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Period ending 2 March 2019

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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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Venezuela

[Competing United States, Russian Federation Draft Resolutions on Political, Humanitarian Situation in Venezuela Blocked in Security Council](#)

28 February 2019

SC/13725

The Security Council failed today to adopt two competing draft resolutions — one from the Russian Federation, the other from the United States — responding to the political and humanitarian situation in Venezuela.

By the terms of the draft put forward by the United States, which was vetoed by China and the Russian Federation, the Council would have expressed its deep concern that the presidential elections of 20 May 2018 were neither free nor fair, and call for the start of a peaceful political process leading to free, fair, and credible presidential elections, with international electoral observation, in conformity with Venezuela's Constitution.

It would have supported the peaceful restoration of democracy and rule of law in Venezuela and encouraged subsequent peaceful, inclusive, and credible initiatives to address the crisis. It would also have stressed the importance of ensuring the security of all members of the National Assembly, and members of the political opposition, as well as the need to prevent further deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Venezuela and to facilitate unhindered access and delivery of assistance to all in need throughout the country in line with humanitarian principles.

The draft resolution from the Russian Federation, which lacked the minimum number of affirmative votes for passage, would have had the Council urge the settlement of the situation in Venezuela through peaceful means, within the framework of its Constitution, and in full respect of its sovereignty, territorial integrity and the right to self-determination of the Venezuelan people, as well as welcome the Secretary-General's calls in that regard.

It would have supported all initiatives aimed at reaching a political solution amongst Venezuelans to the situation, including the Montevideo Mechanism, through a genuine and inclusive process of national dialogue; reaffirm the Government's primary role in the initiation, organization, coordination and implementation of international assistance efforts and initiatives within its national territory; and recall

that such assistance should be provided with the consent of, and on the basis of an appeal by, the Government.

Speaking after the vote on his delegation's text, Elliot Abrams, Special Representative for Venezuela of the United States, said the situation in Venezuela requires immediate Council action. "The time for a peaceful transition to democracy is now," he said. Asserting that some Council members are choosing to shield President Nicolás Maduro and his cronies, he said the United States will remain steadfast in its support for interim President Juan Guaidó and the National Assembly.

The representative of the Russian Federation, who took the floor twice, said his delegation was forced to exercise its veto because the United States draft was not geared towards resolving the problem in Venezuela. Emphasizing that his delegation's text was aimed at helping Venezuelans solve their own problems, he said a decision to hold elections or not is theirs alone to take. "Do not decide for them," he said, adding that today's vote was a glaring example of the need for the veto in the Council.

Expressing regret over the lack of Council unity, Peru's representative said the failure to adopt the United States draft — for which his delegation voted in favour — is incomprehensible, given that it was a minimal text with no references to human rights violations, the terrible humanitarian situation, the breakdown of the economic order and the exodus of more than 3 million Venezuelans.

South Africa's delegate, who voted in favour of the Russian Federation's text and against its United States counterpart, said it was unfortunate that two divergent drafts were submitted. Division in the Council undermined its credibility, he said, describing the United States draft as unbalanced and prescriptive.

The representative of Indonesia said his delegation refused to accept either draft resolution because they were both incomplete and overly politicized — nor, he added, would they help Venezuelans. "In all honesty, I have to admit that my delegation is starting to believe that dialogue and negotiations are a luxury here in the Council," he said.

Venezuela's representative, speaking at the end of the meeting, said his country rejects the fact that its Constitution is being used to justify a colonial intervention and to support a fictitious entity. Economic war is being waged against Venezuela, violating the rights of its people and turning them into hostages, he said, adding that in the past two weeks, the United States and the United Kingdom had stolen more than \$30 billion from the Venezuelan people...

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Featured Journal Content

Lancet Global Health

Mar 2019 Volume 7 Number 3 e281-e384

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

Articles

[Trends in infant mortality in Venezuela between 1985 and 2016: a systematic analysis of demographic data](#)

Jenny García, Gerardo Correa, Brenda Rousset

Summary

Background

Between the 1950s and 2000, Venezuela showed one of the most substantial improvements in infant mortality rates in Latin America. However, the recent economic crisis alongside an increase in infectious and parasitic diseases might be reversing previous patterns. Because no official updated mortality statistics have been published since 2013, the effect of these recent events has been difficult to assess accurately. We therefore aimed to estimate infant mortality rate trends and report the effect of the crisis.

Methods

We estimated infant mortality rates using direct methods (ie, death counts from Venezuelan Ministry of Health via yearbooks and notifiable diseases bulletins, and birth records published by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Venezuelan National Institute of Statistics) and indirect methods (using census data and a Living Conditions Survey ENCOVI 2016). We shaped yearly estimations using a semiparametric regression model, specifically a P-Spline model with a cubic thin plate base. The primary objective was to estimate infant mortality rate trends from 1985 to 2016.

Findings

Around 2009, the long-term decline in infant mortality rate stopped, and a new pattern of increase was observed. The infant mortality rate reached 21·1 deaths per 1000 livebirths (90% CI –17·8 to 24·3) in 2016, almost 1·4 times the rate of 2008 (15·0, –14·0 to 16·1). This increase represents a huge setback on previous achievements in reducing infant mortality.

Interpretation

Our conservative estimation indicates that Venezuela is in the throes of a humanitarian crisis. The increase in infant mortality rate in 2016 compared with 2008 takes the country back to the level observed at the end of the 1990s, wiping out 18 years of expected progress, and leaves the Venezuelan Government far from achieving the target of nine deaths per 1000 livebirths stated in the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Funding

None.

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Children in Armed Conflict

Open Letter to UN Secretary-General António Guterres

February 25, 2019

Dear Secretary-General Guterres,

As organizations working to protect the rights of children in armed conflict, **we urge you to include the Saudi and Emirati-led Coalition (SELC) for all relevant violations in list A of the annexes of your 2019 annual report to the United Nations Security Council on children and armed conflict.**

Changing the way the coalition is listed, from the 'coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen' to the 'SELC,' would accurately reflect Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) leadership in the coalition, and in financing and directly engaging in hostilities via airstrikes and UAE ground forces deployed throughout the country. Including the SELC in list A of the annexes of your 2019 annual report for all relevant violations, including attacks on schools and hospitals, is critical to ensuring a credible, accurate listing of perpetrators, and providing the UN with the foundation to enter

into dialogue with the SELC to actually drive change for children through the signing and implementation of a time-bound action plan. While the coalition was included in list B in your 2018 annual report as a party that has implemented positive measures aimed at improving the protection of children, the record shows that coalition violations against children have continued to occur.

For example, your 2018 annual report on children and armed conflict attributed to the coalition 19 of 20 attacks on schools and five attacks on hospitals carried out in 2017.¹ Yet, the coalition was delisted in the 2018 report for attacks on schools and hospitals; the Houthis, to whom the report attributed five attacks on hospitals in 2017, remained listed for the same grave violation.² Measures that the SELC might have taken in 2017 or 2018 have failed to end attacks and other abuse against children. The August 9, 2018 coalition airstrike on a school bus in Saada that killed at least 26 children is just one horrific example of many.

We have included in this letter documentation of three of the five 'trigger' violations— killing and maiming, attacks on schools and hospitals, and recruitment and use—carried out in Yemen in 2018 by the SELC. The incidents were gathered through a systematic desk review of publically available sources, including UN and international nongovernmental organization (INGO) reports and reputable media reports; they are representative, rather than exhaustive, of attacks against children during the reporting period.

We note that the Houthi armed group and other parties to the conflict have recruited and used children, killed and maimed children, or attacked schools and hospitals, and consequently been listed in list A of your annex. Given continued grave violations carried out by these parties, we urge you to maintain these listings.

The stakes have never been higher. More than 24 million people in Yemen, half of them children, need humanitarian assistance.³ And child protection needs have continued to increase; verified reports of grave violations of children's rights, including killing and maiming and recruitment and use, increased by nearly 25 per cent in 2018.⁴

The leadership you have shown these past months in helping secure the Stockholm Agreement and support its implementation have already had a significant impact on the conflict. However, the desire to fulfill and preserve this and other agreements should not prevent the international community from reflecting painful realities in its assessments of the SELC, the Houthi armed group, or any other party to the conflict. We hope you continue to seek an agreement that would safeguard the rights of children, and help to ensure accountability for all parties responsible for grave violations and other violations of international law in Yemen.

