) 28-09-2018
- :: [Adolescents drink less, although levels of alcohol consumption are still dangerously high](#) 26-09-2018
- :: [Multisectoral action to promote physical activity has increased in the EU](#) 24-09-2018
- :: [WHO School on Refugee and Migrant Health to build on existing capacities for providing care](#) 24-09-2018

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: [Tuberculosis control centre reopens in Aleppo](#) 26 September 2018

WHO Western Pacific Region

- *No new announcement identified*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28/09/18

The United Against Rabies collaboration builds skills and knowledge in rabies-endemic countries towards achievement of zero human rabies deaths

On the occasion of the 12th World Rabies Day, the United Against Rabies collaboration highlights the critical role that intersectoral collaboration must play if the world is to be rid of human rabies deaths by 2030.

Paris/Geneva/Rome/Manhattan, 28 September 2018 - The United Against Rabies collaboration, consisting of the World Health Organization (WHO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), has been taking action following the launch in June of [Zero by 30: the global strategic plan to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030](#). The plan provides a phased, all-inclusive, intersectoral approach to eliminate human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030. It leverages the work of the four aforementioned organizations to facilitate coordination across the institutions. Its aim is to offer an integrated response to country needs through empowering, engaging and enabling them to lead and strengthen elimination efforts. The approach limits duplication and improves efficiencies...

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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

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

Eighth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

The eighth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), will be held from 5 to 8 November 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting will be hosted by Statistics Sweden.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 Sep 2018 Press release

Joan Carling, fighter for environmental and indigenous rights, wins Champions of the Earth Award

Joan Carling is one of the most prominent fighters for environmental and indigenous rights in the Philippines. UN Environment is recognizing Carling for her tireless environmental action with a Champions of the Earth...

28 Sep 2018 Press release

Plant-based meat revolutionaries win UN's highest environmental honor

Producers of revolutionary plant-based meats, Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods win the 2018 Champions of the Earth award, the UN's highest accolade for the environment. Beyond Meat and Impossible Foods produce sustainable...

27 Sep 2018 Press release

Iraq officials trained in assessing oil contaminated sites from the ISIL conflict

UN Environment conducts a five-day training workshop for 26 national experts from Iraq's ministries of environment and oil. Workshop strengthens national capacity to assess and clean-up oil-contaminated sites from the...

26 Sep 2018 Press release

Outstanding environmental changemakers receive UN's Champions of the Earth Award

Announced today, the Champions of the Earth Awards, the UN's highest environmental honor, will be presented to six outstanding environmental changemakers. The champions are recognized for their achievements in the...

26 Sep 2018 Press release

Nations commit to fight plastic pollution together during the UN General Assembly

To launch the UN Environment's Global Plastics Platform, UN Environment and the European Commission hosted an event alongside the UN General Assembly. The network will encourage new commitments to reduce plastic pollution...

25 Sep 2018 Press release

New research lays out how to deliver investment in sustainable infrastructure

New research released today says serious and rapid investment in sustainable upgrades and alternatives is needed to limit climate change. The report finds that energy, transport, buildings and water infrastructure...

24 Sep 2018 Press release

UN Environment and Boston College establish Global Pollution Observatory

UN Environment and Boston College established a new research partnership to focus on reducing sources of pollution that kill 9 million people each year. Pollution is linked to a myriad of diseases, injuries, and risk...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 Sep 2018

European Cities Pioneer DRR Peer Review

Under the Making Cities Resilient Campaign, UNISDR finalizes a peer to peer city review tool - USCORE - to support resilient cities and boost the number of local disaster risk reduction strategies around the world.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27 September 2018, New York

USG Liu Zhenmin welcomes efforts by SIDA and UN DESA for Global SDG Investor Network

Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Liu Zhenmin welcomed efforts by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and UN DESA to explore the establishment of a global investor network to advocate for the scaling up of long-term finance and investment for sustainable development.

In the meeting jointly convened by Sida and UN DESA, Mr. Liu emphasized that the bulk of the required investment for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals will need to be long-term.

The challenge, therefore, is to scale up long-term finance and investment that are aligned with sustainable development. He noted that long-term institutional investors like pension funds are potential sources of financing, but that more needs to be done to engage these actors, as well as other parts of the financial and corporate sectors, to facilitate larger volumes of sustainable investment...

Governments urged to 'do the hard work' to better manage global migration

27 September 2018, New York

As world leaders met at the United Nations on Wednesday to discuss the first global agreement designed to better manage international migration, a leading voice on migrants' rights urged them to "do the hard work" of turning words into action.

The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, set to be formally adopted in December in Marrakech, Morocco, comprises 23 objectives covering all aspects of migration, including enhancing availability of legal pathways, promoting ethical labour standards, combatting trafficking and facilitating dignified returns...

UNESCO [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Posted September 28, 2018

Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director's message on World Habitat Day

Posted September 26, 2018

Arusha Conference Reviews Adoption of Energy Efficient Building Practices

Arusha, Tanzania, 2 August 2018 – Government representatives, academics, project managers, housing experts, financiers and NGOs met in Arusha recently to review progress made in promoting energy efficient building practices in Africa and have committed to championing...

Posted September 24, 2018

UN-Habitat Launches Global Municipal Database

Nairobi, 24 September 2018 – A Global Municipal Database (GMD) launched by UN-Habitat provides standard indicators for municipal budgets and includes data on per capita expenditures, revenues and debt in cities worldwide. The GMD is the first...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27-09-2018

Gender gaps in African agriculture are holding back progress

Gender gaps in agriculture in Africa are holding back progress towards ending hunger and must be urgently addressed, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's Director-General José Graziano da Silva said today at a joint event with the African Union (AU) on the margins of the UN General Assembly.

FAO calls for effort to enable family farmers as private investors

"Unleashing the potential of private sector investments in agriculture represents today one of the most effective ways to reduce hunger and poverty while safeguarding the environment," FAO's Director-General said at a High-Level Meeting held to launch the UN Secretary-General's strategy for financing the SDGs.

26-09-2018

EU and FAO scale up efforts to boost resilience to food crises

The European Commission and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) have strengthened their partnership to boost the resilience of millions of people struggling with severe and often prolonged or recurrent food crises around the world.

25-09-2018

UNGA Mandela Peace Summit: Where conflicts arise, hunger increases says DG FAO

Without peace there will be no food security, and without food security there will be no peace – that was the message of FAO's José Graziano da Silva for the Nelson Mandela Peace Summit. FAO also awarded Graça Machel with honorary membership of the FAO Nobel Peace Laureates Alliance for Food Security and Peace.

24-09-2018

FAO happy to contribute early-warning expertise to new platform

FAO welcomes a new World Bank initiative to promote action against famines and is eager to contribute its own considerable tools and resources to make it a success, Director-General José Graziano da Silva said late Sunday

23-09-2018

ILO International Labour Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

19th American Regional Meeting

Past, present and future of work come together at the 19th American Regional Meeting in Panama

28 September 2018

In the run up to the ILO Centenary, representatives from the Americas will discuss the future of work between 2 and 5 October. For a century, Latin America was an active partner of the ILO, pioneering the organisation of regional meetings.

Tackling Child Labour

UK Government to support ILO in fighting child labour in South Asia

27 September 2018

New ILO UK-funded programme will concentrate on the worst forms of child labour in South Asia.

International Day of Older Persons

ILO report shows progress on global pension coverage but benefits are low

27 September 2018

ILO calls on member States to ensure adequate pensions for all.

Violence at work

Making workplace harassment part of the anti-discrimination struggle

27 September 2018

A new report on employment discrimination shows that France is no stranger to discriminatory harassment at work, at a time when a new global standard on the subject is being negotiated at the ILO.

United Nations General Assembly

Global leaders and companies pledge to reduce the gender pay gap by 2030

26 September 2018

On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, members of the Equal Pay International Coalition publicly demonstrated their commitment to close the gender pay gap.

Child Labour

ILO, the Netherlands to take joint action against child labour

26 September 2018

New partnership focuses on global supply chains in agriculture and mining.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

24/9/18

Fourth ICAO World Aviation Forum highlights key development priorities to Americas and Caribbean participants

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

26/09/2018

World Maritime Day 2018 - "IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future"

On 27 September, IMO and the global maritime community celebrate the annual World Maritime Day, under the theme: *IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future*.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27 September 2018

Syrian refugees in Turkey showcase their new skills in apparel manufacturing at fashion shows

ANKARA, 27 September 2018 – Fashion shows are not often associated with development projects, but it made perfect sense today as a group of Syrian women refugees showcased the skills they acquired through a vocational training in apparel manufacture. The project in Turkey was funded by Japan and implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa: enhanced and innovative global partnerships key to a successful African Continental Free Trade Area

NEW YORK, 26 September 2018 – Heads of State, high-level representatives of governments, development financing institutions and UN agencies, together with representatives of the private sector, non-governmental organizations and academia, met today at the United Nations Headquarters to discuss how inclusive and sustainable industrial development can support the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) agreement.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

By Barnaby Lewis on 25 September 2018

ISO standards can help tackle global inequality, says UN Women expert

At the 2018 ISO Week in Geneva, the ISO committee dedicated to developing countries, DEVCO, unveiled ambitious plans to reduce inequalities and continue spreading the benefits of International Standards where they're needed most.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 September 2018

Digital Transformation & Innovation Take Spotlight on World Tourism Day 2018

Madrid, Spain, 28 September 2018 – World Tourism Day 2018 was observed in Budapest, Hungary yesterday (27 September 2018) with the official celebration focusing on the digital transformation in tourism, a World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) priority. The event examined how investment in new technology provides the sector with opportunities for innovation.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Sep 25, 2018 [PR/2018/821](#)

WIPO and IFPMA Launch New Online Patent-Search Resource to Help Health Agencies Procure Medicines

WIPO and the research-based pharmaceutical industry today launched a new online tool designed to help procurement agencies better understand the global patent status of medicines.

Sep 24, 2018 [PR/2017/820](#)

WIPO Assemblies 2018 Open: Director General Francis Gurry Underlines Positive Results, Calls for Action on New Technologies

Rapid technological change is driving demand for intellectual property rights and growth in WIPO's global intellectual property (IP) systems, while IP is increasingly important in policy making and international trade, WIPO Director General Francis Gurry said in opening the 2018 WIPO Assemblies.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[USAID Administrator Mark Green Travels to the Republic of Ghana](#)

September 28, 2018

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green will travel to Accra, Ghana from September 30 to October 4, in support of First Lady Melania Trump's trip to the country. Administrator Green will meet with Ghanaian Government officials to discuss the country's "Ghana Beyond Aid" agenda. Administrator Green will also visit U.S. foreign assistance programming in the Northern Region of the country, and will meet with USAID and State Department staff.

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at the Accelerating Action on Tuberculosis Towards Achieving 40x22 Event](#)

September 26, 2018

Remarks

We're here, of course, because while many gains have been achieved in the fight against tuberculosis, I think we all know that we have much, much to do. It remains the world's number-one infectious disease killer, continuing to claim nearly two million lives each and every year. TB also disproportionately affects the most vulnerable people in our society: those who live in poverty and marginalized communities. Too many individuals with TB also face stigma and discrimination which discourages them from treatment, which means that our approach must be truly multisectoral.

[USAID Administrator Mark Green Announces New Approach to End Tuberculosis](#)

September 26, 2018

Today, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green announced a new business model to support the fight to end the world's number-one infectious killer, tuberculosis (TB). Through \$30 million in funding and a new performance-based Global Accelerator to End TB, USAID will catalyze investments to meet the target set by the United Nations High-Level Meeting on TB of treating 40 million people with the disease by 2022.

[USAID Administrator Mark Green's Meeting with Md. Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh](#)

September 26, 2018

Readout

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green met with the Bangladeshi Foreign Secretary, Md. Shahidul Haque, on Wednesday in New York City at the United Nations General Assembly. The Administrator expressed appreciation for the continued compassion

shown by the Bangladeshi people and Government toward the nearly one million Rohingya who have fled ethnic cleansing in Burma. He emphasized that the U.S. Government's priority is to support political processes that will enable the safe, dignified, and voluntary return of refugees to Burma.

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at a Breaking the Cycle Between Conflict and Hunger Event](#)

September 26, 2018

Many billions of dollars have been generously provided to alleviate global hunger. But they are being robbed of their full value by crisis, conflict, and poor governance. So, not just terrorism, but corruption and poor governance, as well. The Agency that I am privileged to lead, USAID, delivered more than three billion dollars of food assistance to 64 million people across 50 countries last year alone. American taxpayers generously offered this assistance to ease immediate suffering as well as to lay a foundation for long-term resilience -- an ideal to which all people aspire. Yet disaster, not natural disaster, like a drought or a flood, but man-made disaster in the form of inhumane, authoritarian governance and willful disregard of the laws of war, are destroying any chances that these purposes will actually be met.

[U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green's Remarks at a Humanitarian Grand Challenge Event](#)

September 25, 2018

[United States Continues to Assist Venezuelans in Need](#)

September 25, 2018

Vice President Mike Pence announced today at the 73rd regular session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, NY, more than \$48 million in additional humanitarian U.S. assistance for Venezuelans affected by the man-made crisis in Venezuela.

DFID [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases

[UK urges donors to support African Union Mission in Somalia](#)

27 September 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

[UK expertise to help developing countries tackle climate change and move to cleaner energy](#)

27 September 2018 DFID and BEIS Press release

[UK leads the fight against increasing drug resistant TB](#)

27 September 2018 DFID Press release

[Minister for Africa calls for promises of peace in South Sudan to be put into action](#)

26 September 2018 DFID and FCO Press release

["Support survivors of sexual violence in conflict" Minister says](#)

26 September 2018 DFID, FCO and PSVI Press release

[UK leads calls to reach most marginalised girls with quality education](#)

26 September 2018 DFID Press release

UK leads action plan to help those hardest hit by Yemen's nutrition crisis

25 September 2018 DFID Press release

UK leads the charge in eradicating scourge of modern slavery

24 September 2018 DFID Press release

ECHO [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27/09/2018

The EU brings relief to vulnerable communities in Myanmar's restive states

The European Commission has announced a humanitarian aid package worth €5 million to bring emergency support to vulnerable communities living in Myanmar's Kachin, Rakhine, and Shan states. This comes on top of the €40 million committed in May 2018...

Commissioner Stylianides reiterates EU commitment to eradicate gender-based violence in emergencies during event at 73rd United Nations General Assembly

27/09/2018

Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides and UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore co-hosted a side-event 'Children and women under attack: ending gender-based violence in emergencies' during the 73rd session...

EU steps up Ebola response with preparedness measures in Rwanda and Uganda

27/09/2018

In response to the latest Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the EU is assisting the Red Cross to reinforce preparedness in Uganda and Rwanda. DRC is currently experiencing its 10th outbreak of the virus. The EU will provide...

Commissioner Stylianides opens event on humanitarian protection and International Humanitarian Law during 73rd United Nations General Assembly

26/09/2018

The European Union (EU) merged its efforts with the Kingdom of Belgium and the United Nations (UN) Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) to raise awareness on the cost of armed conflict and its dire consequences on civilians...

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African Union [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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No new digest content identified.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 29 Sep 2018]

<http://asean.org/category/news/asean-secretariat-news/>

*[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]
No new digest content identified.*

European Commission [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

The European Union proposes additional €40 million for Palestine Refugees to keep schools and health clinics open

European Commission - Press release New York, 27 September 2018 Today, the European Commission proposed additional support for UNRWA to allow the agency to keep providing access to education for 500,000 Palestine refugee children, primary health care for more than 3.5 million patients and assistance to over 250,000 vulnerable Palestine...

JOINT COMMUNIQUE between the European Union and the United Nations: A renewed partnership in development

European Commission - Statement New York, 27 September 2018 The European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN) share a strong commitment to support partner countries in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda) and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing...

Countries launch UN work to shut down global trade in torture tools

UN work to shut down global trade in torture tools.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 25 September 2018 UN work to shut down global trade in torture tools. On Monday, 24 September, the Alliance for Torture-Free Trade agreed to step up the pace of its efforts and work towards a United Nations instrument - such as a binding convention...

Rule of Law: European Commission refers Poland to the European Court of Justice to protect the independence of the Polish Supreme Court

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 24 September 2018 . Today, the European Commission decided to refer Poland to the Court of Justice of the EU due to the violations of the principle of judicial independence created by the new Polish Law on the Supreme Court...

OECD [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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26-September-2018

Global leaders and companies pledge to reduce the gender pay gap by 2030

Today, global leaders from governments, private sector companies, trade unions and civil society pledged to take concrete action towards closing the gender pay gap by 2030. The global commitments – to ensure women in every sector of the workforce are paid equally to men for doing work of equal value – were made at the Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) Pledging event held during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 28, 2018

The OAS and the Community of Democracies Strengthen Ties of Collaboration for Democratic Sustainability

September 28, 2018

President of Chile Calls for the Restoration of Democracy in Venezuela During Visit to the OAS

September 26, 2018

The OAS and the Carnegie Foundation will Work Together on Conflict Prevention and Peace Processes

September 26, 2018

OAS Secretary General Expresses "Complete Support" for the Referral to the ICC of Investigation of Venezuela

September 25, 2018

OAS Report Reveals that 9 out of 10 Banks in Latin America and the Caribbean Suffered Cyber Incidents during the last year

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

26/09/2018

OIC participates in the Consultative Meeting for Cultural Development in the Islamic World

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) took part in the 16th meeting of the Consultative Council for Cultural Development in the Islamic World, held on 24-25 September 2018 in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting is convened as part of the preparations for the Extraordinary Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers due to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain on November 28-29, 2018, to celebrate Al-Muharraq as the capital of Islamic culture for the year 2018 for the Arab region.

25/09/2018

OIC raises plight of the Rohingya at the United Nations

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will be raising the plight of the long suffering Rohingya Muslim minority during the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Two special side events are being organized during the week to focus on the issues of citizenship, accountability and repatriation of refugees. On 25 September the OIC Contact Group on Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar will meet to follow up on the decisions of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers meeting which took place 5-6 May 2018 in Dhaka Bangladesh.

Group of 77 [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Statement by H.E. Dr. Hala Zayed Minister of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the Third High level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases: "Time to deliver: accelerating our

**response to address NCDs for the health and well-being of present and future generations"
(New York, 27 September 2018)**

Statement by H.E. Dr. Hala Zayed, Minister of Health and Population of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the High level Meeting "**United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic" (New York, 26 September 2018)**

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UNCTAD [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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Press Releases

26 Sep 2018 –

UNCTAD: Trade wars are symptom of deeper economic malaise

Unbalanced trade adding to anxiety and inequality, United Nations warns

Infrastructure plans in developing countries fail to link to integrated economic reforms needed for prosperity – United Nations report

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Latest News

25 September 2018

African Union Directors General of Customs support creating an African market and tackling integrity issues

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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

27 September 2018

WTO downgrades outlook for global trade as risks accumulate

Escalating trade tensions and tighter credit market conditions in important markets will slow trade growth for the rest of this year and in 2019, WTO economists expect.

28 September 2018

DDG Wolff urges standards bodies to boost support for multilateral trading system

Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff urged international standards bodies to strengthen their support for the WTO and the multilateral trading system. "We need to spread the message that an integrated global economy, with a strong and dynamic multilateral trading system — which includes international standards — is a better world for everyone," he said in a keynote address 28 September to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) General Assembly in Geneva. "Technology and innovation do not tend to thrive behind walls of any kind."

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 September 2018.

[The State of Palestine institutes proceedings against the United States of America](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 29 Sep 2018]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Statement : 27 September 2018

[Statement of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Mrs Fatou Bensouda, on the referral by a group of six States Parties regarding the situation in Venezuela](#)

On 27 September 2018, I received a referral from a group of States Parties to the Rome Statute (the "Statute"), namely the Republic of Argentina, Canada, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Paraguay and the Republic of Peru (the "referring States"), regarding the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela ("Venezuela") since 12 February 2014.

Pursuant to article 14 of the Statute of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), the referring States request the Prosecutor to initiate an investigation on crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the territory of Venezuela since 12 February 2014, with the view to determining whether one or more persons should be charged with the commission of such crimes. Accordingly, pursuant to Regulation 45 of the Regulations of the Court, I have informed the ICC Presidency of this referral...

World Bank [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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[Bangladesh Needs Sustained Support for Rohingya, World Bank says](#)

DHAKA, September 27, 2018—World Bank Vice President for South Asia Region, Hartwig Schafer today said the world needs to provide sustained support to Bangladesh to meet the urgent needs of the Rohingya...

Date: September 27, 2018 Type: Press Release

[World Bank Group Commits \\$1 Billion for Battery Storage to Ramp Up Renewable Energy Globally](#)

New program will mobilize another \$4 billion; "game changer" for developing countries

NEW YORK, September 26, 2018 - In a major announcement at the One Planet Summit here today, the World Bank Group...

Date: September 26, 2018 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

World Bank Announces New Global Fund for Healthy Oceans

NEW YORK, September 26, 2018 — The World Bank Group announced on Wednesday the creation of PROBLUE, a new multi-donor trust fund that will support healthy and productive oceans by tackling marine pollution...

Date: September 26, 2018 Type: Press Release

Labor, Taxation, and Social Policies Must Be Upgraded to Address Rising Inequality in Europe and Central Asia, Says World Bank

WASHINGTON, September 25, 2018 – Labor, taxation and social welfare policies in countries around Europe and Central Asia must be brought into the 21st century to tackle rising inequality between groups...

Date: September 25, 2018 Type: Press Release

Oceans, Fisheries and Coastal Economies

Context Billions of people worldwide —especially the world's poorest— rely on healthy oceans to provide jobs and food, underscoring the urgent need to sustainably use and protect this natural resource...

Date: September 25, 2018 Type: Brief

African Leaders, the World Bank Group, and partners catalyze action to ensure that everyone in Africa has a digital identity by 2030

NEW YORK, September 25th, 2018 - African leaders, the World Bank Group, the United Nations, and other development partners met today on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly for the African Leaders...

Date: September 25, 2018 Type: Press Release

World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim Statement at UN General Assembly High-level Event, The Global Compact on Refugees - A Model for Greater Solidarity and Cooperation

Date: September 24, 2018 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

United Nations, World Bank, and Humanitarian Organizations Launch Innovative Partnership to End Famine

Global Technology Firms to Provide Expertise on Frontier Technology to Better Predict Famines

WASHINGTON, September 23, 2018—The United Nations, World Bank, International Committee of the Red Cross, Microsoft...

Date: September 23, 2018 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IMF [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

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September 24, 2018

Keynote Address at Secretary-General's High-Level Meeting on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

African Development Bank Group [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/press-releases/>

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

African Development Bank seeks partnerships to lift 1 billion people out of hunger globally

26/09/2018 - The African Development Bank called on global partners to join hands to lift one billion people worldwide out of hunger and said it was leading the way by investing US\$24 billion in African agriculture over the next 10 years in the largest such effort ever.

African Development Bank Boosts Jobs for Youth in Africa Strategy with close to \$2 Million

25/09/2018 - The African Development Bank's Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA), has provided funds totaling nearly US \$2 million to its Jobs for Youth in Africa initiative.

African Development Bank Launches first Africa-to-Africa (A2A) Investment Report

24/09/2018 - Opportunities for investment in Africa often outweigh the obstacles, according to leading African companies included in the African Development Bank's first Africa-to-Africa (A2A) Investment Report.

Asian Development Bank [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.adb.org/news/releases>

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

28 Sep 2018

ADB Approves New Access to Information Policy

ADB's Board of Directors today approved a new Access to Information Policy that aims to maintain ADB's high standards of transparency.

26 Sep 2018

ADB Lowers 2018 Growth Forecast for Pacific, Sees Recovery in 2019

ADB forecasts economic growth of 1.1% in the Pacific subregion in 2018, down from earlier forecasts due to disaster-related challenges and declines in public spending.

26 Sep 2018

Asia Has the Policy Tools to Address Pockets of Vulnerability — Report

Policymakers in Asia and the Pacific have a wide range of options at their disposal to ensure that heightened global uncertainty due to monetary policy normalization in advanced economies and rising global trade tensions does not...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 29 Sep 2018]
<https://www.aiib.org/en/news-events/news/index.html>

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Top News

AIIB's First On-lending Facility Supports Renewable Energy Projects in Turkey

Beijing, China, September 28, 2018

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a loan of up to USD200 million to the Industrial Development Bank of Turkey (TSKB), backed by a guarantee from the Government of Turkey. The loan will support long-term financing, primarily for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

Beijing, China, September 28, 2018

Rural Population of Andhra Pradesh, India to Benefit from New Investment

More than two million people living in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh, India, stand to benefit from an improved road network connecting them with markets, schools ...

Beijing, China, September 28, 2018

AIIB Helps Bring Clean Drinking Water, Sanitation Services to Rural Egypt

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors approved its first loan to the Egyptian government for USD300 million. The investment will ...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 Sep 18

IFAD and the Lab launch new partnership to drive finance to African smallholder farmers combating climate change

25 Sep 18

Exploring the Link Between Conflict and Global Hunger

25 Sep 18

The African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the International Fund for Agricultural Development Strengthen their Cooperation

24 Sep 18

GCF-IFAD agreement will help agricultural communities adapt to climate change

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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 29 Sep 2018]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Tuesday, 25 September 2018 00:00

[Sir Fazle Hasan Abed at launch of UN Youth Strategy](#)

Adequate investments in programmes to empower the next generation are a prerequisite for young people to realise their full potential, said BRAC chairperson Sir Fazle Hasan Abed at a high level UN event in New York on Monday (24 September 2018).

CARE International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28th Sep 2018

[7.5 magnitude earthquake hits Indonesia](#)

Indonesia

CARE is closely monitoring the situation in Indonesia and is ready to respond if and when needed, after a 7.5 magnitude earthquake hits the island of Sulawesi.

[Joint NGO Statement on Yemen - 73rd UN General Assembly](#)

25th Sep 2018 *Yemen*

A joint statement by international NGO's for the event of the 73rd UN General Assembly demanding a political solution that brings an end to the war in Yemen.

[Deadly Rebel Attack Underscores Difficulty of Containing Ebola in the DRC](#)

25th Sep 2018 *Democratic Republic of Congo*

Clashes between the national army and an armed group, which killed 18 people and injured 8 here over the weekend, have forced aid groups to suspend parts of the Ebola response, highlighting how difficult it is to contain the first outbreak of the deadly virus in a war zone.

Clubhouse International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

News & Updates

This World Tourism Day – Report the sexual exploitation of children

27/09/2018

Today is World Tourism Day, a day to celebrate all the good things that tourism brings, but it is also a day to think about the dark side of this industry. Every day, children are sexually exploited by travelers and tourists, which is why it's important that you know how to spot the potential signs of this crime the next time you're on holiday. The person next to you at the bar might not be there for the cocktail, but also for other reasons.

Fountain House [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 25, 2018 12:26 PM

HI urges 4,500 politicians to support international campaign against bombing of civilians

Humanity & Inclusion is calling on 4,500 legislators—across the globe—to stop the bombing of populated areas, an almost systematic practice in present-day conflicts, of which 92% of casualties are civilians.

Politicians have the power to bring it to an end. As part of our international Stop Bombing Civilians campaign, HI is reaching out to dozens of U.S. Senators, as well as thousands of members of parliament in Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, to push for the strongest protection possible of civilians in armed conflicts...

Heifer International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

ICRC President: Sustained humanitarian action still needed in Myanmar and Bangladesh

New York – Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), called on the international community to move out of political deadlock, find answers to questions of accountability, and find long-term political solutions to

27-09-2018 | News release

Sustained humanitarian action still needed in Myanmar and Bangladesh

ICRC President: Speech to High-Level Event on the Situation of the Rohingya Minority in Myanmar. As delivered. In late June this year I visited ICRC operations in northern Rakhine and the camps of Cox's Bazar.

27-09-2018 | Statement

7 steps to strengthen health care in emergencies

ICRC President: Speech to UN General Assembly event on Universal Health Coverage in Emergencies
27-09-2018 | Statement

Urgency to rid the world of most destructive weapon ever created

The International Committee of the Red Cross (the ICRC) is very pleased to attend this important event to commemorate the International Day on the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.

27-09-2018 | Statement

ICRC President: Use, threat to use, or possess of nuclear weapons is unacceptable in humanitarian, moral and legal terms.

New York – The President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Peter Maurer today issued a stark warning on the risks of the use of nuclear weapons and the urgent need for progress towards their elimination.

26-09-2018 | News release

Why States must sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: A plea for humanity

Speech given by Mr. Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, at the signing ceremony of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. 26 September 2018, UN, New York.

26-09-2018 | Statement

Moving from outrage to action on civilian suffering

ICRC President: speech to UNGA event on the protection of civilians and respect for IHL

26-09-2018 | Statement

ICRC President: Humanity not measured by relief items distributed but by the recovery of people in need

New York – Peter Maurer, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), issued a stark reminder of the scale of humanitarian suffering Syrian civilians still experience and the future challenge of protecting people as they return.

26-09-2018 | News release

ICRC President: Responsibility to stop malnutrition in Yemen lies with warring parties

At the United Nations General Assembly High-Level meeting on "Addressing Malnutrition in Yemen," ICRC President Peter Maurer stressed the conflict roots of Yemen's current crisis of malnutrition.

25-09-2018 | News release

ICRC President: Responsibility to stop malnutrition in Yemen lies with warring parties

Speech given by Mr Peter Maurer, ICRC President, at UN General Assembly High-Level Meeting on "Addressing Malnutrition in Yemen".

25-09-2018 | Statement

UNGA: Political leadership needed to resolve humanitarian crises

Peter Maurer, President of the ICRC, will lead a delegation to the UN General Assembly High Level week, calling on world leaders to show political leadership on humanitarian crises.

24-09-2018 | News release

IFRC [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Asia Pacific, Indonesia

Indonesia: Red Cross teams "don't know what we'll find" at earthquake and tsunami disaster zone

Jakarta/Geneva, 29 September 2018 – Indonesian Red Cross volunteers and staff are racing to help survivors of the earthquakes and tsunami that hit Central Sulawesi province on Friday, killing at least 384 people and injuring hundreds more in Palu city. ...

29 September 2018

Nigeria

Cholera menace looms large following deadly floods in Nigeria: Red Cross ramps up its efforts

Nairobi/Abuja, 26 September 2018 – Floods and torrential rain have swept through many parts of Nigeria, creating a worrying breeding ground for cholera and other water-borne diseases. Abubakar Kende, Secretary General of the Nigerian Red Cross said: "O ...

26 September 2018

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Statements

Press Release

Repeated violence in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo leads to temporary suspension of Ebola response activities

September 28, 2018

Press Release

Mental health needs at Moria are immense. IRC psychologists merely "chipping away at an iceberg"

September 25, 2018

Press Release

Civilian deaths in Yemen up by 164% as United States recertifies support for the war

September 25, 2018

Press Release

Up to 82% of fragile and conflict affected states are off track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal targets, according to a new report by the International Rescue Committee and the Overseas Development Institute

September 25, 2018

IRCT [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Latest News

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Humanitarian Crisis in Free Fall – Joint NGO Statement on Yemen

After almost four years of conflict, and despite all efforts to halt displacement, hunger and disease, Yemen remains the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth.