Sincerely,

Action Against Hunger
Childfund Alliance
Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
Human Rights Watch
Mwatana
Physicians for Human Rights
Save the Children
War Child
Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict

PDF includes listing of violations:

<https://childfundalliance.org/component/zdocs/document/viewDocument/2712>

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Philanthropy

New Competition for a \$100 Million Grant: Round Two of 100&Change – MacArthur Foundation

February 27, 2019 *Press Release*

MacArthur today announced it will launch a new round of its 100&Change competition for a single \$100 million grant to help solve one of the world's most critical social challenges. 100&Change remains open to organizations and collaborations working in any field, anywhere in the world. Proposals must identify a problem and offer a solution that promises significant and durable change; they will be accepted online only from April 30 to August 6, 2019.

In the inaugural round of 100&Change, from 1,904 proposals submitted, Sesame Workshop and International Rescue Committee were awarded \$100 million to educate young children displaced by conflict and persecution in the Syrian response region and to challenge the global system of humanitarian aid to focus more on building a foundation for future success for millions of young children. Other funders and philanthropists have committed an additional \$254 million to date to support bold solutions by 100&Change applicants, including a \$100 million LEGO Foundation grant to Sesame Workshop and \$9 million in funding from USAID and GHR Foundation to Catholic Relief Services. Many 100&Change applicants found that the competition challenged them to be more ambitious in their thinking, facilitated collaboration among groups to tackle an issue at a broader scale, and enabled them to create proposals they could use to pursue other funding.

Building on the success of 100&Change, MacArthur is creating Lever for Change, a new nonprofit committed to unlocking philanthropic capital and helping donors put their resources to work to accelerate social change.

"We set out to do something bold three years ago when we launched 100&Change—address problems and support solutions that are radically different in scale, scope, and complexity," said MacArthur President Julia Stasch. "We learned there is no shortage of compelling ideas with the potential for tremendous social impact. The success of 100&Change led us to create Lever for Change, which seeks to connect donors with organizations and collaborations with the potential to deliver the impactful and inspirational change they both dream of helping to bring about."...

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Democracy

Global leaders launch campaign to defend democracy and a rules-based order

Former leaders from democratic nations call for renewed effort to defend shared values and push back against authoritarianism and anti-democratic trends

February 15, 2019

WASHINGTON, DC – Amidst the rising tide of authoritarianism and anti-democratic trends around the world, a prestigious group of bipartisan former leaders from democratic nations today issued a Declaration of Principles [below] aimed at reaffirming shared values and a rules-based order.

Among those leading this effort are former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley, former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt, and former Japanese foreign minister Yoriko Kawaguchi, co-chairs of a global bipartisan task force organized under the auspices of the Atlantic Council and Canada's Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).

"For the past seven decades, free nations have drawn upon the shared values to advance freedom, increase prosperity, and secure peace," said Albright. "It's time for citizens around the world who care about these values to stand up and make their voices heard. We need to make clear what we stand for and what kind of world we want to live in."

"The goal is to reaffirm support for the principles that have been at the foundation of the international order since the end of World War II: democracy; free, fair, and open markets; and the rule of law," said Bildt. "We cannot sit idly by while autocrats and demagogues undermine these core principles."

The declaration [was] released at the Munich Security Conference...Task force members David Miliband, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Tzipi Livni, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Wolfgang Ischinger, Ana Palacio, and Radek Sikorski will also be in Munich for the launch of the Declaration. The task force represents leading democracies around the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The release of the declaration marks the beginning of an organized effort led by the Atlantic Council and CIGI to revitalize a rules-based order and rebuild public support in favor of democracy, open markets, and alliances. A key priority will be to engage influential members of Congress and parliamentarians in leading democracies and encourage concrete actions to secure and defend a rules-based order. At the same time, the Council will seek to establish a dialogue among a broader group of world powers to identify areas of agreement in support of a stable global order...

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Declaration of Principles for Freedom, Prosperity, and Peace

February 2018

We, citizens, former officials, and representatives of governments and private entities, united by common values, have agreed as follows:

THE PRESENT CHALLENGE

For seven decades, free nations have drawn upon common principles to advance freedom, increase prosperity, and secure peace. The resulting order, built on the foundation of democratic values and human dignity, has brought better lives for our citizens and billions of people around the world.

But the international system must rise to meet new challenges. New technologies are transforming societies. In many of our nations, stagnant wages, income disparities, and uneven benefits from global trade are leading many to question free market economics and the value of engagement in the world. Increased migration is fueling concerns about job security and national identity.

Around the world, politicians are exploiting these challenges, denigrating the rule of law, and undermining faith in democracy. Autocrats and extremists are attacking these principles, oppressing their own people, threatening security, and contending that might makes right.

Yet, free peoples have met greater challenges in the past, and we can master those in our time.

Innovations in communications, energy, health, and more yet to come are opening possibilities unimaginable before. Entrepreneurship based on freedom and new ideas can drive prosperity. Empowered men and women can address social problems from the bottom up. Governments that answer to their citizens and respect the rule of law can best address inequity, correct injustice, and serve the good of all.

Free nations must adapt and change. Yet our principles remain sound because they reflect the common aspirations of the human spirit. Societies that respect these principles are better placed to produce security and prosperity. Nations that uphold them are more likely to work together in peace. And authoritarians who stifle enterprise, dispense arbitrary justice, and abuse their people ultimately will fail.

Inspired by the inalienable rights derived from our ethics, traditions, and faiths, we commit ourselves to seek a better future for our citizens and our nations. We will defend our values, overcome past failures with new ideas, answer lies with truth, confront aggression with strength, and go forward with the confidence that our principles will prevail.

We call on all who are willing to join us in this common cause.

SEVEN STATEMENTS

1. Freedom and Justice

We affirm the right of all people to live in free and just societies, where fundamental rights are protected under the rule of law.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: respect and protect the freedoms of speech, conscience, religion, the press, expression, association, and assembly
- :: allow for the free flow of information and ideas, while protecting personal information and individual privacy
- :: ensure equal protection and non-discrimination with regard to race, religion, ethnicity, tribe, culture, nationality, language, gender, disability, and sexual identity
- :: combat corruption, hold public officials accountable, and uphold the rule of law

2. Democracy and Self-Determination

We affirm the right of all people to make decisions about their own affairs through elected governments that reflect their consent, free from foreign interference.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: respect and protect the right of all people to choose their own leaders through a free, fair, and competitive democratic process
- :: refrain from threats, coercion, intimidation, violence, election meddling, or other undue interference in the internal or external affairs of free nations
- :: respect the right of peaceful self-determination and seek the settlement of disputes over political status without threats, violence, or oppression

3. Peace and Security

We affirm the right of all people to live in peace, free from threats of aggression, terrorism, oppression, crimes against humanity, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: refrain from engaging in or providing support for such actions
- :: seek to prevent such violence and cut off material or financial support or safe haven to governments, groups, or individuals engaged in such actions
- :: support the peaceful settlement of disputes, including civil conflicts, and refrain from the use of force, except as just and necessary to advance these principles

4. Free Markets and Equal Opportunity

We affirm the right of all people to engage in economic activity based on free market principles, with equal opportunity to contribute to and the ability to share in the benefits of national prosperity.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: protect the right of people to own property, purchase goods and services, and invest in free and open markets
- :: promote the free and fair flow of trade and investment; protect intellectual property; respect agreements; and support an open global economy
- :: protect the rights of workers, including the right to seek gainful employment; seek to mitigate the adverse impacts of global trade; and encourage inclusive, equitable, and well-regulated economies
- :: seek to mitigate poverty, eradicate disease, and facilitate access to food, water, shelter, medical services, and education for their own citizens and others in need

5. An Open and Healthy Planet

We affirm the right of all people to enjoy free and open access to the global commons and a safe and healthy planet.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: reduce the risk of damage to the global climate or environment caused by nature or human activity
- :: refrain from undue interference with freedom of navigation in the air, seas, and outer space, or with access to cyberspace
- :: while harnessing their benefits, seek to mitigate potentially dangerous or unethical applications of advanced technology
- :: while protecting their national identity and controlling migration over their borders, provide refuge for those fleeing from persecution or violence, and respect the rights of all people living and working in their nations

6. The Right of Assistance

We affirm the right of national sovereignty, while recognizing that sovereignty obligates governments to uphold these principles.