Tuesday 18th September 2018

Communities in northern Philippines will take years to recover from devastation, aid agency warns

As the winds and rains begin to recede, the true extent of the damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut is only just starting to come to light, with more than 65 dead, dozens missing, thousands left homeless and acres of farmland badly damaged.

Landsea [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Sept. 25, 2018

Landesa launches the RIPL Resource Platform, a roadmap for agri-business investments

:: Global land rights group releases roadmap for agri-business investments

:: New digital platform provides step-by-step instructions for implementing international standards that recognize and protect land rights.

SEATTLE – The global land rights group, Landesa, with support from the Department for International Development (DFID) LEGEND Program, today launched the Resource Platform for Responsible Investments in Property and Land (RIPL), designed to help businesses, governments, and communities navigate the land investment process and move toward more equitable and sustainable outcomes for all stakeholders.

For companies doing business in the Global South, land is vital to supply chains worth billions of dollars worldwide. For women, men and youth living in investment areas, the same land is a source of income, food, security, identity, and shelter. When these competing interests come into contact, disputes are often inevitable – especially in the face of weak, overburdened, or nonexistent governance, or corruption.

"Land investments are unique, complex, and often messy, and don't respond well to a one-size-fits-all approach," said Landesa CEO Chris Jochnick. "The RIPL Resource Platform was built to provide tailored, flexible guidance that can be adapted to local contexts, giving all stakeholders a road map for navigating the investment process. The guidance is essential and timely, because failing to address land rights has consequences for everyone."...

Medecins du Monde [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases/Statements

Niger

One of the world's biggest paediatric intensive care units is full

Press Release 25 Sep 2018

:: *Magaria hospital is the only health facility available in a region of 700,000 to one million people, around 20 per cent of whom are aged under five*

:: *Of the 730 children currently admitted, 208 are critically ill and mortality rates remain alarmingly high*

:: *It's likely that hundreds more children are seriously ill in the community and not getting the care they need*

Tuberculosis

Global leaders must make bold commitments at first-ever UN tuberculosis summit

Press Release 25 Sep 2018

:: *World leaders are meeting in New York this week for the first-ever high-level summit on tuberculosis*

:: *TB is the world's deadliest infectious disease, killing 1.6 million in 2017, but is drastically under-funded*

:: *MSF implores leaders at the summit to urgently scale up TB diagnosis and treatment, and commit more resources*

Mercy Corps [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Press releases

United States: Mercy Corps Applauds Global Food Security Reauthorization Act Passage

In response to the final passage of the Global Food Security Reauthorization Act (S.2269) by the House of Representatives on September 28, 2018, Mercy Corps issued the following statement from Dina Esposito, Vice President of Technical Leadership:

United States: Mercy Corps Supports Passage Of Global Fragility And Violence Reduction Act

Statement from Neal Keny-Guyer, Mercy Corps Chief Executive Officer: Mercy Corps commends the vote yesterday by the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in support of the Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act of 2018 (H.R. 5273). This bipartisan legislation was introduced and

sponsored by Representatives Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), Paul Cook (R-Calif.), Bill Keating (D-Mass.), Michael McCaul (R-Texas), Ted Poe (R-Texas), and Adam Smith (D-Wash.) on March 15.

South Sudan: Mercy Corps Statement on U.N. OCHA High-Level Humanitarian Event on South Sudan

Good morning. On behalf of the global humanitarian and peacebuilding organization, Mercy Corps, I thank OCHA for organizing this discussion as well as the panelist, Angelina Nyajima for her powerful words. Her courage in addressing gender-based violence is a model to all of us.

United States: Mercy Corps Brings Light To N.C. As Flood Dangers Remain

LUMBERTON, N.C. — Mercy Corps on Friday began distributing solar lanterns in several communities in the eastern areas of North Carolina hardest hit by Florence last week, with an emphasis on reaching socially marginalized populations.

Operation Smile [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Press release

New online course for better access to people in need

28. September 2018

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) launched the first online introductory course on humanitarian access, to contribute to improving how the aid community reaches communities in conflict.

Press release

New online course for better access to people in need

28. September 2018

"The mood in Hodeidah is one of resignation. There is no indication that the world is going to intervene, no promises that people will be protected from an onslaught. It isn't that Yemen is a forgotten crisis, it is just one the world chooses not to care about."

News

10 things you should know about the violence in Central America

27. September 2018

War and conflict displace millions across the world, but in Central America, people flee violence, threats and organised crime.

Press release

New online course for better access to people in need

24. September 2018

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) suspended all its activities in the north-eastern city of Beni and surrounding areas Monday, as a result of an armed group attack on Saturday.

Pact [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

PATH [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Sept. 27, 2018

Global rotavirus vaccine options expand with World Health Organization prequalification of new vaccine from India

Thermostable rotavirus vaccine ROTASIIL® now available for procurement by UN and Gavi

SEATTLE, PATH welcomes the World Health Organization's (WHO's) prequalification of the thermostable rotavirus vaccine, ROTASIIL®, manufactured by Serum Institute of India. The vaccine, which prevents severe rotavirus-induced diarrhea in infants, provides an innovative and affordable option to the global market as it is the first rotavirus vaccine that does not require constant refrigeration and will help meet the critical public health goal of improving vaccine supply worldwide...

September 25, 2018 by PATH

Vietnam welcomes two locally produced vaccines for seasonal and pandemic influenza

International collaboration announces successful clinical trial results with licensure expected in 2019

Nha Trang, Vietnam, September 25, 2018—The Institute of Vaccines and Medical Biologicals (IVAC), World Health Organization (WHO), international global health organization PATH, and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) within the US Department of Health and Human Services, today joined leaders from the Ministry of Health (MOH), the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE), and the Pasteur Institute in Ho Chi Minh City (PIHCM) to announce results from two different Phase 2/3 clinical trials of locally produced seasonal and pandemic influenza vaccine candidates. Overall results showed both vaccine candidates to be acceptably safe and capable of prompting an immune response in healthy adults...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Friday 28 September 2018

Save the Children statement on the establishment by the Human Rights Council of a new independent mechanism to address crimes and violations committed in Myanmar and facilitate fair and independent criminal proceedings

Save the Children welcomes the establishment today by the Human Rights Council of an “independent Mechanism to collect, consolidate, preserve and analyse evidence of the most serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since [2011](#) and to prepare files in order to facilitate and expedite fair and independent criminal proceedings, in accordance with international law standards, in national, regional or international courts or tribunals that have or may in the future have jurisdiction over these crimes...

Tuesday 25 September 2018

Save the children statement on new Ebola case in Ituri, DRC, near Ugandan border

Save the Children is concerned at the news of five new cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) confirmed over the last few days, two of which were identified in the Health Zone of Tchomia, in Ituri Province. Located on Lake Albert, Tchomia is 62 km south of the provincial capital of Bunia, close to the Uganda border, and approximately 200 kilometres from the DRC’s 10th Ebola outbreak in Beni, North Kivu.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Latin America – 27 September 2018

Need for care grows as displacement continues

Children face the risk of abuse, abandonment and exploitation as more Venezuelans leave for neighbouring countries

Generation Unlimited – 24 September 2018

World leaders unite to boost youth employment

SOS Children’s Villages is joining world leaders today at the UN in New York to launch a new partnership that aims to get every young person into quality education, training or employment by 2030.

The initiative, [Generation Unlimited](#), will tackle the global education and training crisis currently holding back millions of young people and threatening progress and stability.

“SOS Children’s Villages is deeply motivated to support this partnership,” said SOS Children’s Villages International CEO Norbert Meder who is serving as one of more than 30 members of the Global Board of Generation Unlimited...

Tostan [to 29 Sep 2018]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Sep 25, 2018

Women Leaders on the Rise in The Gambia

A cycle of empowerment and leadership is rising in West Africa - and it is led by women. Read on to learn more about the inspiring women leading with dignity in The Gambia, thanks to the confidence they gained through Tostan's Community Empowerment Program.

Women for Women International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 29 Sep 2018]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 29 Sep 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 29 Sep 2018]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

September 28, 2018 *Testimonies*

China's Cyber Superpower Strategy: Implementation, Internet Freedom Implications, and U.S. Responses

Written Testimony by Sarah Cook, Senior Research Analyst for East Asia and China Media Bulletin Director

House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology

Countering China: Ensuring America Remains the World Leader in Advanced Technologies and Innovation

September 26, 2018 *Testimonies*

Reform in Ethiopia: Turning Promise into Progress

Written Testimony by Yoseph Badwaza, Senior Program Officer

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs,

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations

Hearing: Reviewing Current Developments in Ethiopia

September 12, 2018

Statements

Joint Statement: Civil society condemns the wrongful conviction of Cambodian human rights defenders

(Jakarta, 27 September 2018) – The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA), CIVICUS, Freedom House, and Front Line Defenders condemn yesterday's conviction of four human rights defenders from the Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC) and a National Election Committee (NEC) official, in what we see as a clear attack against their legitimate human rights work.

Transparency International [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27 Sep 2018

Asia Pacific governments must strengthen citizens' right to information

Transparency International calls on governments in Asia Pacific to strengthen their right to information systems and make information more accessible to the public. Laws need to be better implemented by public officials and used more widely by citizens, civil society and the media, according to a [new report](#) featuring 11 country-level case studies released to mark International Right to Know Day on 28 September.

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Bond [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://www.bond.org.uk/news>

27 September 2018

Highlights from the Labour Conference 2018

A roundup of the international development issues discussed at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool.

[Paul Abernethy](#)

4 areas for DFID to work on in its approach to contracts

Four takeaways from ICAI's new performance review of DFID's approach to value for money in procurement.

[Zoe Abrahamson](#)

26 September 2018

Successful Brexit negotiations vital to protect world's poorest

The UK government's commitment to underwrite EU humanitarian funding is welcomed but a post-Brexit agreement needs to ensure that collaboration and shared learning between UK and EU CSOs can continue.

[Claire Godfrey](#)

24 September 2018

ChildFund Alliance [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

September 24, 2018 / *Blog*

Member spotlight: 230 million "invisible" children: No birth certificate, no rights

Our new member spotlight describes Un Enfant par la Main's vital work to register children's births.

CONCORD [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Sep 28, 2018

Sustainable development, not EU immediate interests, must guide the successor of the Cotonou Agreement

Brussels, 28 September 2018 – Today, the European Commission officially launched the negotiations with the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries (ACP) on a new partnership agreement which will succeed the Cotonou Agreement. CONCORD, the European Confederation of Development NGOs, welcomes the renewal of the agreement as it represents a great opportunity to build a people-centered cooperation among equal partners but is concerned about the narrative of Africa being increasingly portrayed only as Europe's trade and economic partner.

Sep 25, 2018

SDGs' implementation: Good practices from across Europe

Across the European Union, Member States are trying to implement the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and many are doing certain things really well or in an innovative way. This can encourage others! Therefore CONCORD shares these good practices from across Europe to inspire each other on how to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 29 Sep 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 29 Sep 2018]

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

News 23 September 2018

Mary Robinson addresses UNGA on the life and legacy of Kofi Annan

On 21 September, Mary Robinson reflected on the life and legacy of Kofi Annan, during an address to the UN General Assembly in New York.

END Fund [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 29 Sep 2018]

www.evidenceaid.org

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

28 September 2018

UBA Foundation and Gavi launch a new partnership for Africa

The UBA Foundation and Gavi will leverage the United Bank for Africa's network and expertise to invest in Africa's health system, starting with Nigeria.

Why hepatitis B vaccination should be Plan A in the fight against liver cancer

27 September 2018

Gavi at the UNGA: driving political leadership

27 September 2018

Global Fund [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

News

Global Fund Supports Brave Commitments to Ending TB

26 September 2018

The Global Fund is joining leaders who converge in New York today to commit to speeding up global collaboration in the fight against TB, a preventable disease that killed 1.6 million people in 2017.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

An Alliance of Hilton Prize Recipients

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://startnetwork.org/news-and-blogs>

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

27/09/2018

CHS Alliance meets with members and hosts workshop on the CHS in Zimbabwe

This week Karen Glisson, CHS Alliance's Membership Services Manager, met with members in Zimbabwe and hosted a workshop on the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS). Both events were kindly hosted by GOAL.

Development Initiatives [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://www.urd.org/?lang=en>

[Undated]

Launch of the mission to support actors involved in crisis response in Tripoli

Since July 2018, we have been involved in a project coordinated by Bioforce, and in partnership with the Lebanese NGO, North Leda, which aims to reinforce the capacity of actors from the city of Tripoli to respond to crises. With the general objective of aid localisation, the project is aimed at both civil society organisations (CSOs) and the municipal authorities. Groupe URD will be working specifically with Tripoli municipal authority to provide it with support in its positioning in relation to CSOs and in its crisis management strategy.

On 25-26 September 2018, the three members of the consortium will meet in Lyon for two days of workshops in order to prepare the launch mission which is due to take place in mid-October 2018. The goal will be to identify a core group of 30 CSOs who will be targeted by the project and to establish an overview of the situation as a basis for future evaluations. The mission will also be an opportunity to explain the background to the project and to get the beneficiaries on board in order to ensure that a

participatory approach is adopted. This initial mission will lead to the setting up of a consultative committee made up of representatives of the targeted local actors, which will be responsible for defining and validating the strategic orientations of the project.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://phap.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Global Development [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

ODI [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Asia in 2025: development prospects and challenges for middle-income countries](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2018 | Ganeshan Wignaraja, Judith Tyson, Annalisa Prizzon and Dirk Willem te Velde

This report examines the economic outlook for Asia up to 2025 and offers recommendations for donors working with the region's middle-income countries.

[The economic dimensions of mobility: access to jobs and sustainable livelihoods](#)

Briefing papers | September 2018 | Dina Mansour-Ille

Jobs and sustainable livelihoods are central to the integration of migrants and displaced populations. This briefing unpacks the barriers to access.

[What impact are NGOs having on the wider development of climate services?](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2018 | Amy Kirbyshire and Emily Wilkinson

The paper challenges the notion that climate information can be effectively delivered directly to communities without engaging with national providers.

[SDG progress: fragility, crisis and leaving no one behind](#)

Research reports and studies | September 2018 | Emma Samman, Paula Lucci, Jessica Hagen-Zanker, Tanvi Bhatkal, Amanda Telias Simunovic, Susan Nicolai, Elizabeth Stuart and Charlotte Caron

Without the concerted efforts of the international community, the gap between people caught in crisis and the rest of the world will grow.

Urban Institute [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 28, 2018

Evaluating the Return on Investment in Higher Education

The growing availability of new data has pushed state policymakers to increasingly consider the return on investment of higher education. In this brief, we highlight key components of the return to higher education investments for both individual students and state taxpayers. By synthesizing research on how the value of education is realized at both individual and societal levels, we demonstrate that state policymakers may want

[Kristin Blagg, Erica Blom](#)

Brief

Evidence-Based Interventions for Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder

Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a serious national crisis and often originates with substance use in adolescence. A considerable body of research exists on effective interventions for preventing, screening for, and treating adolescent OUD. However, use of evidence-based treatment is very low among adolescents. In addition, little up-to-date, objective, outcome-relevant information is available to guide communities and families on

[Christal Ramos, Lisa Clemans-Cope, Haley Samuel-Jakubos, Luis E. Basurto](#)

September 27, 2018

Research Report

New Orleans Students' Commute Times by Car, Public Transit, and School Bus

In New Orleans, students are not assigned to a school based on their home address but rather can apply through a lottery system to any school in the city. In this report, researchers examined bus routes for 17 charter and district-run schools to understand how far New Orleans students to get to school. The median commute time for the schools studied was 35 minutes by bus, 14 minutes by car, and 47 minutes by public transit.

[Jane Arnold Lincove, Jon Valant](#)

September 27, 2018

Research Report

Mobilizing Additional Funds for Pro-Poor Water Services

Meeting the Sustainable Development Goal for universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water by 2030 requires utilities serving the poorest households to play critical roles. Yet these utilities are frequently unable to cover their current operational costs, much less expand access, through existing tariffs and transfers. New models and approaches are needed to identify new sources of sustainable subsidies

[Tanvi Nagpal, Ammar A. Malik, Matthew Eldridge, Yoori Kim, Chloe Hauenstein](#)

September 27, 2018

Research Report

Uninsurance and Medicaid/CHIP Participation Among Children and Parents: Variation in 2016 and Recent Trends

Building on prior studies examining uninsurance and Medicaid/CHIP participation among children and parents, we found that 4.3 percent of children and 11.0 percent of parents were uninsured in 2016, declining from 7.0 percent and 17.6 percent, respectively, in 2013—a nearly 40 percent drop for both groups. However, reductions in uninsurance were smaller in 2016 than in 2014-2015 for both children and parents, and as in prior

[Jennifer M. Haley](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Robin Wang](#), [Clare Wang Pan](#), [Victoria Lynch](#), [Matthew Buettgens](#)

September 27, 2018

Research Report

Losses of Private Non-Group Health Insurance a Key Driver Behind 2017 Increases in Uninsurance

New data from the Census Bureau shows that the group of states that did not expand Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) experienced increases in uninsurance between 2016 and 2017 for the first time since before the ACA took effect on January 1, 2014. In total, 702,000 fewer nonelderly Americans had coverage in 2017 than in 2016. This coverage loss occurred despite broad economic improvements, including

[Laura Skopec](#)

September 27, 2018

Research Report

What Families Need to Know About Treatment for Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder

Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a serious national crisis and often originates with substance use in adolescence. Research exists on how to treat adolescent OUD, but little up-to-date, evidence-based information is available on treatment options. This fact sheet provides information for families on treatment options and on the key components of high-quality OUD treatment programs for adolescents. This fact sheet was developed

[Christal Ramos](#), [Lisa Clemans-Cope](#), [Haley Samuel-Jakubos](#), [Luis E. Basurto](#)

September 27, 2018

Brief

How Ohio Prescribers Can Increase Access to Treatment for Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder

Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a serious national crisis and often originates with substance use in adolescence. A vast body of research shows that FDA-approved medications can effectively treat opioid use disorder (OUD), but most adolescents are not receiving these treatments. The number of treatment facilities offering both adolescent services and medication-assisted treatment for adolescent OUD is limited across the US. This

[Christal Ramos](#), [Lisa Clemans-Cope](#), [Haley Samuel-Jakubos](#), [Luis E. Basurto](#)

September 27, 2018

Brief

How Schools Can Help Prevent Adolescent Opioid Use Disorder

Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a serious national crisis and often originates with substance use in adolescence. Schools are a key part of prevention because they can provide a universally available avenue for preventing or delaying illicit drug use among adolescents, including misuse of prescription opioids or use of illicit opioids. This fact sheet describes evidence-based programs aimed at preventing OUD that schools could

[Christal Ramos](#), [Lisa Clemans-Cope](#), [Haley Samuel-Jakubos](#), [Luis E. Basurto](#)

September 27, 2018

Brief

Collecting and Using Data for Prosecutorial Decisionmaking

This brief summarizes findings from a national survey of state prosecutors' offices and offers insights for prosecutors, policymakers, and other stakeholders on how prosecutors collect and use data to manage their offices, understand trends, and evaluate their success. The survey shows that while many prosecutors are using data to inform critical operational and case decisions—and many more have an interest in

[Robin Olsen](#), [Leigh Courtney](#), [Chloe Warnberg](#), [Julie Samuels](#)

September 26, 2018

Brief

Empowering Young People to Make Their Place: A Case Study of the Marcus Garvey Clubhouse in Brownsville, Brooklyn

Key takeaway: Collaborative youth clubhouse changes perceptions of community safety Abstract: This report describes how the Marcus Garvey Clubhouse uses arts and culture to revitalize and reimagine community safety in a high crime, low income neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY. Drawing on interviews and focus groups with program participants, program staff, and funders, this case study finds that actively engaging with the needs

[Mark Treskon](#), [Sino Esthappan](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

A Pathway to Connect Communities: A Case Study of the Beerline Trail Extension in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Key takeaway: Creatively designing and programming a bike trail to bridge communities and improve community safety Abstract: This report presents a case study of the Beerline Trail extension in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and how stakeholders used creative placemaking techniques to turn an unused rail corridor into an active, safe, and inclusive space for local residents. Using stakeholder interviews, reviews of planning documents and

[Carla Vasquez-Noriega](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

Art beyond Bars: A Case Study of the People's Paper Co-Op in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Key takeaway: Innovative arts and culture strategy enhances reentry service provision in Philadelphia Abstract: This report describes how the People's Paper Co-op redesigns reentry services to uniquely improve the wellbeing of formerly incarcerated individuals in Philadelphia through arts and cultural activities. Through interviews with returning women and men, People's Paper Co-op staff, and funders, this case study finds that

[Sino Esthappan](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

Creative Placemaking and Community Safety: Synthesizing Cross-Cutting Themes

Key takeaway: How creative placemaking can make communities safer for everybody Abstract: This report synthesizes findings from four cases where stakeholders are using creative placemaking to improve community safety. It presents cross-cutting themes from these case studies to show how creative placemaking techniques can be used from the conception and design stage through construction and programming, and how they can build

[Mark Treskon](#), [Sino Esthappan](#), [Cameron Okeke](#), [Carla Vasquez-Noriega](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

Building beyond Policing: A Case Study of Eden Night Live in Alameda County, California

Key takeaway: How community parties have helped California sheriffs rethink public safety Abstract: This report describes how the Alameda County Sheriff's Office used Eden Night Live, a community festival and pop-up marketplace, to creatively reimagine and rebuild community-police relations in Ashland/Cherryland. Through interviews with officers, community members, and staff, this case study examines how artistic performance,

[Cameron Okeke](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

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

The September 2018 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the size of the mortgage market, GSE risk-sharing transactions, non-agency MBS issuance activities, and negative household equity Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks Archive.

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

September 25, 2018

Research Report

Predicting Municipal Fiscal Distress: Aspiration or Reality

Cities are where people come together to work, live, and thrive. Cities also face a host of fiscal challenges, many of which were laid bare in the Great Recession. Given these challenges, stakeholders of many kinds have sought more and better indicators of city fiscal health. This paper provides an overview of such measures grounded in economic, fiscal or financial, and comprehensive approaches. It further explores lessons from

[Tracy Gordon](#)

September 25, 2018

Research Report

Evictions are More than a Landlord-Tenant Issue

Maya Brennan made a statement before the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee's Public Hearing on eviction-related legislation. Her statement synthesizes relevant research to encourage discussion of family well-being and other issues related to eviction. The research touches on consequences of residential instability, the financial impact on government finances, and neighborhood effects of eviction and residential

[Maya Brennan](#)

September 24, 2018

Testimony

World Economic Forum [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Selected News Releases

News 26 Sep 2018

[OECD, IEEE and DQI Announce Platform for Coordinating Digital Intelligence Across Technology and Education Sectors](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Meeting Closes with Call by Leaders to Work Together to Put World on Sustainable Path](#)

[Time has Come to Seize the Fourth Industrial Revolution's Opportunities for Development](#)

News 25 Sep 2018

[Innovations in Technology and Finance will Help Fund the SDGs](#)

[World Economic Forum Launches Shared Platform for Good Digital Identity](#)

[Five Inclusive Growth Initiatives Advanced at World Economic Forum Sustainable Development Impact Summit](#)

[Political Will and Collaboration Can Put Climate Change Solutions Within Reach](#)

[Peace and Security Are Key to Aligning Security and Development Goals](#)

News 24 Sep 2018

[World Economic Forum President Børge Brende to Receive Mexico's Highest Honour](#)

[Leaders Call for New Global Architecture for Sustainable Markets at Opening of World Economic Forum's Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2018](#)

[Beyond Bags, Bottles and Straws: New Partnership to Tackle Plastic Waste from Source to Sea](#)

[Breaking the Silence on Sexual Violence, Rehabilitating Prisoners into Society, and Rethinking the Smartphone Industry: Meet the Schwab Foundation's Social Entrepreneurs of the Year 2018](#)

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

We will primarily monitor press/media releases announcing key initiatives and new research from a growing number of global foundations and donors engaged in the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. This Watch section is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative.

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Media-Center/Press-Releases>
No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>
Posted September 25, 2018

[Nation Is Missing Opportunities to Strengthen More Than 6 Million Futures as Young Parents Lack Resources to Ensure Families Thrive](#)

A KIDS COUNT policy report illuminates needs and barriers facing nation's young parents and their children.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 29 Sep 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 29 Sep 2018]

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

Co Impact [to 29 Sep 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 29 Sep 2018]

<http://www.fordfoundation.org/?filter=News>
No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 29 Sep 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
September 27, 2018

GHIT Fund Invests in FIND and Fujifilm for Development of Innovative Rapid Diagnostic Tool for Tuberculosis.

TOKYO, JAPAN (September 27, 2018)—The Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Fund announced today an investment of approximately 420 million yen (US\$3.8 million) for a highly sensitive rapid diagnostic kit for tuberculosis (TB) known as TB-LAM, being developed by Japan's Fujifilm Corporation and Switzerland's Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics (FIND)...

Grameen Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

09/24/2018

Youth Champions for Digital Finance launches in rural India

September 24, 2018—Less than 10 percent of India's 650,000 rural villages have a bank branch, and millions of the rural poor have yet to access formal financial services. To help bridge this gap, Youth Champions for Digital Finance will train people in poor, rural areas in digital financial literacy, increasing their knowledge, confidence and ability to successfully use financial services.

Grameen Foundation for Social Impact, a social business and subsidiary of Grameen Foundation India, has launched the digital education program, which aims to quickly reach 30,000 people, who will be trained by up to 300 youth volunteers...

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 26, 2018

New SSIR series spotlights the “Power of Feedback”

Philanthropy, business, NGO leaders—and end users of nonprofit services—offer expert advice on how listening to “ultimate constituents” can improve results; more than 200 nonprofits with support from nearly 100 funders commit to growing “feedback” movement More than 25 leaders from fields as diverse as criminal justice, public health, philanthropy, and technology will participate in a...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 24, 2018

Our new €300 million commitment to fight climate change

The IKEA Foundation has announced plans to spend another €300 million on climate-related programmes between 2020 and 2023 and calls on others to follow our lead. This funding is on top of the €400 million we pledged to spend on climate programmes between 2015 and 2020, and it builds on our commitment to make fighting climate change one of our core focuses.

The new funding will be spent on programmes that cut carbon emissions and that help communities adapt to a changing climate and get access to renewable energy...

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Research Sep 26 2018

DEET Scrambles Worms' Sense of Smell

The roundworm *C. elegans* is sensitive to DEET's insect-repellent effects. The discovery opens up a new genetic toolbox that scientists can use to figure out how DEET works.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

September 28, 2018 News Release

Updated State Medicaid Fact Sheets Highlight the Role of Medicaid in the U.S. Health Care System

An updated collection of state Medicaid fact sheets from the Kaiser Family Foundation summarizes Medicaid coverage and spending nationally and in each state. The fact sheets for each state are accessible via an interactive map of the U.S. and display a wide range of data, including: The share of the state...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kellogg Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/about/news-room>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Opinions
September 26, 2018

Pew Report Examines Attitudes and Experiences of Philadelphia's Poor

PHILADELPHIA—A new analysis by The Pew Charitable Trusts examines the attitudes and personal experiences of poor Philadelphians, exploring several key aspects of their lives that are affected by, and potentially helping to perpetuate, poverty—including health outcomes, employment prospects, exposure to crime, and access to quality schools.

The study, *"Philadelphia's Poor: Experiences From Below the Poverty Line,"* also sheds light on the extent to which poverty is an intergenerational phenomenon for some Philadelphians and the degree to which others have had upward or downward mobility. The research is predominantly based on five sources: analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data, administrative data from government agencies, focus groups of poor Philadelphians, interviews with experts who provide services for them, and results from Pew's latest citywide public opinion poll, which probed the experience of poverty in a number of ways...

Rockefeller Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]
<https://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/about-us/news-media/>
No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 29 Sep 2018]
<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/news-releases.html>

Latest News Releases

Losses of Private Non-Group Health Insurance a Key Driver Behind 2017 Increase in Uninsurance

September 27, 2018 *Brief*

Despite a healthy economy and low unemployment, a report shows the number of uninsured individuals increased for the first time since the ACA took effect.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 29 Sep 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 [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 29 Sep 2018]

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

Published: 27 September 2018

[Collaboration was key to success in latest Public Engagement Fund awards](#)

In August, we made the second set of awards under our new [Public Engagement Fund](#) scheme. Greer Roberts and Alexandra Parsons pull out some patterns we saw in the applications and have tips for future applicants.

Opinion / Published: 27 September 2018

[This is TB's moment and it must be seized](#)

Two scientific breakthroughs and a global meeting on tuberculosis mean there is an opportunity to move TB from the doldrums, says Wellcome's Director Jeremy Farrar. But great science needs to be matched by greater global commitment, ambition and political will.

... But now, thanks to the prodigious efforts of two international research teams, two critical milestones have been reached:

:: results of promising clinical trials of a [new candidate vaccine](#) (opens in a new tab)

:: [a major study sequencing 10,000 TB genomes](#) (opens in a new tab) from patients across 16 countries – work key to the rapid drug sensitivity testing needed to stop the rise and spread of drug-resistant strains of TB...

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Foundation Center [to 29 Sep 2018]

<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>

Press Release

[BRIDGE INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE AS OPEN DATA](#)

Advances social sector's ability to share information globally to improve outcomes

New York, NY, and Washington, DC — September 25, 2018. Foundation Center, GlobalGiving, and GuideStar today announce the release of [BRIDGE](#) (Basic Registry of Identified Global Entities) information as open data. This enhancement makes it easier to identify and share information about entities around the world that are working to advance social good. The ability to distinguish these organizations from each other and to gather scattered information about them is vital to understanding their activities, impact, and funding.

BRIDGE assigns a unique, 10-digit code to organizations and entities anywhere in the world that contribute to the social sector. Such entities include non-governmental organizations, foundations, schools, religious organizations, and companies, among others.

“Each BRIDGE number acts like a numerical fingerprint, facilitating the combination of disparate sources of data about a single organization,” shares Jake Garcia, vice president for Data and

Technology at Foundation Center. "Expanding its use will unlock exciting possibilities for how data across organizations and systems can be combined and consolidated, which over time will grow our collective knowledge."

Since BRIDGE was launched in February 2016, approximately three million BRIDGE numbers have been assigned. A social sector entity that is not represented in the searchable database can easily [apply for a number](#) through any of the partners...