Governments, as well as private entities and individuals where they are able, have a responsibility to:

- :: allow their citizens to receive assistance from others to advance these principles, including, in non-free societies, support to non-violent groups, political parties, and individuals aiming to foster democracy or human rights
- :: assist those adversely impacted by violations of these principles, and where governments or other actors are unwilling or unable to cease or remedy flagrant or systematic violations, take such actions just and necessary to prevent them

7. Collective Action

We affirm the right of all people to cooperate in support of these principles and to work together to advance them.

Governments, private entities, and individuals should seek to advance these principles by supporting:

- :: partnerships, coalitions, and alliances that bring together likeminded governments, including a potential new alliance of free nations
- :: public-private partnerships and coalitions that bring together governments, private entities, and other stakeholders
- :: international institutions and agencies, including the United Nations, that aim to foster dialogue, cooperation, and shared responsibility between nations

THE TASKS AHEAD

Principles are not self-executing. Working with all who are ready to join us, we will develop a plan of action to implement these principles and advance our common goals.

We call on individuals, institutions, corporations, and governments in our own nations and around the world to advance these principles and create a more effective and responsive set of global rules. Our responsibilities rise commensurate with our influence.

We will advocate for these principles within our own nations, reaching out as broadly as possible to build public support.

We will seek to revise and strengthen the international system to reflect these principles and advance them on the basis of international law.

We will reach out to all nations to seek common ground, enlisting all those willing to help build an adapted international order based on these principles.

We will forge creative solutions to address the just claims of nations underrepresented in the current system, the needs of those left behind in our societies, and the impact of revolutionary technology so that it becomes an agent of sustainable development and positive, rather than destructive, change.

We will establish a standing mechanism to track compliance with these principles and call out those that are seeking to undermine them. We will urge our governments to act when these principles are violated.

We will stand firm behind our principles and work together to advance freedom, prosperity, justice, security and peace for all nations.

SIGNATORIES

Co-Chairs

Madeleine Albright, former secretary of state, United States

Carl Bildt, former prime minister, Sweden

Stephen Hadley, former national security advisor, United States

Yoriko Kawaguchi, former minister of foreign affairs, Japan

[Other signatories at title link]

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Legal Rights – Employment

Women, Business and the Law 2019: A Decade of Reform

World Bank, 2019 :: 36 pages

PDF: <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/31327/WBL2019.pdf>

Overview

Much improvement has occurred over the past decade, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa where the pace of reform is increasing, but persistent gaps remain. However, in the Middle East and North Africa, the pace of reform is occurring so slowly that the legal gender gap is only increasing as other regions reform at a faster pace.

This study develops new insight into how women's employment and entrepreneurship are affected by legal gender discrimination, and in turn how this affects economic outcomes such as women's participation in the labor market. The ten-year timeseries shines a light on the size of the legal gender gap, how quickly it is closing and where there are regional patterns of reform.

By laying a roadmap for progress over time and identifying potential areas for reform, this study both celebrates the progress that has been achieved and emphasizes the work that remains. To build on this work, the timeseries developed here will be extended in order to further research on the interaction between inequality of opportunity for women and labor market dynamics.

Press Release

Despite Gains, Women Face Setbacks in Legal Rights Affecting Work

Reforms have improved women's economic inclusion but gaps remain, ten-year study shows

WASHINGTON, February 27, 2019— Globally, women are accorded only three-quarters of the legal rights that men enjoy according to a new index released by the World Bank today, constraining their ability to get jobs or start businesses and make economic decisions that are best for them and their families.

"If women have equal opportunities to reach their full potential, the world would not only be fairer, it would be more prosperous as well," said World Bank Group Interim President Kristalina Georgieva. "Change is happening, but not fast enough, and 2.7 billion women are still legally barred from having the same choice of jobs as men. It is paramount that we remove the barriers that hold women back, and with this report we aim to demonstrate that reforms are possible, and to accelerate change."

The index, introduced in the study *Women, Business and the Law 2019: A Decade of Reform*, looks at milestones in a woman's working life, from starting a job through to getting a pension, and legal

protections associated with each of these stages. The data spans a ten-year period where 187 countries are scored according to eight indicators.

Achieving gender equality is not a short-term process, requiring strong political will and a concerted effort by governments, civil society, international organizations among others, but legal and regulatory reforms can play a foundational role as an important first step.

Progress over the last ten years in the areas measured by the index has been significant. During this time, the global average has risen from 70 to 75. 131 economies have made 274 reforms to laws and regulations that improve women's economic inclusion. 35 countries implemented legal protections against sexual harassment at work, protecting nearly two billion more women than a decade ago. 22 economies removed restrictions on women's work, reducing the likelihood that women are kept out of working in certain sectors of the economy. And 13 economies introduced laws mandating equal remuneration for work of equal value.

Six economies – Belgium, Denmark, France, Latvia, Luxembourg, and Sweden – now hold perfect scores of 100, meaning they give women and men equal legal rights in the measured areas. A decade ago, no economy could make that claim. Under this index, economies that conducted reforms experienced bigger increases in the percentage of women working overall, leading to women's economic empowerment.

Despite these efforts, women in many parts of the world still face discriminatory laws and regulations at every point in their working life. Fifty-six countries – spanning all regions and income levels – enacted no reforms at all to improve women's equality of opportunity over the ten-year period. The pace of reform was the slowest in the category of managing assets – examining gender differences in property rights.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 27 February 2019

:: The Global Commission for Certification of the Eradication is convening this week in Geneva. The outcomes of the previous meeting are available are available [here](#). The GCC oversees the certification process for polio eradication and most recently met in Amman, Jordan in October 2018.

:: A delegation of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) visiting the WHO Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville received a first-hand demonstration of the "real-time" surveillance system for polio monitoring in Africa. Strong and timely disease surveillance is the key for rapid outbreak response. The Republic of Korea is a key partner in strengthening eradication efforts. Read more [here](#).

Summary of new viruses this week:

- :: **Afghanistan**— one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)-positive environmental sample;
- :: **Pakistan** – five WPV1-positive environmental samples;
- :: **Mozambique**— one circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) from a contact;
- :: **Nigeria**— two cVDPV2-positive environmental samples and 8 cVDPV2 isolates from healthy contacts

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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 2 Mar 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

- :: 30: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu 26 February 2019
- :: DONS - Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo 28 February 2019

Syrian Arab Republic

- :: WHO concerned over critical health situation in Al-Hol camp, Al-Hasakeh 26 February 2019, Damascus, Syria – WHO-supported medical teams working round the clock at Al-Hol camp to provide health care services to new arrivals from rural Deir-ez-Zor.

Yemen

- :: Remarks at the Yemen High-Level Pledging Conference - WHO Geneva, Switzerland 26 February 2019 Dr Mike Ryan, ADG, Emergency Preparedness and Response, WHO

Bangladesh - Rohingya crisis - No new digest announcements identified

Myanmar - No new digest announcements identified

Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest announcements identified

South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 2 Mar 2019]

Iraq

- :: WHO condemns violence against health workers in Iraq

Baghdad, 26 February 2019 – The World Health Organization (WHO) strongly condemns the recent attack on a medical practitioner who was physically assaulted while providing medical care to a critically ill 70-year old female in Azadi Teaching Hospital in the Kirkuk governorate on 18 February 2019.

“WHO calls on the authorities in Iraq to ensure the safety of health workers, health facilities, and the sanctity of health care,” said Dr Adham Rashad Ismail, acting WHO Representative in Iraq. “Such attacks constitute a serious violation of international humanitarian law and deprive the most vulnerable population of children, women and the elderly of their right to essential health services,” he added...

occupied Palestinian territory

:: WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean calls for respecting the right to health of all Palestinians and protection for health care

27 February 2019, oPt - Concluding a three-day visit to the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, called for ensuring regular and reliable access to health for all Palestinians and respect for the sanctity of health care.

During his visit, the Regional Director met with Prime Minister Dr Rami Hamdallah for a discussion on the importance of achieving universal health coverage, and reiterated WHO's support to ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of all Palestinians.

In his meeting with Minister of Health Dr Jawad Awad, the Regional Director commended the progress made to improve health services that best meet people's needs, noting that WHO will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Health to strengthen the Palestinian health system and respond to humanitarian health needs.

The Regional Director underlined that the recently enforced restrictions on vaccine imports to the oPt might, if not resolved, jeopardize sustainability of the highly successful immunization programme and pose a serious health security threat, not only to the West Bank and Gaza, but also to neighbouring countries...