Council on Foundations [to 29 Sep 2018]

<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>

No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

The Sentinel will track key peer-reviewed journals which address a broad range of interests in human rights, humanitarian response, health and development. It is not intended to be exhaustive. We will add to those monitored below as we encounter relevant content and upon recommendation from readers. We selectively provide full text of abstracts and other content but note that successful access to some of the articles and other content may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher. Please suggest additional journals you feel warrant coverage.

American Journal of Infection Control

October 2018 Volume 46, Issue 10, p1083-1200, e45-e50

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

Major Articles

[Enacting high reliability principles while caring for people with Ebola Virus Disease](#)

Bonnie Mowinski Jennings, Katherine A. Yeager, Nancye R. Feistritzer, Mary M. Gullatte, Kristy K. Martyn

p1167–1173 Published online: May 18, 2018

Highlights

- :: Infection prevention and control (IPC) are safety issues for patients and staff.
- :: A culture of safety was established by enacting high reliability (HR) principles.
- :: HR principles helped protect staff caring for patients with Ebola Virus Disease.
- :: HR principles might also enhance IPC under ordinary care conditions.

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

October 2018 Volume 55, Issue 4, p433-582

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

Research Articles

[Lifetime Economic Burden of Intimate Partner Violence Among U.S. Adults](#)

Cora Peterson, Megan C. Kearns, Wendy LiKamWa McIntosh, Lianne Fuino Estefan, Christina Nicolaïdis, Kathryn E. McCollister, Amy Gordon, Curtis Florence

p433–444

Published online: August 22, 2018

Promoting Adult Immunization Using Population-Based Data for a Composite Measure

Angela K. Shen, Walter W. Williams, Alissa C. O'Halloran, Amy V. Groom, Peng-Jun Lu, Alice Y. Tsai, Megan C. Lindley

p517–523

Published online: August 19, 2018

American Journal of Public Health

October 2018 108(10)

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

AJPH BOOK & MEDIA

The World Health Organization's Momentous Struggle to Respond to the AIDS Pandemic

Global Health, HIV/AIDS

Matthew M. Kavanagh and Lawrence O. Gostin

108(10), pp. 1272–1273

AJPH PERSPECTIVES

EBOLA

Ebola Virus Disease Preparations Do Not Protect the United States Against Other Infectious Outbreaks

Health Financing, Infections, Health Policy

Shawn G. Gibbs, John J. Lowe, Aurora B. Le, Jocelyn J. Herstein and Paul D. Biddinger

108(10), pp. 1327–1329

AJPH LAW & ETHICS

BELMONT REPORT

The Belmont Report at 40: Reckoning With Time

History, Human Rights, Social Science, Ethics

Eli Y. Adashi, LeRoy B. Walters and Jerry A. Menikoff

108(10), pp. 1345–1348

TWITTER

Weaponized Health Communication: Twitter Bots and Russian Trolls Amplify the Vaccine Debate

Media, Immunization/Vaccines

David A. Broniatowski, Amelia M. Jamison, SiHua Qi, Lulwah AlKulaib, Tao Chen, Adrian Benton, Sandra C. Quinn and Mark Dredze

108(10), pp. 1378–1384

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 99, Issue 2, 2018

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/99/1>

In Memoriam

Ruth Nussenzweig (1928–2018) Malaria Vaccine and Immunology Pioneer

Stephen L. Hoffman

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-1928>

Dr. Adel A. F. Mahmoud

Stephanie James, James W. Kazura and Daniel Colley
<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-1941>

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

September 2018 - Volume 3 - 5
<https://gh.bmj.com/content/3/5>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmchealthservres/content>
(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

Research article

What is a research derived actionable tool, and what factors should be considered in their development? A Delphi study

Research findings should be disseminated appropriately to generate maximum impact. The development of research derived 'actionable' tools (RDAT) as research outputs may contribute to impact in health services and health systems research. However there is little agreement on what is meant by actionable tool or what can make them useful. We set out to develop a consensus definition of what is meant by a RDAT and to identify characteristics of a RDAT that would support its use across the research-practice boundary.

Authors: Susan Hampshaw, Jo Cooke and Laurie Mott
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2018 18:740
Published on: 27 September 2018

BMC Infectious Diseases

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcinfectdis/content>
(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

Research article

Assessing the impact of antiretroviral therapy on tuberculosis notification rates among people with HIV: a descriptive analysis of 23 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, 2010–2015

HIV is a major driver of the tuberculosis epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. The population-level impact of antiretroviral therapy (ART) scale-up on tuberculosis rates in this region has not been well studied.
Authors: Diya Surie, Martien W. Borgdorff, Kevin P. Cain, Eleanor S. Click, Kevin M. De Cock and Courtney M. Yuen

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2018 18:481
Published on: 26 September 2018

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

Research article

Healthcare service delivery to refugee children from the Democratic Republic of Congo living in Durban, South Africa: a caregivers' perspective

Refugees are generally considered a vulnerable population, with refugee children (newborn and young children) being particularly so. Access to healthcare for this population remains a challenge. The main purpose...

Authors: Anna Meyer-Weitz, Kwaku Oppong Asante and Bukenge J. Lukobeka

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:163

Published on: 27 September 2018

Research article

Quantifying the impact of social groups and vaccination on inequalities in infectious diseases using a mathematical model

Social and cultural disparities in infectious disease burden are caused by systematic differences between communities. Some differences have a direct and proportional impact on disease burden, such as health-service...

Authors: James D. Munday, Albert Jan van Hoek, W. John Edmunds and Katherine E. Atkins

Citation: BMC Medicine 2018 16:162

Published on: 26 September 2018

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

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BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

Research article

Public health response to large influx of asylum seekers: implementation and timing of infectious disease screening

Infectious disease screening of migrants at increased risk is a feature of national infection prevention and control measures. Asylum seekers in Finland are offered screening of tuberculosis (TB), hepatitis B,...

Authors: Paula Tiittala, Karolina Tuomisto, Taneli Puumalainen, Outi Lytykäinen, Jukka Ollgren, Olli Snellman and Otto Helve

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1139

Published on: 24 September 2018

Research article

Self-management of diabetes in Sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review

The prevalence of diabetes in sub-Saharan Africa has increased rapidly over the last years. Self-management is a key element for the proper management, but strategies are currently lacking in this context. Thi...

Authors: Victor Stephani, Daniel Opoku and David Beran

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1148

Published on: 2

Research article

Ethical and definitional considerations in research on child sexual violence in India

Authors: Radhika Dayal, Ameeta S. Kalokhe, Vikas Choudhry, Divya Pillai, Klaus Beier and Vikram Patel

Citation: BMC Public Health 2018 18:1144

Published on: 27 September 2018

9 September 2018

Abstract

Background

While critically important, child sexual violence (CSV) research poses numerous ethical and safety challenges. Recently, the studies dedicated to understanding and addressing CSV in India have been on the rise, but no published ethical guidelines to direct such research currently exist. To help inform ethical and safety recommendations for the design, conduct, and reporting of future CSV research in India and similar settings, we systematically reviewed the ethics and safety practices reported in recent Indian CSV literature.

Methods

A multi-tiered approach was used to understand current ethical practices and gaps: 1) systematic review of Indian CSV studies published over the past decade, 2) examination of existing guidelines on related topics to develop an ethical framework, 3) development of an ethics checklist based on the recommendations from the surveyed guidelines, and 4) application of the checklist to each of the reviewed studies.

Result

Our search yielded 51 eligible studies. From each, data from 6 major thematic areas was extracted: informed consent, confidentiality, selection, training, and protection of study team members, validity of CSV measurement methods, measures to minimize participant harm, and participant compensation.

Several gaps were noted: only two-thirds reported approval by ethics committees, obtaining informed consent, and assured participants of confidentiality. Only 25% (13/51) reported assessing ongoing CSV risk and providing necessary support services, none noted whether ongoing CSV was reported to authorities (required by Indian law), and none reported safeguards to protect staff from the effects of conducting CSV research. Further, 43% (22/51) limited surveillance of CSV to one form of abuse and/or used a "loaded term," increasing the potential for underreporting.

Conclusions

Through enhancing understanding of current ethical practices and gaps in CSV research in India, this systematic review informs reporting protocols and future guidelines for CSV research in India and other similar settings.

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 29 Sep 2018)

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BMJ Open

September 2018 - Volume 8 - 9

<http://bmjopen.bmjjournals.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 96, Number 9, September 2018, 589-664

<http://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/96/9/en/>

Special theme: health and the sustainable development goals

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 44, Issue 5 Pages: 659-800 September 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

August 2018 Volume 40, Issue 8, p1225-1428

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 15 Issue 5, October 2018

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/15/5>

Design

[EBOVAC-Salone: Lessons learned from implementing an Ebola vaccine trial in an Ebola-affected country](#)

Thomas Mooney, Elizabeth Smout, Bailah Leigh, Brian Greenwood, Luisa Enria, David Ishola, Daniela Manno, Mohamed Samai, Macaya Douoguih, Deborah Watson-Jones

First Published June 12, 2018; pp. 436–443

Abstract

Background/aims

During the 2014–2016 West African Ebola epidemic, clinical trials were fast-tracked in order to identify prophylactic vaccines and experimental treatments that might be useful in preventing or treating Ebola. These trials included the ongoing EBOVAC-Salone study, which was established and implemented in Sierra Leone to assess the safety and immunogenicity of the Ad26.ZEBOV/MVA-BN-Filo prime-boost Ebola vaccine regimen.

Methods

This article describes the experiences of the EBOVAC-Salone research team in setting up and implementing the trial, and provides recommendations for research teams aiming to conduct clinical trials in future outbreak situations.

Results

Establishing a clinical trial during an outbreak brought some unique challenges, including those related to trial design and the regulatory environment, operational issues, and community engagement. The situation was further complicated by the weak infrastructure and limited experience of clinical trials in Sierra Leone. However, operating in an outbreak context also brought some benefits to the research team, including strong stakeholder support. The EBOVAC-Salone study recruited participants both during and after the outbreak, leading to additional challenges to trial implementation during the post-outbreak transition.

Conclusion

Many lessons have been learned about setting up and implementing a clinical trial during a devastating Ebola epidemic, and some of the experiences of the EBOVAC-Salone team were mirrored by those of other researchers operating in the region. Common to several of these research groups is a recommendation that research should be more closely incorporated into outbreak response planning, which could expedite the establishment of timely and appropriate research projects. We recommend that the lessons learned by researchers during the West African Ebola epidemic are built into programmes and strategies to improve the responses to future epidemics, wherever they occur.

Ethics

[**The ethics of uninsured participants accessing healthcare in biomedical research: A literature review**](#)

[Hae Lin Cho, Marion Danis, Christine Grady](#)

First Published August 2, 2018; pp. 509–521

Abstract

Background/aims

Sparse literature exists on the challenges and ethical considerations of including people with limited access to healthcare, such as the uninsured and low-income, in clinical research in high-income countries. However, many ethical issues should be considered with respect to working with uninsured and low-income participants in clinical research, including enrollment and retention, ancillary care, and post-trial responsibilities. Attention to the uninsured and low-income is particularly salient in the United States due to the high rates of uninsurance and underinsurance. Thus, we conducted a scoping review on the ethical considerations of biomedical clinical research with uninsured and low-income participants in high-income countries in order to describe what is known and to pinpoint areas of needed research on this issue.

Methods

MEDLINE/PubMed, Embase, and Scopus databases were searched using terms that described main concepts of interest (e.g., uninsured, underinsured, access to healthcare, poverty, ethics, compensation, clinical research). Articles were included if they met four inclusion criteria: (1) English, (2) high-income countries context, (3) about research participants who are uninsured or low-income, which limits their access to healthcare, and in biomedical clinical research that either had a prospect of direct medical benefit or was offered to them on the basis of their ill health, and (4) recognizes and/or addresses challenges or ethical considerations of uninsured or low-income participants in biomedical clinical research.

Results

The searches generated a total of 974 results. Ultimately, 23 papers were included in the scoping review. Of 23 articles, the majority (n=19) discussed enrollment and retention of uninsured or low-

income participants. Several barriers to enrolling uninsured and low-income groups were identified, including limited access to primary or preventive care; lack of access to institutions conducting trials or physicians with enough time or knowledge about trials; overall lack of trust in the government, research, or medical system; and logistical issues. Considerably fewer articles discussed treatment of these participants during the course of research (n=5) or post-trial responsibilities owed to them (n=4). Thus, we propose a research agenda that builds upon the existing literature by addressing three broad questions: (1) What is the current status of uninsured research participants in biomedical clinical research in high-income countries? (2) How should uninsured research participants be treated during and after clinical research? (3) How, if at all, should additional protections for uninsured research participants affect their enrollment?

Conclusions

This review reveals significant gaps in both data and thoughtful analysis on how to ethically involve uninsured research participants. To address these gaps, we propose a research agenda to gather needed data and theoretical analysis that addresses three broad research questions.

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 29 Sep 2018]

Research

[Mental health and psychosocial problems among conflict-affected children in Kachin State, Myanmar: a qualitative study](#)

In Kachin State, Myanmar, collapse of a ceasefire in 2011 has resulted in widespread exposure to conflict and ongoing internal displacement. Such exposures are known risk factors for mental health and psychoso...

Authors: Catherine Lee, Amanda J. Nguyen, Tara Russell, Yasmina Aules and Paul Bolton

Citation: Conflict and Health 2018 12:39

Published on: 19 September 2018

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 73 Pages 1-158 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/73/suppl/C>

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2018 - Volume 31 - Issue 5

<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currrenttoc.aspx>

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Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 3 Pages: 205-306 September 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>

SPECIAL ISSUE: AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES IN GLOBAL BIOETHICS

Free Access

[African Perspectives in Global Bioethics](#)

Mbih Jerome Tosam

Pages: 208-211

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African communal basis for autonomy and life choices

Polycarp Ikuenobe

Pages: 212-221

First Published: 05 September 2017

Reconciling female genital circumcision with universal human rights

John-Stewart Gordon

Pages: 222-232

First Published: 18 September 2017

How to deal with neglected tropical diseases in the light of an African ethic

Thaddeus Metz

Pages: 233-240

First Published: 07 November 2017

Global health inequalities and the need for solidarity: a view from the Global South

Mbih J. Tosam, Primus Che Chi, Nchangwi Syntia Munung, Odile Ouwe Missi Oukem-Boyer, Godfrey B. Tangwa

Pages: 241-249

First Published: 20 December 2017

Development in Practice

Volume 28, Issue 7, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 36, Issue 5 Pages: i-iv, 525, 527-627 September 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 6, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 3 - June 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 42, Issue S2 Pages: S159-S327 October 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

Disasters in Conflict Areas

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

01 June 2018; volume 19, issue 6

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/6?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 29 Sep 2018]

[Reviewed earlier]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 24, Number 9—September 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 24 Pages 1-104 (September 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/24/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 146 - Issue 13 - October 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Summer 2018 (Issue 32.2)

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2018/summer-2018-issue-32-2/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/28/5>

Migration and health

[Refusal to provide healthcare to sub-Saharan migrants in France: a comparison according to their HIV and HBV status](#)

Nicolas Vignier; Rosemary Dray Spira; Julie Pannetier; Andrainolo Ravalihasy; Anne Gosselin ...

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018, Pages 904–910,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky118>

[Infectious and dermatological diseases among arriving migrants on the Italian coasts](#)

Eugenio Di Meco; Anteo Di Napoli; Loredana Maria Amato; Antonio Fortino; Gianfranco Costanzo ...

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018, Pages 910–916,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky126>

Infectious diseases - immunization

[The growing vaccine hesitancy: exploring the influence of the internet](#)

Mitja Vrdelja; Alenka Kraigher; Dejan Verčić; Samo Kropivnik

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018, Pages 934–939,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky114>

Miscellaneous

[A socioecological measurement of homophobia for all countries and its public health impact](#)

Erik Lamontagne; Marc d'Elbée; Michael W Ross; Aengus Carroll; André du Plessis ...

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 28, Issue 5, 1 October 2018, Pages 967–972,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky023>

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 79 Pages 1-340 (August 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 10, Issue 4, August 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/10/4/page/1>

[Food Security Research in Tanzania \(pages 773-938\)](#)

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 58 June 2018

<http://www.fmreview.org/economies/contents>

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 45, Issue 3, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

Alternative Paradigms of Development in State Politics and Policy Making in the Global South

introduction

[Alternative Paradigms of Development in State Politics and Policy Making in the Global South: An Introduction](#)

Eija M. Ranta & Wolfram Schaffar

Pages: 355-361

Published online: 24 Sep 2018

Article

[Alternative Development Concepts and Their Political Embedding: The Case of Sufficiency Economy in Thailand](#)

Wolfram Schaffar

Pages: 387-413

Published online: 05 May 2018

Article

[The Discursive Paradox of Environmental Conflict: Between Ecologism and Economism in Ecuador](#)

Rickard Lalander & Maija Merimaa

Pages: 485-511

Published online: 27 Jan 2018

Genocide Studies International

Volume 12 Issue 1, Spring 2018

<https://www.utpjournals.press/toc/gsi/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Geoheritage

Volume 10, Issue 3, September 2018

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/10/3/page/1>

Special Issue: Palaeontological Heritage in Spain: from Conservation to Education

Among the many topics treated by the authors [in this special issue], some are particularly remarkable for describing the heritage values of historical sites, particularly that from Julia Audijé; Fernando Barroso-Barcenilla and Manuel Segura, another describes the large pedagogic legacy of Dr. Bargalló, and the contribution by Jorge Morales, Beatriz Azanza and others, provides a detailed account of some of the key Neogene vertebrate sites of Iberian Cordillera. The rest of the works presented describe aspects of the important Heritage values of the Iberian Peninsula, including by Bernat Morey, on the important geological and palaeontological values of the Isle of Mallorca, Martínez Graña et al. who analyse the heritage values from the Upper Miocene of the surroundings of Sevilla and Hugo Corbí and collaborators who demonstrate the Heritage values of Messinian (i.e. Miocene) units of the Mediterranean coast...

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/11/1?nav=tocList>

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

June 2018 | Volume 6 | Number 2

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

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Global Public Health

Volume 13, 2017 Issue 11

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

Article

Why equity in health and in access to health care are elusive: Insights from Canada and South Africa

Solomon Benatar, Terrence Sullivan & Adalsteinn Brown

Pages: 1533-1557

Published online: 04 Dec 2017

Article

Prioritising action to accelerate gender equity and health for women and girls: Microdata analysis of 47 countries

Rachel Kidman & Jody Heymann

Pages: 1634-1649

Published online: 18 Jan 2018

Article

Rebuilding people-centred maternal health services in post-Ebola Liberia through participatory action research

Theresa Jones, Lara Ho, Kelvin Koffa Kun, Penelope Milsom, John Shakpeh, Ruwan Ratnayake & Rene Loewenson

Pages: 1650-1669

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ABSTRACT

During the March 2014–January 2016 Ebola crisis in Liberia, Redemption Hospital lost 12 staff and became a holding facility for suspected cases, prompting violent hostility from the surrounding New Kru Town community, in the capital city Monrovia. Inpatient services were closed for 6 months, leaving the population without maternity care. In January 2015, Redemption reopened, but utilization was low, especially for deliveries. A key barrier was community trust in health workers which worsened during the epidemic. The New Kru Town council, Redemption Hospital, the International Rescue Committee, and Training and Research Support Centre initiated participatory action research (PAR) in July 2015 to build communication between stakeholder groups, and to identify impacts of the epidemic and shared actions to improve the system. The PAR involved pregnant women, community-based trained traditional midwives (TTMs) and traditional birth attendants (TBAs), and community leaders, as well as health workers. Qualitative data and a pre-post survey of PAR participants and community members

assessed changes in relationships and maternal health services. The results indicated that Ebola worsened community-hospital relations and pre-existing weaknesses in services, but also provided an opportunity to address these when rebuilding the system through shared action. Findings suggest that PAR generated evidence and improved communication and community and health worker interaction.

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[Sharing public health data and information across borders: lessons from Southeast Asia](#)

The importance of data and information sharing for the prevention and control of infectious diseases has long been recognised. In recent years, public health emergencies such as avian influenza, drug-resistant malaria, and Ebola have brought renewed attention to the need for effective communication channels between health authorities, particularly in regional contexts where neighbouring countries share common health threats. However, little empirical research has been conducted to date to explore the range of factors that may affect the transfer, exchange, and use of public health data and expertise across borders, especially in developing contexts.

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Editorial

[Exploratory studies to inform full-scale evaluations of complex public health interventions: the need for guidance](#) (11 September, 2018)

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Addressing complex public health problems, such as smoking, obesity and mental health, requires complex, often multilevel, interventions. Given the costs associated with delivering such interventions and the possibility of unanticipated harm, they need to be evaluated using the most robust methods available. It is important, where possible, that public health interventions and their proposed evaluation designs are optimised prior to being subject to an expensive evaluation of their effectiveness, through rigorous assessment of their feasibility.¹ Consequently, a growing number of exploratory studies (ie, studies intended to generate the evidence needed to decide whether and how to proceed with a full-scale evaluation, also (inconsistently) referred to as 'pilot' or 'feasibility' studies) are being conducted...

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Editorial

The case for investing in WHO

The Lancet

"This is not about only investing in an institution, it's about investing in people, it's about investing in a healthier, safer, fairer world", said Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus at the launch of WHO's first ever investment case. These emphatic words set the tone for an ambitious goal: to make the case for the investment needed to deliver WHO's 5-year strategic plan, approved earlier this year—the 13th General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 (GPW13). That WHO is articulating its [investment case](#) is unprecedented and welcome. WHO's work on global public goods (eg, norms, standards, and technical guidance) is more important than ever and is seriously under-appreciated by development partners.

If funded sufficiently, WHO believes the GPW13's so-called triple billion targets—based on three interconnected priorities: 1 billion more people achieving universal health coverage (UHC), 1 billion more people better protected from health emergencies, and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and wellbeing—could be achieved by 2023. The investment case states that WHO, in joint action with member states and its partners, could save up to 30 million lives, add more than 100 million healthy years of life to populations worldwide, and stimulate 2–4% of economic growth in low-income and middle-income countries by 2023. The only conditionality is money. As previously estimated for GPW13 in May, 2018, to achieve these goals, the investment case estimates that WHO needs US\$14·1 billion from 2019 to 2023, which includes a \$10 billion base budget, \$2·5 million for humanitarian aid and emergencies, and \$1·6 billion for polio eradication. WHO calls on donors for flexible and multiyear funding, the absence of which has impeded its capabilities and commitments. WHO's current projected income is \$4 billion, leaving the agency with the huge task of raising \$10·1 billion for the next 5 years.

At first sight, this investment case seems compelling. An investment brochure describes the indispensable work done by WHO to support countries and improve the health of populations worldwide. It lays out a clear and valid strategic direction: to provide leadership, to ensure country impact, and to deliver global public goods. WHO will focus on activities in five specific key health areas, which support achieving the triple-billion targets: human capital, non-communicable diseases, high-impact communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance, and healthy environment. Surprisingly, the case provides little concrete detail about how WHO will use these funds to deliver on its stated goals. Perplexing is the disconnect between the claims of impact in the investment case and of those in the accompanying [technical report](#), which estimates the health impacts and economic returns for universal health coverage (UHC), health emergencies, and intersectoral action based on a collective global investment—and not for specific investments in WHO. Thus, the UHC return of 25·1 million deaths averted is based on a global investment of \$1·1 trillion as set out in the technical report. However, the WHO investment case seems to suggest that investing \$14·1 billion in WHO alone will generate these returns. The technical report seems to bear little relation to the investment case for WHO.

A valuable contribution of the investment case would have been to clearly articulate what WHO will actually do in its three priority areas and where its comparative advantage lies: global public goods and normative work, emergency preparedness, and support to countries in developing the health policies needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At a time when WHO is competing for limited donor resources against other institutions, such as The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, a clear explanation of how additional investments will deliver the goals set out in the investment case seems crucial. A more precise analysis could have made the case for a chronically underfunded but desperately useful and overlooked part played by

WHO: that of providing global public goods, which need to be reinforced to reach the SDGs and respond to old and emerging global health threats.

WHO's historic and institutional strengths lie in responding to the urgent needs of its member states. But during the past decade, WHO's budget has been tied to donor conditionalities and has failed to grow in real terms. Therefore, it is right that WHO is calling on donors to strengthen the agency's global, regional, and country capacities to take advantage of the opportunities that exist for improving human health. Sharpening the investment case still further will go a long way to fulfil that opportunity.

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Comment

Addressing the fragmentation of global health: the Lancet Commission on synergies between universal health coverage, health security, and health promotion

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Global health is fragmented. Many stakeholders pursue their own agenda while neglecting other important goals for global health. Some global health actors, for example, focus on strengthening health security without attention to universal health coverage (UHC), primary health care (PHC), and population-based health promotion. Prevention is a key part of PHC and UHC, but efforts to ensure PHC or make progress towards UHC often do not include population-based prevention efforts. Proponents often use broad definitions of their agenda in declarations and statements, while applying much narrower definitions in practice. If these tensions are not addressed, fragmentation will continue to make local, national, and global efforts inefficient and opportunities will be lost in terms of lives saved and quality of life.

Viewpoint

Repositioning Africa in global knowledge production

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Introduction

Sub-Saharan Africa accounts for 13·5% of the global population but less than 1% of global research output. In 2008, Africa produced 27 000 published papers—the same number as The Netherlands. Informed by a nuanced understanding of the causes of the current scenario, we propose action that should be taken by African universities, governments, and development partners to foster the development of research-active universities on the continent...

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Editorial

A new era for tuberculosis?

The Lancet Global Health

In his keynote speech at this year's Consortium of Universities for Global Health meeting in March, the former UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, Stephen Lewis, delivered a blistering attack on the global response to tuberculosis. Citing it as one of three glaring examples of the consequences of inequalities worldwide (the others being climate change and conflict), he pointed to the 280-fold difference in tuberculosis incidence between Canadian Inuits and the non-Indigenous

Canadian-born population, and to the “callous starvation” of funding for multidrug-resistant (MDR) disease in India despite the country’s massive burden.

Tuberculosis is the leading infectious killer globally and disproportionately affects disadvantaged populations—eg, homeless people, prisoners, migrants, people living with HIV. It therefore rightly maintains its place in the Sustainable Development Goals, whose guiding principle is to leave no one behind. The WHO End TB Strategy fleshes out these targets (ie, to reduce deaths by 95% and new cases by 90% between 2015 and 2035, and to ensure that no family suffers catastrophic expenses). Yet current progress is not commensurate with these ambitious aims. Stephen Lewis went so far as to call Narendra Modi’s assertion that India would eradicate tuberculosis by 2025 “nonsense”. This month sees an opportunity to change things for the better. On Sept 26, heads of state will gather in New York at the first UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) on tuberculosis with the aim of uniting to reboot progress and culminating in an “ambitious political declaration”. Will it make any difference?

UN HLMs are convened when there is a perceived need to engage all sectors in order to effect developmental, social, and economic change. Tuberculosis is indeed the epitome of a developmental, social, and economic problem. As Priya Shete and colleagues point out in a Comment published today, “Being poor increases the risk of falling sick with tuberculosis. Falling sick with tuberculosis also leads to impoverishment that can trigger a downward spiral of worsening health, ongoing tuberculosis transmission, and crippling medical expenses which further entrench poverty.” Referencing a modelling study published in *The Lancet Global Health* earlier this year, which estimated that expanding social protection coverage could reduce the global incidence of tuberculosis by 76% by 2035, Shete and colleagues call for integration of social protection with tuberculosis care within policies, programmes, and research.

Parallel efforts to highlight the importance of access to affordable tuberculosis drugs, particularly for MDR strains, have been ongoing ahead of the HLM. Earlier drafts of the political declaration—the key outcome document of the HLM—contained reference to the full use of flexibilities in intellectual property rules geared towards maximising access. Yet, under pressure from the USA and others, the final draft saw these provisions weakened. South Africa, which the same month became the first country in the world to roll out bedaquiline to all eligible patients with MDR tuberculosis (and at a reduced price) protested and negotiations were reopened. As we went to press, it was unclear whether the text would be reinstated.

Last month, WHO issued a rapid communication summarising key changes it will be making to its guidelines on the treatment of MDR tuberculosis. These include prioritising newer oral drugs, including bedaquiline, over injectables. The changes are justified by an individual patient data meta-analysis published in *The Lancet* last week, which found that “the traditionally used drugs for treatment of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, especially oral second-line drugs and even the injectable drugs, appear to be less effective than the later generation fluoroquinolones, linezolid, bedaquiline, clofazimine, and possibly the carbapenems”. New trials are also underway to find shorter, less debilitating, treatment regimens for MDR tuberculosis, including the SimpliciTB and endTB trials.

There are many priorities in the complex and centuries-long fight against this cruel disease. But to suggest, as did a US representative at the recent civil society hearing ahead of the HLM, that global efforts should focus on improving health systems and new tools, rather than being “distracted, as we so often are, into a discussion of access to medicines, intellectual property flexibilities, or compulsory licensing” is plainly absurd. New tools include new (expensive) medicines and health systems cannot

improve if WHO-recommended regimens cannot be afforded. Will the HLM make a difference? Not as long as commercial protectionism trumps social justice.

Articles

[Developmental disabilities among children younger than 5 years in 195 countries and territories, 1990–2016: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2016](#)

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Summary

Background

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) mandate systematic monitoring of the health and wellbeing of all children to achieve optimal early childhood development. However, global epidemiological data on children with developmental disabilities are scarce. The Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors Study 2016 provides a comprehensive assessment of prevalence and years lived with disability (YLDs) for development disabilities among children younger than 5 years in 195 countries and territories from 1990 to 2016.

Methods

We estimated prevalence and YLDs for epilepsy, intellectual disability, hearing loss, vision loss, autism spectrum disorder, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. YLDs were estimated as the product of the prevalence estimate and the disability weight for each mutually exclusive disorder, corrected for comorbidity. We used DisMod-MR 2.1, a Bayesian meta-regression tool, on a pool of primary data derived from systematic reviews of the literature, health surveys, hospital and claims databases, cohort studies, and disease-specific registries.

Findings

Globally, 52·9 million (95% uncertainty interval [UI] 48·7–57·3; or 8·4% [7·7–9·1]) children younger than 5 years (54% males) had developmental disabilities in 2016 compared with 53·0 million (49·0–57·1; or 8·9% [8·2–9·5]) in 1990. About 95% of these children lived in low-income and middle-income countries. YLDs among these children increased from 3·8 million (95% UI 2·8–4·9) in 1990 to 3·9 million (2·9–5·2) in 2016. These disabilities accounted for 13·3% of the 29·3 million YLDs for all health conditions among children younger than 5 years in 2016. Vision loss was the most prevalent disability, followed by hearing loss, intellectual disability, and autism spectrum disorder. However, intellectual disability was the largest contributor to YLDs in both 1990 and 2016. Although the prevalence of developmental disabilities among children younger than 5 years decreased in all countries (except for North America) between 1990 and 2016, the number of children with developmental disabilities increased significantly in sub-Saharan Africa (71·3%) and in North Africa and the Middle East (7·6%). South Asia had the highest prevalence of children with developmental disabilities in 2016 and North America had the lowest.