Brazil (in Portuguese) - No new digest announcements identified

Cameroon - No new digest announcements identified

Central African Republic - No new digest announcements identified

Ethiopia - No new digest announcements identified

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

Libya - No new digest announcements identified

MERS-CoV - No new digest announcements identified

Niger - No new digest announcements identified

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

Sudan - No new digest announcements identified

Ukraine - No new digest announcements identified

Zimbabwe - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 2 Mar 2019]

Afghanistan

Chad

Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018

Kenya

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Mali

Namibia - viral hepatitis

Peru

Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut

Tanzania

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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 digest announcements identified

Yemen - No new digest 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 digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest 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 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.un.org/press/en>

1 March 2019

GA/12124

Underlining Critical Role of Diamond Certification to Global Peace, Security, General Assembly Adopts Resolution Urging Strengthening Kimberley Process

The General Assembly today underscored how the global diamond certification scheme can contribute to international peace and security and sustainable development, while also proclaiming 2021–2030 the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

28 February 2019

SC/13725

Competing United States, Russian Federation Draft Resolutions on Political, Humanitarian Situation in Venezuela Blocked in Security Council

The Security Council failed today to adopt two competing draft resolutions — one from the Russian Federation, the other from the United States — responding to the political and humanitarian situation in Venezuela.

28 February 2019

SG/SM/19480-DC/3796

Secretary-General, Marking Anniversary of Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, Calls for Accelerated Efforts to Render Weapons 'Relic of the Past'

26 February 2019

SG/SM/19477-IHA/1463

Secretary-General, at Yemen Pledging Conference, Calls for \$4 Billion to Alleviate Unprecedented Suffering of Millions, Noting 'Signs of Hope' as Ceasefire Holds

26 February 2019

SC/13718

Amid Staggering Levels of Need, Aid Delivery in Syria Crucial to Prevent Humanitarian Catastrophe, Relief Coordinator Warns Security Council

Gravely concerned about serious suffering among civilians in Syria, exacerbated by severe weather, flooding and a spike in fighting, the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator briefed the Security Council today, underlining the urgency of facilitating aid deliveries and preventing a humanitarian catastrophe.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 2 Mar 2019]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

UN Human Rights Chief calls for courage and vision in advancing rights for all

Venezuela must guarantee impartial justice, says UN human rights expert

Women human rights defenders face worsening violence, warns UN human rights expert

UAE: Terminally ill prisoner, Alia Abdulnoor, must be released to "live final days in dignity", say experts

Bachelet condemns violence at Venezuelan borders

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 2 Mar 2019]

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL
01/03/2019

Human Rights Council holds clustered interactive dialogue on the right to privacy and on cultural rights

Human Rights Council holds clustered interactive dialogue on human rights defenders and on torture

28/02/2019

Human Rights Council holds interactive dialogue on the right to food and the effects of foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights

28/02/2019

UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria: Continued hostilities and lawlessness countrywide render safe and sustainable returns impossible

28/02/2019

No Justification for Israel to Shoot Protesters with Live Ammunition

28/02/2019

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/issues/migration/srmigrants/pages/srmigrantsindex.aspx>

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

02 March 2019

Humanitarian Chief completes visit to Malawi: An immediate f ...

28 February 2019

Urgent Scale-Up in Humanitarian Response Required in Zimbabwe ...

26 February 2019

Donors pledge over \$2.6 billion to ramp up humanitarian aid in Yemen

... Pledges were made by 40 countries and other donors to support humanitarian deliveries of food, nutrition, shelter, medicines, health services, protection and other essential relief in Yemen in 2019. The pledges, when committed, will help pay for the implementation of the UN-coordinated 2019 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan (YHRP) which seeks \$4.2 billion, and other humanitarian activities. Securing full funding for the YHRP remains a priority for the rest of the year.

25 February 2019

Humanitarian Chief Mark Lowcock to Visit Zimbabwe and Malawi

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements
Statement*

**Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the recent attacks against
Ebola treatment centers in the DRC**

28/02/2019

Press release

Alarming global surge of measles cases a growing threat to children – UNICEF

Ten countries accounted for approximately three-quarters of the total increase in measles in 2018, including significant outbreaks in Brazil, Madagascar, the Philippines, Ukraine, and Yemen

28/02/2019

Press release

**School closures in the Sahel double in the last two years due to growing insecurity –
UNICEF**

Worsening violence across Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger disrupts education for more than 400,000 children
27/02/2019

Press release

18 months after exodus from Myanmar, Rohingya children at a crossroads

Young Rohingya refugees in urgent need of education and skills
27/02/2019

Press release

No place for a child - death and despair haunt children in Rukban

Amid dire living conditions, deaths of children under five years old are increasing at an alarming rate
27/02/2019

Statement

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the high-level pledging conference for Yemen

26/02/2019

Statement

The brutal war on children in Yemen continues unabated

Statement attributable to UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, Geert Cappelaere
25/02/2019

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 2 Mar 2019]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR urges critical support for refugees in Egypt

28 Feb 2019

Support for refugees in Egypt is under severe pressure due to increased arrivals and inadequate resources, warned UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, today.

Ongoing conflicts in Yemen and in Sub-Saharan Africa have forced more people to flee to Egypt. Over the past two years the number of registered refugees and asylum seekers in Egypt has increased by 24 per cent.

Meanwhile, current refugee programmes in Egypt which are meant to assist and protect a quarter of a million refugees, more than half of whom are Syrian with others from Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Sudan and Yemen, are just four per cent funded...

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 2 Mar 2019]
<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>

Selected Announcements

Enhancing Screening Systems for Trafficking Victims in Mali

2019-03-01 17:32

Bamako – Recent [reports](#) have revealed an alarming number of victims of trafficking among migrants present in Mali, mainly from West and...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 8,956 in 2019; Deaths Reach 224

2019-03-01 17:13

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM), the UN Migration Agency, reports that 8,956 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 27 February, a 12 per cent decrease from the 10,243 arriving during the same period last year.

IOM's International Dialogue on Migration 2019 Focuses on Youth Underway in New York

2019-02-27 13:16

New York – The first International Dialogue on Migration of 2019 is taking place at UN Headquarters in New York on 28 February alongside two other events on migration.

Yemen: Most Dire Humanitarian Crisis in the World Requires Scaled Up Response in 2019

2019-02-25 23:32

Geneva – After four years of escalating violence and rising displacement in Yemen, the scale of the world's worst humanitarian emergency cannot be ignored. More than 3.3 million Yemenis are internally displaced and 80 per cent of its 28.6 million people are in critical need of...

UNAIDS [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

1 March 2019

How discriminatory Caribbean laws are being challenged in the courts

27 February 2019

Young people to campaign against stigma and discrimination in Egypt

26 February 2019

Young people change the narrative on HIV in South Africa

26 February 2019

State of Gujarat establishes Transgender Welfare Board

25 February 2019

The disproportionate impact of HIV on women in western and central Africa

25 February 2019

Stigma makes HIV life-threatening

WHO & Regional Offices [to 2 Mar 2019]

26 February 2019

News Release

Ebola response in Democratic Republic of the Congo risks slowdown

[See Ebola above for detail]

WHO remarks at the Yemen High-Level Pledging Conference

26 February 2019 - *UN Call for Solidarity for Yemen*

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen remains the worst in the world. An estimated 65% of the population – close to 20 million people – need health assistance and only half the country's health facilities are fully functional. WHO joins the UN and other partners in calling for donors to contribute generously to the Yemen Humanitarian Fund.

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

- :: [Last mile towards dual elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Syphilis: Can Botswana be the first?](#) 01 March 2019
- :: [WHO supports Government to mitigate measles, rubella outbreaks nationwide](#) 28 February 2019 Nigeria
- [6th set of meetings of the African Vaccine Regulatory Forum \(AVAREF\): AVAREF broadened beyond vaccines to include medicines](#) 25 February 2019

African Vaccine Regulatory Forum (AVAREF) was established by WHO in 2006 as a network of National Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) and Ethics Committees (ECs) of African countries providing a platform for building regulatory capacity and promoting harmonization of practices in support of oversight of clinical trials in the region. AVAREF has since played a crucial role in the successful development of several vaccines, notably the meningococcal A conjugate vaccine, whose licensure and rollout has dramatically reduced epidemics of meningococcal A meningitis. The capacity of AVAREF has now been broadened beyond vaccines and includes medicines....

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: [Mental health spending must increase in order to meet current needs in the Americas](#) (03/01/2019)
- :: [PAHO calls for countries in Latin America and the Caribbean to prepare for possible outbreaks of dengue](#) (02/28/2019)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: [Global health leaders adopt Delhi Declaration on digital health](#)
New Delhi, 27 February 2019: Ministers and government officials from over 35 countries committed to accelerate and implement the appropriate digital health interventions to improve health of their population at national and sub-national levels by 2023...

WHO European Region EURO

- :: [V4 countries meet to strengthen collaboration on fighting TB](#) 28-02-2019
- :: [European countries commit to accelerate action to protect people from health emergencies together](#)
25-02-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- *No new digest announcements identified.*

WHO Western Pacific Region

- :: [WHO Western Pacific Region achieves milestone for reducing childhood hepatitis](#) 1 March 2019
News Release

According to new data released this week, effective programmes to immunize young children against hepatitis B have enabled countries of the World Health Organization (WHO) Western ...
:: New WHO Regional Director meets Pacific leaders, communities, highlights climate change, noncommunicable diseases, emergencies as priorities 25 February 2019 *Media release*

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 2 Mar 2019]

<http://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2019/>

01/03/19

Enhancing veterinary paraprofessionals' governance to safeguard livelihoods in rural areas

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

UN celebrates World Wildlife Day and 'Life below Water'

Leaders from UN Member States and international organizations gathered at United Nations Headquarters to celebrate the United Nations World Wildlife Day , under the theme 'Life below water: for people...

Posted on March 1, 2019

Brazil receives US\$ 96 million for having reduced its deforestation

Brazil just became the first country to receive financial resources from the Green Climate Fund for having successfully reduced greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation in the past.

Posted on March 1, 2019

25th Anniversary of the Human Security concept

Keynote Speech: Reflections on the past 25 years since the Human Development Report of 1994

Posted on February 28, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

March 1, 2019

SDSN Publishes New Guide for US Cities

In January 2019, SDSN hosted a workshop alongside the 2019 Winter Meeting of the US Conference of Mayors with practitioners and experts to discuss their experiences and consider lessons detailed in

the draft practitioner guide: "A Pathway to Sustainable American Cities: A Guide to Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals." This guide, a re-imagining of a 2016 guide prepared for a global urban audience, presents 10 steps for cities to consider on their way to adapting and adopting the global framework for their own city.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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

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

Latest News

Ninth meeting of the IAEG-SDGs

The ninth meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs), will be held from 25 to 28 March 2019 in Beirut, Lebanon. The meeting will be hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26 Feb 2019

Disasters are threat to human rights

GENEVA- The Human Rights Council was told yesterday that "nothing lays bare inequality and discrimination like a disaster."

The Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori, added: "The failure to acknowledge human rights creates marginalized and vulnerable groups that face discrimination and exclusion. These vulnerable populations are far more likely to suffer disproportionately from disasters."

Ms. Mizutori said: "Nowhere is this more evident than at the intersection of risk, climate change and human rights."

It was the first time that the Human Rights Council invited the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction to participate in its annual high-level panel discussion on human rights mainstreaming and address the issue of disaster risk reduction in the context of climate change...

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

01 March 2019

UNESCO holds first global conference to promote a humanist Artificial Intelligence

"Principles for AI: Towards a Humanistic Approach? A Global Conference" (UNESCO Headquarters, 4 March, 9.30 am to 7 pm), aims to foster dialogue between all stakeholders from the public and private sectors, technical community, media and academia, civil society, international and regional organizations.

27 Feb 2019

[**The Second International Biennial Conference on Early Childhood Care and Education**](#)

26 Feb 2019

[**Safeguarding of transboundary heritage sites for sustainable development and peace in Africa**](#)

01 March 2019

The first regional meeting on "Transboundary Cooperation for effective management of World Heritage Sites in Africa" was held from 11 to 15 February 2019 in the city of Man (Côte d'Ivoire), located at 100 km from the Mount Nimba Strict Nature Reserve, the first African transboundary property inscribed on the World Heritage List.

Funded by the Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, the main objective of this activity was to exchange knowledge and share experience on the management of various transboundary and transnational World Heritage sites in Africa, including the use of traditional knowledge.

During this workshop, 29 working papers were presented in the presence of about 60 experts, site managers, technical and financial partners, academics, and representatives of the private sector from 20 African countries. 40 institutions involved in African heritage management were represented.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.icomos.org/en/>

Written on 19 February 2019.

[**ALIPH Foundation - Call for projects**](#)

Created in March 2017 as a response to the destruction of cultural heritage during recent conflicts, either intentional or collateral, in sites like Timbuktu, Mosul, Nimrud, Palmyra, or Aleppo, the ALIPH Foundation (International Alliance for the protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas) now brings together several countries: France, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Morocco, China, and Switzerland, along with key civil society figures and institutions to finance preventive measures, emergency interventions and concrete post-conflict rehabilitation projects, all around the world. ALIPH now launches its first Call for Projects with the ambition of protecting cultural heritage in conflict areas.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Posted February 28, 2019

[**Youth from around the world gather in Seoul to mark the 2019 International Youth Day in Korea**](#)

Seoul, Korea, 26 February 2019 – The 2019 International Youth Day in Korea (2019 IYD Korea) was marked on 26 February in Seoul with more than 500 young people from all over the world attending the Korea...

Posted February 27, 2019

Ongoing UN and Japan Cooperation on Rakhine extended in 2019 to also support communities in Kachin and Shan

Nay Pyi Taw, 26 February 2019 – The Government of Japan and eight United Nations Agencies today signed a US\$ 37 million value agreement to implement humanitarian and development projects in Shan, Kachin and Rakhine States. The...

Posted February 25, 2019

Japan supports UN-Habitat with USD 800,000 for emergency shelter and to rehabilitate housing for vulnerable in Yemen

Al Hudaydah, Yemen, February 2019 – Japan is contributing USD 800,000 to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Yemen to provide shelter for those displaced by conflict and to rehabilitate damaged homes belonging to some...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

ILO100

How was your day at work?

27 February 2019

From the factories of the industrial revolution to today's global supply chains, ensuring decent working conditions has been a priority for the ILO since its creation a century ago. For many of us that translates into safe workplaces, limits on working hours, minimum wage levels, and maternity protection. But millions of workers still do not enjoy these rights.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

27/2/19

ICAO compliance key to African air connectivity

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Publish Date: 26 February 2019

WMO Update: 50-60% chance of El Niño within next 3 months

There is a 50-60% chance of El Niño developing by May 2019, although it is not expected to be a strong event, according to the latest update from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific were at or slightly below El Niño thresholds in January and early February 2019. Some El Niño-like atmospheric patterns also emerged around late January.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 2 Mar 2019]

<http://news.upu.int/>

01.03.2019

UPU's successful postal payment service galvanized by regional approach

- Throughout its 145-year history, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) has offered unique global services to postal operators, but one service is gaining traction thanks to a timely regional approach. Now registered in 110 countries, the UPU's collective trademark for electronic postal payment service, PosTransfer, is flourishing.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

1 March 2019

UNIDO underscores the indispensable role of women for the sustainable development of industrial regions

NOVOKUZNETSK, Russia, – High-level representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) today participated in an expert discussion at the International Women's Forum taking place in Novokuznetsk, which focused on creating an enabling environment for women to fully achieve their economic potential to contribute to inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

By Elizabeth Gasiorowski-Denis on 27 February 2019

ISO 20252 tackles market research with confidence

From helping companies to develop and promote products and services, to analysing our behaviour as consumers, market research contributes to many aspects of modern life...The newly updated ISO 20252 will ensure it delivers on promise.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

27 February 2019

5th UNWTO World Forum on Gastronomy Tourism in San Sebastián: Job Creation, Entrepreneurship and Development

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

March 1, 2019

USAID Administrator Mark Green's Opening Remarks at InterAction's Conversation on Effective Partnerships and Self-Reliance

United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance To The People of Yemen

February 26, 2019

Today, the United States announced nearly \$24 million in additional emergency aid to the people of Yemen, who face the world's largest humanitarian crisis. This funding brings the total humanitarian assistance provided by the U.S. Government for the Yemen response to nearly \$721 million since October 2017.