Interpretation

The global burden of developmental disabilities has not significantly improved since 1990, suggesting inadequate global attention on the developmental potential of children who survived childhood as a result of child survival programmes, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and south Asia. The SDGs provide a framework for policy and action to address the needs of children with or at risk of developmental disabilities, particularly in resource-poor countries.

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Editorial

Ending cholera for all

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

Cholera, a bacterial diarrhoeal infection caused by *Vibrio cholerae* and transmitted by the faecal-oral route, is not a disease recently associated with Algeria. Indeed, in a report published by the Global Task Force on Cholera Control (GTFCC) on Oct 3, 2017, *Ending Cholera—A Global Roadmap to 2030*, Algeria is not listed among the 47 countries affected by the disease. But, having had no cases since 1994, from Aug 7–30, 2018, 74 confirmed cholera cases including two deaths were reported in six northern and coastal districts of the country. *V cholerae* has been isolated from a natural water source, not connected to the public water system, in the region of Tipaza. How the water source became contaminated is unclear; spread of the disease to other regions of Algeria via contaminated fruit and vegetables is a possibility. The [outbreak in Algeria](#), although small in scale, is a timely reminder that cholera is an epidemic infection that can reappear after disease-free decades in circumstances of unsafe water supply and sanitation.

The vulnerability of people to cholera from unsafe drinking water sources was emphasised in a commitment made by African health ministers on Aug 28—at the same time as the Algeria outbreak—to implement strategies to end cholera in the Africa region by 2030. 17 African countries reported more than 150 000 cholera cases in 2017, and currently eight countries on the continent are dealing with outbreaks. The commitment made by African governments is an endorsement of the strategies set out in the Global Roadmap published last year. This plan aims to support countries to reduce cholera deaths by 90% by 2030, with up to 20 countries having eliminated the disease as a public health threat.

As we noted in an Editorial in 2017, cholera is a disease of poor and vulnerable populations, notably in conflict situations and where sanitation and hygiene are inadequate. Known pandemics of cholera, originating from south and southeast Asia, have occurred since the early 19th century, affecting all parts of the world. However, improvements in safe water and sewage disposal eliminated the disease from high-income countries during the 20th century. The outbreaks currently affecting the world, which kill an estimated 107 000 people per year, are remnants of the seventh pandemic, which began in Indonesia in 1961. That 57 years later—despite having the knowledge and means to hand to effect change—the disease is still a threat to human health marks a failure of global public health.

The Global Roadmap admits that the GTFCC, which was created in 1992, “became inactive after elimination of cholera in the Americas” in the early 2000s. It took a World Health Assembly resolution in 2011 to revitalise cholera control efforts. A paper published online by the *Journal of Infectious Diseases* on Sept 1, notes four factors that have converged to make cholera elimination [feasible](#): increased emphasis on equity, as exemplified by the Sustainable Development Goals, with occurrence of cholera indicative of people's access to basic water and sanitation services; the technical capacity to detect cholera quickly; availability of oral cholera vaccine (OCV) in sufficient quantity to manage large outbreaks; and an increasing degree of political commitment in affected countries (as shown by the African health ministers' declaration).

The objectives for 2030 in the Global Roadmap are based on three axes: early detection and response to contain outbreaks through, for example, surveillance systems, prepositioning essential supplies, monitoring water sources, and mass vaccination campaigns; targeting cholera hotspots through, in addition to the above, providing sustainable safe water and sanitation networks and building the

capacity of health-care systems; and effective coordination of technical support and resources at local and global levels.

Of the various resources needed to achieve global cholera control, the availability of OCVs is encouraging, with 25 million doses predicted to be in the stockpile this year. And there is evidence of national political commitment, with the Government of Uganda launching on Sept 5, an OCV campaign targeting 1·6 million people living in cholera hotspots. But ultimately cholera control requires civil engineering through building a robust infrastructure of clean water supply and sewage disposal and treatment. The initial investment may seem great, but it is less so when considered per head of population over decades, for the reduction in other water-related diseases, and for the increased wellbeing and productivity of a country's people.

Review

Experimental infection of human volunteers

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Summary

Controlled human infection (CHI) trials, in which healthy volunteers are experimentally infected, can accelerate the development of novel drugs and vaccines for infectious diseases of global importance. The use of CHI models is expanding from around 60 studies in the 1970s to more than 120 publications in this decade, primarily for influenza, rhinovirus, and malaria. CHI trials have provided landmark data for several registered drugs and vaccines, and have generated unprecedented scientific insights. Because of their invasive nature, CHI studies demand critical ethical review according to established frameworks. CHI-associated serious adverse events are rarely reported. Novel CHI models need standardised safety data from comparable CHI models to facilitate evidence-based risk assessments, as well as funds to produce challenge inoculum according to regulatory requirements. Advances such as the principle of controlled colonisation, the expansion of models to endemic areas, and the use of genetically attenuated strains will further broaden the scope of CHI trials.

Personal View

The dynamic role of dengue cross-reactive immunity: changing the approach to defining vaccine safety and efficacy

Kathryn B Anderson, Timothy P Endy, Stephen J Thomas

Summary

Dengue virus infections cause a substantial public health burden in tropical and subtropical regions. A single dengue vaccine has been approved by regulatory authorities in 19 countries, but concerns regarding vaccine safety in people who are dengue naive at the time of immunisation has introduced uncertainty into the vaccine's future. As other dengue vaccines complete or enter large-scale efficacy trials, we argue that foundational work by Sabin, historic epidemiological observations of dengue outbreaks, and prospective cohort studies in Asia and the Americas indicate that modifications must be made to the methods of assessing dengue vaccines. In this Personal View, we review and relate previous data that supports a dynamic role of cross-protective dengue immunity to the goals and challenges of measuring and interpreting dengue vaccine immunogenicity, efficacy, and safety in clinical trials. We suggest that for partly protective vaccines, temporary cross-protective immunity could lead to overestimation of vaccine safety and efficacy in the early years following vaccination. We recommend that assessment of dengue vaccines should span several years, involve active surveillance to clinically characterise incident infections and regular blood draws to define kinetic changes in

immunological profiles, and include sample sizes that are large enough to support detailed analyses of vaccine trial subgroups, such as individuals who are dengue naive.

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Maternal and Child Health Journal

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Special Issue: Taking Home Visiting to Scale: Findings from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program State-Led Evaluations

Issue Editors: Nicole Denmark, Kyle Peplinski, Mariel Sparr, Judy Labiner-Wolfe, Susan Zaid, Pooja Gupta, Kassie Mae Miller

Editorial

Introduction to the Special Issue on Taking Home Visiting to Scale: Findings from the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program State-Led Evaluations

Nicole Denmark, Kyle Peplinski, Mariel Sparr...

Abstract

The Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program is a two-generation approach to supporting healthy families through home visits during pregnancy and early childhood. All states and territories receiving MIECHV funding are encouraged to evaluate their programs. This special issue highlights evaluations from 11 awardees—Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. With the wide expansion of home visiting since the onset of MIECHV, the state-led evaluations contribute to the understanding of replication and scale-up of evidence-based home visiting.

The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

Volume 96, Issue 3 Pages: 409-605 September 2018

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>

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Nature

Volume 561 Issue 7724, 27 September 2018

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Nature Medicine

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<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/24/issues/9>

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New England Journal of Medicine

September 27, 2018 Vol. 379 No. 13

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

Perspective

Outbreaks in a Rapidly Changing Central Africa — Lessons from Ebola

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[Initial text]

West and Central Africa are experiencing explosive growth in urban populations, economic activities, and connectivity. The recent Ebola virus epidemic in West Africa demonstrated the vulnerability of the local health care infrastructure to newly emerging infectious diseases. Two key factors contributing to the epidemic's unprecedented size were growth-related: large urban populations that overwhelmed the public health infrastructure of these resource-poor countries and the extensive spatial and technological connectivity of the population.¹ These factors portend an increased risk in Central Africa of emerging infectious diseases caused by both known and unknown pathogens. Such unwelcome side effects of rapid growth can be mitigated only by strengthening the health care infrastructure, including diagnostic and clinical capacity, to meet the health care needs of the population; investment in the training of health care workers and African scientists; expansion of research capacity; development of disease-surveillance programs focused on humans, livestock, and wildlife; and rapid deployment of control measures when outbreaks occur...

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 47 Issue 5, October 2018

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Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

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PLOS Currents: Disasters

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Behavioral, Normative and Control Beliefs about Earthquake Preparedness: A Deductive Content Analysis Study

September 28, 2018 · *Discussion*

Introduction: Despite efforts to increase earthquake preparedness (EP), the level of earthquake preparedness in Tehran is low, even when people acknowledge the risk they face. This problem has its roots in the beliefs of Tehran inhabitants about EP. This study is aimed to elicit the salient beliefs about earthquake preparedness among Tehran citizens.

Method: This is a deductive content analysis research. The theory of planned behavior (TPB) has been applied as the theoretical framework of the study. 132 semi-structured interviews have been conducted with Tehran heads of households and the obtained data have been analyzed.

Results: The interviews showed that the belief in the usefulness of the EP and the belief that "the EP can cause anxiety among family members" were the salient behavioral beliefs (the ones influencing the attitude towards a behavior). The main normative belief (which influences the subjective norms), was "my family doesn't disagree with the EP" although most of the interviewees did not know about their families' views. Finally, the main control belief (which is the basis of perceived behavioral control), was that "education can facilitate EP".

Conclusion: Tehran inhabitants preparedness behaviors can be influenced by their behavioral, normative and control beliefs about preparedness. Recognition of these beliefs may assist policy makers and executives to develop a better understanding of the origins of the preparedness behaviors. Any interventions to change these behaviors should be made based on such knowledge.

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

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PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

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Research Article

Reactive and pre-emptive vaccination strategies to control hepatitis E infection in emergency and refugee settings: A modelling study

Hepatitis E Virus (HEV) is the leading cause of acute viral hepatitis globally. Symptomatic infection is associated with case fatality rates of ~20% in pregnant women and it is estimated to account for ~10,000 annual pregnancy-related deaths in southern Asia alone. Recently, large and well-documented outbreaks with high mortality have occurred in displaced population camps in Sudan, Uganda and South Sudan. However, the epidemiology of HEV is poorly defined, and the value of different immunisation strategies in outbreak settings uncertain. We aimed to estimate the critical epidemiological parameters for HEV and to evaluate the potential impact of both reactive vaccination (initiated in response to an epidemic) and pre-emptive vaccination.

Ben S. Cooper, Lisa J. White, Ruby Siddiqui

Research Article | published 25 Sep 2018 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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PLoS One

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Research Article

Ethical issues in using the internet to engage participants in family and child research: A scoping review

Stacey Hokke, Naomi J. Hackworth, Nina Quin, Shannon K. Bennetts, Hnin Yee Win, Jan M. Nicholson, Lawrie Zion, Jayne Lucke, Patrick Keyzer, Sharinne B. Crawford

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Abstract

Background

The internet is an increasingly popular tool in family and child research that is argued to pose new ethical challenges, yet few studies have systematically assessed the ethical issues of engaging parents and children in research online. This scoping review aims to identify and integrate evidence on the ethical issues reported when recruiting, retaining and tracing families and children in research online, and to identify ethical guidelines for internet research.

Methods

Academic literature was searched using electronic academic databases (Scopus, PsycINFO, Embase, ERIC, CINAHL and Informit) and handsearching reference lists for articles published in English between January 2006 and February 2016. Grey literature was searched using Google to identify relevant ethical guidelines.

Results

Sixty-five academic articles were included after screening 3,537 titles and abstracts and 205 full-text articles. Most articles reported using the internet to recruit participants (88%) with few reporting online retention (12%) or tracing (10%). Forty percent commented on ethical issues; the majority did not discuss ethics beyond general consent or approval procedures. Some ethical concerns were specific to engaging minors online, including parental consent, age verification and children's vulnerability. Other concerns applied when engaging any research participant online, including privacy and confidentiality, informed consent and disparities in internet access. Five professional guidelines and 10 university guidelines on internet research ethics were identified. Few academic articles (5%) reported using these guidelines.

Conclusions

Engaging families and children in research online introduces unique challenges requiring careful consideration. While researchers regarded themselves as responsible for ensuring research is conducted ethically, lack of use of available guidelines and limited academic literature suggests internet research is occurring without suitable guidance. We recommend broad dissemination of ethical guidelines and encourage researchers to report the methodological and ethical issues of using the internet to engage families and children in research.

Research Article

Advantages and disadvantages of channeling Gavi's health system strengthening funds through health partners, a case study

Charbel El Bcheraoui, Yodé Miangotar, Farah Daoud, Ellen Squire, Honoré Mimche

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

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Three pillars of sustainability in fisheries

Frank Asche, Taryn M. Garlock, James L. Anderson, Simon R. Bush, Martin D. Smith, Christopher M. Anderson, Jingjie Chu, Karen A. Garrett, Audun Lem, Kai Lorenzen, Atle Oglend, Sigbjørn Tveteras, and Stefania Vannuccini

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Significance

The United Nations proclaims that sustainable development comprises environmental, economic, and social sustainability. Fisheries contribute to livelihoods, food security, and human health worldwide; however, as the planet's last major hunting and gathering industry, whether, and if so, how fishing can achieve all three pillars of sustainability is unclear. The relationships between environmental and economic sustainability, as well as between economic and social sustainability, continue to receive attention. We analyzed data from 121 fisheries worldwide to evaluate potential trade-offs. We found no evidence of trade-offs, and instead found that environmental, economic, and social objectives are complementary when fisheries are managed. Our results challenge the idea that the three pillars of sustainability are in conflict, suggesting that rights-based systems can be designed to support all three pillars.

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

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

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Preventive Medicine

Volume 115 Pages 1-156 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/114/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

Effects of cultural cues on perceptions of HPV vaccination messages among parents and guardians of American Indian youth

Marco Yzer, Kristine Rhodes, Meggan McCann, Jessica Harjo, ... Sarah E. Gollust
Pages 104-109

Proceedings of the Royal Society B

29 August 2018; volume 285, issue 1885

<http://rspb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/285/1885?current-issue=y>

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Public Health

October 2018 Volume 163, *In Progress*

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

Original Research

Capacity for evidence-informed policymaking across Europe: development and piloting of a multistakeholder survey

S. Visram, D.J. Hunter, T. Kuchenmüller

Published online: August 6, 2018

Highlights

- :: Public health policies still tend not to be well-informed by research evidence.
- :: Few studies have examined capacities for evidence-informed policymaking.
- :: We developed and piloted a multicountry, multistakeholder survey.
- :: However, we found few examples of the application and impact of research evidence.
- :: Next steps include revising and implementing the survey across Europe.