United States Provides Additional Humanitarian Aid to Venezuelans Who Have Fled Their Country

February 25, 2019

Today, Vice President Pence announced that the United States is providing nearly \$56 million in additional humanitarian assistance to support the regional response for the nearly 3.4 million Venezuelans who have fled Venezuela due to the political and economic crisis caused by Nicolas Maduro. This assistance complements the aid that the United States and its partners pre-positioned near the Colombia- and Brazil-Venezuela borders over the last few weeks, and it will provide urgently needed shelter, food, medical services, and livelihoods support that will help the integration of Venezuelans who have fled into host communities in the region.

DFID [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

World Wildlife Day: A helping hand to turtles and mangroves

3 March 2019

Defra, DFID and BEIS Press release

UK aid to equip young Jordanians with skills for modern workforce

28 February 2019 DFID Press release

Prime Minister announces UK aid to boost Jordan's prosperity

28 February 2019 DFID, Home Office and DIT Press release

New UK aid to feed millions of people in Yemen

24 February 2019 DFID and FCO Press release

ECHO [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26/02/2019

The EU announces over €161.5 million for Yemen crisis

As millions of people continue to suffer in Yemen, the European Commission has announced its intention to provide €161.5 million in humanitarian aid for 2019. This brings total Commission support for Yemen since the beginning of the crisis in 2015...

African Union [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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February 28, 2019

African Union Is Determined To Realizing the Aspirations of Agenda 2063 and to Promote the Rule of Law

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26/02/2019

Humanitarian aid: EU announces over €161.5 million for Yemen crisis

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 26 February 2019 As millions of people continue to suffer in Yemen, the European Commission has announced its intention to provide €161.5 million in humanitarian aid for 2019.

EU monitoring mission evaluates progress on human rights and labour rights in Myanmar

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 22 February 2019 A high-level mission of the European Commission and the European External Action Service (EEAS) returned this week (18-22 February 2019) to Myanmar as part of a broader engagement under the EU's Everything But Arms (EBA) trade preferences scheme.

OECD [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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1-March-2019

OECD broadband statistics update

The share of high-speed fibre in fixed broadband Internet connections in OECD countries has risen to 25% as of June 2018, up from 12% in 2010. Meanwhile mobile broadband penetration has risen to above 106% in the OECD area.

26-February-2019

Seize the opportunities of digital technology to improve well-being but also address the risks

Digital technology can improve our lives but it also poses a major risk of widening social inequality and blocking opportunities for people without the skills to navigate the online world safely, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

February 26, 2019

OAS to Host Hearings on State Corruption and the Humanitarian Crisis in Venezuela

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26/02/2019

The Secretary-General from the Council's Headquarters in Geneva: the Islamic World Faces Selectivity in Human Rights

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen has urged the United Nations Human Rights Council to find appropriate solutions to the problems and issues faced by Muslim countries and communities with regard to selectivity in the field of human rights. At the same time, he emphasized the Organization's firm belief in the utility of cultural diversity and its importance in addressing the countless challenges facing humanity in the fields of peace, security, human rights and development....

26/02/2019

Al-Othaimeen Urges OIC Member States to Address Yemeni Humanitarian Crisis

Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), highlighted the suffering of the Yemeni people due to lack of food, health services, and other basic needs. Speaking at the High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 26 February 2019, Al-Othaimeen indicated that the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) had issued several resolutions on Yemen calling for financial support to implement concrete humanitarian projects for the most needy and vulnerable people in Yemen....

Group of 77 [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 by Ambassador Feda Abdelhady, Deputy Permanent Representative, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, at the informal briefing to the plenary of the General Assembly on the financial situation of the United Nations \(New York, 1 March 2019\)](#)

[Intervention on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Riyad Mansour \(State of Palestine\), Chair of the Group of 77, during the interactive panel discussion 1: "Overview on progress in achieving migration goals", at the High-level Debate on International Migration and Development \(New York, 27 February 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ambassador Riyad Mansour \(State of Palestine\), Chair of the Group of 77, at the informal consultations on the 2019 High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly and the draft outcome of the 2019 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up \(New York, 26 February 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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

28 Feb 2019 –

[**Speakers Announced for Crucial United Nations Meeting on Science, Technology and Innovation for Development**](#)

Dr. Jennifer Doudna, a pioneer of the revolutionary CRISPR gene editing tool and Professor Dame Wendy Hall, a renowned computer scientist and co-author of the United Kingdom's government strategy on artificial intelligence (AI), will discuss the ethical dimensions of frontier technologies and their impact on sustainable development during the [UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development \(CSTD\)](#) in Geneva, Switzerland, 13–17 May 2019.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Latest News

01 March 2019

[**Enhancing connectivity between Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China: Custom's role highlighted**](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

28 February 2019

[**WTO issues panel report regarding Chinese agricultural subsidies**](#)

On 28 February the WTO circulated the panel report in the case brought by the United States in "China — Domestic Support for Agricultural Producers" (DS511)

27 February 2019

[**DG Azevêdo: "The time is now to confront systemic challenges"**](#)

At a meeting of the full WTO membership today (27 February), Director-General Roberto Azevêdo commented on the emerging debate on 'WTO reform', acknowledging the variety of views held by members and arguing that the trading system must be able to evolve if it is to have a bright future. DG Azevêdo described the risks posed by the current trade tensions, which he said brought the need to address the challenges in the trading system into even sharper focus.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 2 Mar 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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

[Ebola Escalated Response: US\\$80 Million Commitment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo](#)

World Bank Group and Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility support government and partners to contain the outbreak

Date: February 28, 2019 Type: Press Release

[Despite Gains, Women Face Setbacks in Legal Rights Affecting Work](#)

Reforms have improved women's economic inclusion but gaps remain, ten-year study shows

Date: February 27, 2019 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IMF [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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

February 28, 2019

[The Financial Sector: Redefining a Broader Sense of Purpose](#)

February 28, 2019

32nd World Traders' Tacitus Lecture

by Christine Lagarde, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

London, United Kingdom, February 28, 2019

African Development Bank Group [to 2 Mar 2019]

<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]

No new digest content identified.

Asian Development Bank [to 2 Mar 2019]

<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 Feb 2019

[ADB Signs Loan and Grant Agreements to Introduce New Vaccines in Vanuatu](#)

ADB and Vanuatu today signed agreements for a grant and a loan to fund the introduction of new vaccines in Vanuatu through the ADB-supported System Strengthening for Effective Coverage of New Vaccines in the Pacific Project.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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[Call for Proposals: Closing the data gap towards an efficient remittances market in Africa](#)

In January 2019, IFAD's Financing Facility for Remittances (FFR) and the European Union (EU) launched the Platform for Remittances, Investment and Migrants' Entrepreneurship in Africa (PRIME Africa), aimed at reducing the cost of remittances and maximizing their impact in the African continent. This initiative responds to the commitment of achieving both Objective 20 of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (promoting faster, safer and cheaper transfer of remittances and foster migrants' financial inclusion), and target 10.c of the Sustainable Development Goals (reducing to less than three per cent the transaction costs of migrants' remittances while eliminating corridors with costs higher than five per cent by 2030)...

...IFAD's FFR is launching a global Call for Proposals (CfP), aimed at identifying sound methodologies for collecting and analysing remittance markets' data in Africa, along with its most relevant corridors. In particular, the CFP will be aimed at reducing the remittances market data deficit in Africa by collecting and processing transparent data that both enables the design of industry benchmarks and the assessment of on-going and future undertakings in this sector...

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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 2 Mar 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.alima-ngo.org/en/press-room>

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

Reducing Teen Pregnancies through School-Based Integrated Outreaches

28 February, 2019 / by Rhodester Musili

Amref Health Africa Hands Over More than \$800,000 worth of Medical Devices – 'Philips Community Outreach Kit' to Afar Region

27 February, 2019 / by Amref Health Africa

Aravind Eye Care System [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26th Feb 2019

Statement by Save the Children International, CARE International, Norwegian Refugee Council and Oxfam and on the Yemen pledging conference in Geneva:

Clubhouse International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26.02.2019

Statement at the Yemen pledging conference

Statement delivered by Christian Friis Bach, Secretary General at the Danish Refugee Council, at the Yemen pledging conference in Geneva.

ECPAT [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

News & Updates

ECPAT UK reveals systemic failures allow British nationals to sexually exploit children abroad

28/02/2019

A British statutory investigation recently uncovered evidence that highlight failures within the government to protect children abroad from sexual abuse by travelling UK citizens. According to the inquiry, only 11 out of more than 5,000 convicted or cautioned child sex offenders received travel restrictions, and over the last 15 years, only seven offenders were extradited to the country where offending occurred...

Fountain House [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

February 26, 2019 9:06 AM

Yemen | Joint INGO Statement—Pledging Conference

Heifer International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

ICRC, CDPF reach agreement to better help the disabled

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the China Disabled Person's Federation (CDPF) have agreed to strengthen their cooperation for service provision to people with disabilities.
28-02-2019 | News release

Women, children, men are dying every day in Yemen. This has to stop

26-02-2019 | Statement

Heads of UN, Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement pledge to step up action on sexual violence in conflict

Heads of UN, Red Cross Red Crescent pledge to step up action on sexual violence in conflict
25-02-2019 | News release

IFRC [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Press Releases

Asia Pacific, Pakistan

Pakistan: "Alarming high" rates of disease and malnutrition in drought-affected areas

Women and children affected by one of the worst droughts in Pakistan's recent history are now also at risk from disease and malnutrition, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) warned today.

1 March 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>

Story

A South Sudanese Refugee Empowers Women in Ethiopia

February 26, 2019

Nyabong Puok is a 35-year-old South Sudanese mother of six living in Jewi Refugee Camp, in Ethiopia's Gambella region. She is one of thousands of South Sudanese who fled their homes seeking a safe place where they and their families could settle and start a new life. Gambella is home to more than 410,000 refugees ...

Story

A Tale of Recovery

February 26, 2019

In this post, Azahra WIt Ichrache—a 30-year-old mother living in the village of Boya, in northern Mali—shares the story of her son's recovery from malnutrition, and how International Medical Corps doctors and nurses helped her at the Rharous Health Center in October 2018. "I am married and the mother of three children.

Story

Boosting Capacity Where It's Needed Most

February 25, 2019

International Medical Corps' Dr. Yacouba Diarra describes the health district of Abdi in eastern Chad as dangerously fragile. Sadly, this situation is not isolated to Abdi; it exists throughout the country.

Chad faces several fundamental battles that pose a threat to health. More than 4 million people don't have access to clean water or secure ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Press Release

With 4.2 billion needed, Yemen is now the largest humanitarian operation in history

February 26, 2019

Press Release

Secretary Timothy Geithner, Sally Susman Elected Co-chairs of the International Rescue Committee

February 25, 2019

Press Release

The IRC urges the US Administration to provide Temporary Protected Status designation to Venezuela

February 24, 2019

IRCT [to 2 Mar 2019]

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest News

Tunisian women achieve self-reliance

Published: 28 February, 2019

Islamic Relief pledges \$7.6m to help Yemen

Published: 26 February, 2019

Warm clothes and heaters for poor families in Jordan

Published: 25 February, 2019

Landsea [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/ Médecins Sans Frontières [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News; Project Updates, Reports [as presented on website]

Niger

Over 8,000 people displaced by armed group on Mali border

Press Release 1 Mar 2019

Nauru

Nauru blocks new remote mental health service with telemedicine ban

Press Release 1 Mar 2019

Democratic Republic of Congo

Medical activities suspended after Ebola treatment centre attack

Statement 28 Feb 2019

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

Crisis update - February 2019

Crisis Update 28 Feb 2019

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

Second Ebola treatment centre in North Kivu attacked

Statement 28 Feb 2019

South Sudan

"It is very gratifying to see former child soldiers being integrated back into their ...

Interview 26 Feb 2019

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

North Kivu: Ebola centre inoperative after violent attack

Press Release 26 Feb 2019

Yemen

Humanitarian crisis in Yemen fuelled by main donor governments' invol...

Statement 26 Feb 2019

Mercy Corps [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 2 Mar 2019]

<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 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Financial support from Geneva pledging conference is not enough for Yemeni people

26 February 2019

Governments in Geneva took a step to alleviate the suffering of millions of people who are victims of the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, yet financial support is not enough.

Yemeni crisis forces families to take desperate measures to survive: Family marries off three year old child to buy food and shelter

26 February 2019

Conflict, rising food prices and plummeting incomes in Yemen are forcing people to resort to desperate measures to stave off hunger, Oxfam said today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Africa/Somalia / 28. Feb 2019

320,000 Somalis fled conflict and insecurity in 2018

The number of civilians who fled their homes due to conflict and insecurity increased to 320,000 in 2018, up 50 per cent from the previous year - according to newly-released figures.

South-Sudan | 27. Feb 2019

Conflict to blame for extreme hunger in South Sudan

As the food crisis worsens across South Sudan, the Norwegian Refugee Council is calling on all parties to the conflict to allow humanitarian agencies to safely access people in desperate need of aid.

Yemen | 25. Feb 2019

Statement on outcome of Yemen pledging conference

Statement by Mohamed Abdi, the Norwegian Refugee Council Yemen Country Director in Yemen in reaction to outcome of Yemen pledging conference:

Pact [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

February 26, 2019

'Kozo Girls' advances to final round of CARE Scale X Design Accelerator competition

Kozo Girls, a Pact-supported social enterprise run by young Zambian women, was chosen as a finalist in CARE's Scale X Design Accelerator competition.

Partners In Health [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

News

Mar 01, 2019

Public Defender: Benson Chabwera Dedicated to Neno Community

Over a rising career with PIH, where he began as a security guard and now oversees more than 600 health workers, Benson Chabwera has remained rooted in his home district of Neno, Malawi. [Read More](#)

Mar 01, 2019

[**Haiti Facing Severe Shortages, 'New Normal' Following Weeks of Unrest**](#)

Two staff members from Zanmi Lasante, as Partners In Health is known in Haiti, reflect on unrest in recent weeks and discuss how staff, patients, and loved ones are adjusting to a "new normal" within the country. [Read More](#)

Feb 26, 2019

[**Research: Clinic Visits, Diagnoses Increase When Patients Access Free Care in Malawi**](#)

PIH research in Malawi confirms that when health care is nearby and free, exponentially more patients arrive at clinics and diagnoses rise for infectious diseases. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

February 7, 2019 by PATH

[**Praveen Raja named chief operating officer for PATH; Jeff Bernson to lead Technology, Analytics and Market Innovation**](#)

PATH has named Praveen Raja as its chief operating officer, and Jeff Bernson as vice president of the Technology, Analytics and Market Innovation division and chief data officer. Mr. Raja will continue to be based in the organization's Seattle headquarters, while Mr. Bernson will be based in Nairobi, Kenya, until transitioning to Seattle in July 2019...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Wednesday 27 February 2019

[**Children leaving last ISIS areas show signs of severe psychological distress**](#)

AMMAN – Thousands of Syrian and foreign children who have recently moved from ISIS-held areas into displacement camps in North East Syria show signs of psychological distress, and many will likely need long term mental health and psychosocial support to recover from their experiences, said Save the Children today.

Tuesday 26 February 2019

[**Joint Statement on the Yemen pledging conference in Geneva**](#)

Joint Statement on the Yemen pledging conference in Geneva by Save the Children International, CARE International, Norwegian Refugee Council, International Rescue Committee and Oxfam.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.sos-childrensvillages.org/news>

All News

Youth employability

YouthCan! reaches 5,000 young people on second anniversary

01.03.2019 - YouthCan!, the SOS Children's Villages global youth employability programme, marks its second successful year of making a difference on 1 March 2019.

Bosnia & Herzegovina – 26 February 2019

Someone to count on for help

A young couple from Mostar, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, struggled to meet their children's basic needs. Unemployment, illnesses and social exclusion brought them to the brink of despair. Together with the SOS Children's Villages team, the family is fighting to create a better future for their children.

Tostan [to 2 Mar 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

Feb 26, 2019

Religious Leaders at the Forefront of Social Transformation

Since 1991, Tostan has engaged local religious leaders in supporting communities' efforts to end violence against girls and women and create a new vision for wellbeing. These partnerships are one of many strategies in a deep and growing movement leading to positive...

Women for Women International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 2 Mar 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Electronic Frontiers Foundation

https://www.eff.org/updates?type=press_release

Press Release | February 27, 2019

EFF Supporting California's Privacy For All Bill, Which Puts People, Not Tech Companies, in Control of Personal Data

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) is standing with Californians demanding more control over their personal data by supporting the Privacy For All bill, which requires tech companies to get their permission to share and use private information.