Original Research

Creative, strengths-based approaches to knowledge translation within indigenous health research

E.J. Cooper, S.M. Driedger

p61–66

Published online: August 8, 2018

Public Health Ethics

Volume 11, Issue 2, 1 July 2018

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Special Symposium on Public Mental Health Ethics

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Public Health Reports

Volume 133 Issue 5, September/October 2018

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

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Volume 28 Issue 12, October 2018

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

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Recently Published Articles

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Ernesto Báscolo, Natalia Houghton y Amalia Del Riego

Original research | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.126> | Published 24 September 2018

[La atención primaria de salud en la Región de las Américas a 40 años de la Declaración de Alma-Ata \[Primary health care in the Region of the Americas 40 years after the Alma-Ata Declaration\]](#)

Gisele Almeida, Osvaldo Artaza, Nora Donoso and Ricardo Fábrega

Opinion and analysis | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.104> | Published 24 September 2018

[Atenção primária à saúde e territórios latino-americanos marcados pela violência \[Primary health care and Latin-American territories marked by violence\]](#)

Ana Elisa Medeiros Barbar

Opinion and analysis | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.142> | Published 24 September 2018

[Are we making a difference in primary care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities? \[¿Estamos logrando un cambio en la atención primaria a adultos con discapacidades intelectuales y del desarrollo?\]](#)

Hélène Ouellette-Kuntz, Glenys Smith, Casey Fulford and Virginie Cobigo
Original research | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.154> | Published 24 September 2018

Como a atenção primária à saúde pode fortalecer a alimentação adequada enquanto direito na América Latina? [Can primary health care strengthen the right to adequate food as a human right in Latin America?]

Fernanda Cangussu Botelho and Ivan França Junior
Opinion and analysis | PDF: <https://doi.org/10.26633/RPSP.2018.159> | Published 24 September 2018

Risk Analysis

Volume 38, Issue 9 Pages: 1763-2009 September 2018
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>
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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

Volume 11, 2018
<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>
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Science

28 September 2018 Vol 361, Issue 6409
<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Special Issue - Genes in Development

Introduction to special issue

Forces behind form

By Beverly A. Purnell, Steve Mao, Laura M. Zahn
Science 28 Sep 2018 : 1330-133

Policy Forum

Cancer prevention: Molecular and epidemiologic consensus

By Mingyang Song, Bert Vogelstein, Edward L. Giovannucci, Walter C. Willett, Cristian Tomasetti
Science 28 Sep 2018 : 1317-1318 Restricted Access

Research in many fields emphasizes the value of prevention

Summary

Prevention of any disease can occur at two levels: (i) avoiding or reducing risk factors coupled with increases in protective factors (primary prevention, which is preferable when it can be practiced) and (ii) detection and intervention early in the course of disease evolution (secondary prevention). But despite substantial epidemiologic data showing that a large proportion of cancers and cancer deaths are preventable, decreases in cancer mortality rates in developed countries have lagged far behind decreases in mortality rates from heart disease (1), another major disease amenable to prevention (for example, 18 versus 68% decrease, respectively, between 1969 and 2013 in the United States) (2). We believe that one main factor explaining the relatively modest reduction in mortality is the limited support for cancer prevention research, which receives only 2 to 9% of global cancer research funding (3). As a United Nations (UN) High-Level Meeting begins this week to review efforts to combat

noncommunicable diseases, a key question is how to prioritize resources to realize the potential of cancer prevention. <http://www.sciencemag.org/about/science-licenses-journal-article-reuse>

Research Articles

[Ancient lowland Maya complexity as revealed by airborne laser scanning of northern Guatemala](#)

By Marcello A. Canuto, Francisco Estrada-Belli, Thomas G. Garrison, Stephen D. Houston, Mary Jane Acuña, Milan Kováč, Damien Marken, Philippe Nondédéo, Luke Auld-Thomas, Cyril Castanet, David Chatelain, Carlos R. Chiriboga, Tomáš Drápela, Tibor Lieskovský, Alexandre Tokovinine, Antolín Velasquez, Juan C. Fernández-Díaz, Ramesh Shrestha

Science 28 Sep 2018 Restricted Access

Lidar data elucidate the demography, agriculture, and political economy of Classic Lowland Maya civilization.

Classic Maya civilization in detail

Lidar (a type of airborne laser scanning) provides a powerful technique for three-dimensional mapping of topographic features. It is proving to be a valuable tool in archaeology, particularly where the remains of structures may be hidden beneath forest canopies. Canuto et al. present lidar data covering more than 2000 square kilometers of lowland Guatemala, which encompasses ancient settlements of the Classic Maya civilization (see the Perspective by Ford and Horn). The data yielded population estimates, measures of agricultural intensification, and evidence of investment in landscape-transforming infrastructure. The findings indicate that this Lowland Maya society was a regionally interconnected network of densely populated and defended cities, which were sustained by an array of agricultural practices that optimized land productivity and the interactions between rural and urban communities.

CONCLUSION

The 2144 km² of lidar data acquired by the PLI alter interpretations of the ancient Maya at a regional scale. An ancient population in the millions was unevenly distributed across the central lowlands, with varying degrees of urbanization. Agricultural systems found in lidar indicate how these populations were supported, although an irregular distribution suggests the existence of a regional agricultural economy of great complexity. Substantial infrastructural investment in integrative features (causeways) and conflictive features (defensive systems) highlights the interconnectivity of the ancient lowland Maya landscape. These perspectives on the ancient Maya generate new questions, refine targets for fieldwork, elicit regional study across continuous landscapes, and advance Maya archaeology into a bold era of research and exploration.

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 214 Pages 1-214 (October 2018)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/212/suppl/C>

Commentary

[Setting the bar of social enterprise research high. Learning from medical science](#)

Alejandro Agafonow

Pages 49-56

Discussion

[Ethics-based global health research for all, including women, children, indigenous people, LGBTQI, people with disabilities, refugees and other relevant stakeholders, especially in least developing countries and small island developing states in the Global South](#)

Lucilla Spini
Pages 167-170

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Spring 2018 Volume 16, Number 2

https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2018

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

Philanthropy & Funding

The Civic Science Imperative

By [Elizabeth Good Christopherson, Dietram A. Scheufele & Brooke Smith](#)

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

Sustainability

Volume 10, Issue 8 (August 2018)

<http://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/10/8>

Special Issue "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Developing Countries: Current Trends and Development"

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Systematic Reviews

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

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Research

A review of recent publication trends from top publishing countries

Evidence-based medicine relies on current best evidence from the medical literature, the patient's history, and the clinician's own experience to provide the best care for patients. Systematic reviews and meta...

Authors: Paul Fontelo and Fang Liu

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Torture Journal

Volume 28 - Issue No. 2

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 19 Issue 4, October 2018

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

September-October, 2018 Volume 25

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

Original Research

[Acquisition of enteric pathogens by pilgrims during the 2016 Hajj pilgrimage: A prospective cohort study](#)

Doudou Sow, Fabiola Dogue, Sophie Edouard, Tassadit Drali, Ségolène Prades, Emilie Battery, Saber Yezli, Badriah Alotaibi, Cheikh Sokhna, Didier Raoult, Philippe Parola, Philippe Gautret

Vol. 25, p26–30

Published online: May 30, 2018

Systematic Review

[Infectious disease profiles of Syrian and Eritrean migrants presenting in Europe: A systematic review](#)

Egon Isenring, Jan Fehr, Nejla Gültekin, Patricia Schlagenhauf

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[Should travellers be offered vaccination against the dengue virus?](#)

Emilie Javelle, Asma Al Balushi, Sanne Jespersen, Seif Al-Abri, Philippe Gautret, Eskild Petersen

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Abstract

Dengue fever is expanding into new areas due to travel, climate change, urbanization, and the widening geographic range of the main vectors Ae.aegypti and Ae.albopictus [1].The newly licensed, tetravalent vaccine, Dengvaxia (CYD-TDV) by Sanofi Pasteur,has surprisingly been shown to increase the risk of severe dengue virus disease in persons not previously exposed to dengue virus. This has halted the roll out of the vaccine in endemic areas. In this editorial we argue that the new vaccine may have a place for travellers from non-endemic to endemic areas, who have previously experienced a dengue virus infection.

Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 23, Issue 9 Pages: i-iv, 935-1044 September 2018

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UN Chronicle

Vol. LV No. 2 2018 August 2018

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

2030 Agenda

Vol. LV No. 2 2018 August 2018

This issue focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, which commits United Nations Member States to work towards a sustainable future for all. The articles, by Senior Officials of the United Nations system, examine the Organization's lead role in advancing the 2030 Agenda, and in promoting peace, social equality and human rights.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 13, Issue 3, 2018

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

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World Heritage Review

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

n°88 - June 2018

Special Issue - World Heritage in Bahrain

This year, for its 42nd session, the World Heritage Committee is hosted by Bahrain in its capital city of Manama. Bahrain has long dedicated its support to the World Heritage Convention, and already chaired the Committee for its 35th session in 2011, at UNESCO Headquarters.

From Google Scholar & other sources: Selected Journal Articles, Newsletters, Dissertations, Theses, Commentary

Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management

2018;1–20.

Review Article

Firms with benefits: A systematic review of responsible entrepreneurship and corporate social responsibility literature

S Tiba, FJ van Rijnsoever, MP Hekkert et al

Abstract

The scholarly literature has so far paid limited attention to responsibility by commercial entrepreneurs. This paper compares responsible entrepreneurship (RE) and corporate social responsibility (CSR) scholarship in order to identify future fields of research. For this purpose, we assess the strengths and weaknesses of extant RE scholarship through the lens of CSR. We have reviewed 11,260 papers via latent Dirichlet allocation for our work. We find that existing RE literature places disproportionate emphasis on how firms can benefit society instead of on how contributions to sustainable development can benefit a firm. Furthermore, the RE literature pays limited attention to employee well-being, customer preference, and civil society as a stakeholder. Also, environmental issues and their balancing with financial and social issues remain relatively under-researched. Overall, we hope that scholarly works inspired by this study may ultimately help to ensure responsible behaviour of start-ups.

Biological Conservation

Volume 227, November 2018, Pages 243-251

Mapping threats to wilderness character in the National Wilderness Preservation System

J Tricker, P Landres -

Abstract

The National Wilderness Preservation System in the United States provides the greatest level of protection for the ecological and social values of lands held in trust for future generations. Although designated wilderness is the cornerstone of the US conservation portfolio, designation alone doesn't assure the protection of these areas, which are degraded by threats both inside and external to the area. This paper describes new methods for quantifying the location and cumulative magnitude of threats to wilderness, allowing agency managers and the public to evaluate whether the legal mandate from the 1964 Wilderness Act to "preserve wilderness character" is being upheld. These new methods have also been used in developing wilderness stewardship plans and analyzing the potential effects of proposed projects that would degrade wilderness character. The methods described here were developed and tested in seven wildernesses in a variety of ecological, geographic, and administrative settings, and are directly applicable to evaluating threats and improving the management of all 110 million acres of designated wilderness in the United States, as well as all areas that are increasingly recognized internationally as wilderness.

Advances in Social Work

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Peer Support Groups: Evaluating a Culturally Grounded, Strengths-Based Approach for Work With Refugees

AM Block, L Aizenman, A Saad, S Harrison, A Sloan...

Abstract

Many refugees will face unique socio-emotional stressors before, during, and after resettling in their new home country. The program presented herein focuses on the use of para-professionals, peer educators, from within refugee communities to build upon the Center for Torture and Trauma Survivors Clubhouse model. Group leaders seek to provide supports that will: 1) decrease feelings of isolation; 2) build community networks and; 3) increase feelings of empowerment within the community. To accurately represent the fluidity of the refugee population in this metropolitan region, background is presented on an established refugee population from Iraq and a more recent influx of refugees of Bhutan (ethnic Nepali). The juxtaposition of the two groups underscores the importance of presenting a dynamic program that is peer-led to provide the supports necessary to acclimate to their new environment. Program evaluation results from groups run in 2016-2017 indicate that the groups have been successful in helping participants make friends, get information, become more independent, and feel better about life in America. Additionally, participants report a significantly higher number of individuals who they can "talk to about problems or worries" and connect to with a sense of trust within their ethnic community. Finally, the utility of other therapeutic and support processes, such as horticultural and expressive arts therapies, are discussed apropos work with refugee populations.

International Journal for Equity in Health

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Commentary Open Access

Are we entering a new era for qualitative research? Using qualitative evidence to support guidance and guideline development by the World Health Organization

S Lewin, C Glenton

Abstract

Qualitative approaches are one of several methodologies utilised within the social sciences. New developments within qualitative methods are widening the opportunities for using qualitative evidence to inform health policy and systems decisions. In this commentary, we discuss how, in our work with the World Health Organization (WHO), we have explored ways of broadening the types of evidence used to develop evidence-informed guidance for health systems.

Health systems decisions are commonly informed by evidence on the effectiveness of health system interventions. However, decision makers and other stakeholders also typically have additional questions, including how different stakeholders value different outcomes, the acceptability and feasibility of different interventions and the impacts of these interventions on equity and human rights. Evidence from qualitative research can help address these questions, and a number of WHO guidelines are now using qualitative evidence in this way. This growing use of qualitative evidence to inform decision making has been facilitated by recent methodological developments, including robust methods for qualitative evidence syntheses and approaches for assessing how much confidence to place in findings from such syntheses. For research evidence to contribute optimally to improving and sustaining the performance of health systems, it needs to be transferred easily between different elements of what has been termed the 'evidence ecosystem'. This ecosystem includes primary and secondary evidence producers, guidance developers and those implementing and evaluating interventions to strengthen health systems. We argue that most of the elements of an ecosystem for qualitative evidence are now in place – an important milestone that suggests that we are entering a new era for qualitative research. However, a number of challenges and constraints remain. These include how to build stronger links between the communities involved in the different parts of the qualitative evidence ecosystem and the need to strengthen capacity, particularly in low and middle income countries, to produce and utilise qualitative evidence and decision products informed by such evidence. We invite others who want to support the wider use of qualitative evidence in decision processes to look for opportunities in their settings to put this into practice.

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The Rights of the Indigenous Forest Dwellers in the Governance of Indian Forests-A Critique

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ABSTRACT:

Forests are deemed to be the "green lung" of a nation. They are vulnerable and are being threatened by uncontrolled degradation and conservation to other kinds of land uses, largely influenced by human centric needs and ecocentrically harmful management system, for example, lack of adequate techniques to control forest fire, unsustainable commercial logging, over gazing, economic incentives and so on. Thus it is timely to recognize the worth of indigenous cosmology and recognize the rights of the forest dwellers over the forest areas inhabited by them. Top down approach of forest governance has adversely affected the forests and thus time has come to have a radical shift from the top down model of governance to bottom top approach since it is now being proved beyond doubt that indigenous understanding of nature is more eco friendly and lead to better sustenance of forest. The paper shall focus on the Indian system of forest governance, laws and policies adopted so far and how far it has been successful in sustaining forest resources through decentralized method of forest management as has been laid down in Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

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Assessment of forest damage due to ice-snow disaster based on the method of threshold ratio: A case study of Hunan Province

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Abstract

Ice-snow disasters are one of the main disruptions to forest ecological systems, causing the loss of forest structure and degeneration of ecological system's functions. Rapid and accurate assessment of forest resource loss has an important significance for starting the process post-disaster recovery and forest ecosystem management. Using MODIS Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) images during 2001—2007, the authors extract pre-disaster reference value of plant NDVI and growth change threshold. In combination with post-disaster NDVI images, the range of Hunan forest ice-snow disaster is extracted by pre-disaster reference value and growth change threshold in 2008. The method of threshold ratio is proposed on the basis of method of image threshold, which is used to assess the loss of forest resources within the region of forest ice-snow disaster. A comparison with the method of image threshold shows that the assessing results from the method of threshold ratio are more close to the manual survey results, and its standard error is only 0.95, which is less than 1/3 of that of the image threshold method. The assessing results show that forest resources of the whole province have suffered serious losses: severe damaged rate, moderate damaged rate and mild damaged rate are 53.69%, 27.50% and 18.81%, respectively. What's more, the analysis combined with topographic factors shows that forests in high altitudes are more severely affected than in low altitudes, and forests located in shady aspect are especially more severely affected.

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