Freedom House [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

[Ukrainian Commission Must Continue Investigating Attacks on Civic Activists](#)

February 26, 2019

Freedom House issued the following statement in response to the lapse of Ukraine's Temporary Investigative Commission mandate to investigate impunity for violence against civic activists in the country.

Human Rights Watch [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.hrw.org/#>

Latest News [selected]

March 1, 2019 *News Release*

[Saudi Arabia: Women's Rights Activists Charged](#)

February 28, 2019

[Human Rights Watch Country Profiles: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity](#)

Browse sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) profiles of countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe & Central Asia, the Middle East & North Africa, and the United States. Profiles are primarily taken from sections of the Human Rights Watch 2019 world report that relate to the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people. The report, released in January 2019, documented events of 2018.

February 25, 2019 News Release

[Iraq: Officials Arrest, Abuse, Harass Aid Workers](#)

Transparency International [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

1 Mar 2019

[Constitutional Court ruling undermines anti-corruption achievements in Ukraine](#)

- The Constitutional Court of Ukraine's decision to strike down Article 368-2 of the Criminal Code – the provision on illicit enrichment – greatly weakens the country's anti-corruption efforts. The Ukrainian government should immediately take all necessary steps to rectify the situation.

28 Feb 2019

[Historic public asset declarations by Sri Lankan politicians set a precedent others should follow](#)

- Today a group of five Sri Lankan members of parliament from across party lines came together to publish their declarations of assets and liabilities in the public domain. Their action is a welcome step towards changing the political culture of the country.

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Bond [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

28 February 2019

Islamic social finance: the future of humanitarian partnership?

Sofeena Lalani

Islamic social finance has huge potential as a financial tool for the humanitarian funding gap, and now rivals conventional banking.

5 tips for developing an organisational theory of change

28 February 2019

Alexia Deleigne

What is a theory of change and how can you go about developing one to support your NGO's strategy?

The changing faces of aid: 4 trends that may be widening inequality

25 February 2019

Lyn Angelica Pano

A new report identifies trends that are undermining the ability of aid to eradicate poverty.

ChildFund Alliance [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

February 27, 2019

Open Letter to UN Secretary-General António Guterres

As organizations working to protect the rights of children in armed conflict, we urge you to include the Saudi and Emirati-led Coalition (SELC) for all relevant violations in list A of the annexes of your 2019 annual report to the United Nations Security Council on children and armed conflict...

[See Week in Review above for detail]

CONCORD [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Press release

Ethical leadership & multilateral cooperation

India and Pakistan must show restraint to defuse military tensions: The Elders

Hina Jilani

28 February, 2019

The Elders today called on the leaders of India and Pakistan to take urgent steps to defuse military and political tensions that have developed over the past few days and to refrain from further bellicose rhetoric and pursue a path of meaningful dialogue.

Evidence Aid [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Reuters 1 March 2019

'We risk losing a whole generation', aid groups warn amid Sahel education crisis

YAOUNDE (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - The number of schools forced to shut in Africa's crisis-hit Sahel has doubled since 2017, depriving almost half a million children of education, the United Nations said on Thursday. Almost 2,000 schools have been closed in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger, as heightened security fears and poverty have left more than 400,000 children without education, the U.N. children's agency, UNICEF, said. Some 10,050 teachers are unable to work or forced to flee their homes due to the crisis, UNICEF added. The Sahel region has suffered violence in recent years from militant groups linked to al Qaeda and Islamic State, trafficking and the emergence of armed groups in one of the world's poorest regions.

InterAction [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Global Development Practice

As Financing for Development Changes, NGOs are Exploring Options Beyond Aid

Ben Bestor

Feb 27, 2019

Crises & Countries in Conflict

Humanitarian Crisis Mounts Amid Escalating Violence In Burkina Faso

John Uniack Davis

Feb 25, 2019

Start Network [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

CEDIL 06 March 2019

CEDIL lecture: When context is the barrier: evaluating programmes during political turmoil

London, UK Joanna Buszam (LSHTM Centre for Evaluation) will talk about the challenges to designing, implementing, and evaluating community-based health programmes in rapidly changing contexts.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action

(ALNAP) [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

26/02/2019

Welcome to ADRA and Qatar Charity

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) and Qatar Charity have recently joined the CHS Alliance, marking their commitment to the application of the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS) in their day-to-day service to people and communities affected by crisis.

26/02/2019

CHS Verification: improving our Verification Scheme

An important aspect of CHS Alliance membership is encouraging our members to verify the degree to which they apply the Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability (CHS). Three years into this scheme, we have learnt a lot from the various verification processes our members have undertaken.

25/02/2019

CHS Alliance welcomes new staff to support its members

We have made some changes to the roles and responsibilities of the CHS Alliance team, to better meet the needs of our member organisations

Development Initiatives [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Event

Security-Development Workshop, 1 April 2019, Paris

For about fifteen years now, there has been a certain consensus among policy-makers about the need to link security and development. Yet, given the diversity of the actors involved, how exactly this should be done remains to be established. Based on a study that began in 2018, Groupe URD is facilitating a workshop to discuss possible ways forward on this issue.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

News

Introducing the fourth edition of the Sphere Handbook to the Sphere community

27 February 2019 | Sphere

In the four months which followed the global launch of the fourth edition of the Sphere Handbook, this flagship publication has been introduced to the humanitarian community through multiple local events. By the end of March 2019,...

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

<http://www.brookings.edu/>

Accessed 2 Mar 2019

Latest Research

India

[Introduction: Survey of India's Strategic Community](#)

Dhruva Jaishankar

Friday, March 1, 2019

Report

[The US-China economic relationship: A comprehensive approach](#)

Joshua P. Meltzer and Neena Shenai

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Education

[The opportunities and risks of K-12 student placement algorithms](#)

Matt Kasman and Jon Valant

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Europe

[The anatomy of illiberal states](#)

Alina Polyakova, Torrey Taussig, Ted Reinert, Kemal Kirişci, Amanda Sloat, James Kirchick, Melissa Hooper, Norman Eisen, and Andrew Kenealy

February 2019

Germany

[Germany: Baffled hegemon](#)

Constanze Stelzenmüller

February 2019

Center for Global Development [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CSIS [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[China's Pursuit of Semiconductor Independence](#)

February 27, 2019 | James Andrew Lewis

This report assesses the status of the Chinese semiconductor industry, its prospects for the future, and the implications for Western security and the global market.

ODI [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies in the humanitarian sector

Research reports and studies | February 2019 | Giulio Coppi and Larissa Fast

Examining the 'state of play' for uses of distributed ledger technology to support the provision of humanitarian assistance.

Urban Institute [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

March 1, 2019

March 1, 2019: Toward an Accurate Count of Low-Income Students

Erica Greenberg submitted testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly's Education Committee outlining the reasons the state might consider changing how it counts low-income students for funding purposes. Her testimony explains why existing measures of student poverty are becoming less useful and provides an overview of a possible solution. An earlier version of this testimony was submitted to the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus

[Erica Greenberg](#)

Testimony

Innovative Financing Approaches for Affordable Rental Housing in the Chicago Region

Solving America's affordable housing crisis will mean increasing production of housing, protecting residents from eviction and foreclosure, and preventing the loss of current affordable housing stock. For households unable to obtain housing benefits, unsubsidized "naturally occurring" rental housing provides the bulk of affordable housing in many markets. In the fall of 2018 Urban Institute conducted a

[Kathryn Reynolds](#), [Leiha Edmonds](#), [Erika C. Poethig](#)

February 28, 2019

Research Report

Confronting Structural Racism in Research and Policy Analysis

In November 2018, the Urban Institute hosted a roundtable discussion with 23 organizations representing policy research, academia, and philanthropy to share approaches, insights, and lessons from our respective efforts to confront structural racism in our research and policy analysis. This brief discusses the rationale for these efforts at implementing institutional change; the range of challenges and constraints facing

[Steven Brown](#), [Kilolo Kijakazi](#), [Charmaine Runes](#), [Margery Austin Turner](#)

February 28, 2019

Brief

Has Society Gotten Older or Younger?

Two powerful demographic processes—the falling birth rate and increasing life expectancy—are reshaping the US population. Longer life expectancy leads to a healthier population, greater capacity to work, and a more active lifestyle, but it also raises the share of the population over age 65—a traditional measure of population aging. This measure overstates aging problems and leads policymakers to misallocate government resources

[C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Damir Cosic](#)

February 27, 2019

Brief

Housing Discrimination in America: Lessons from the Last Decade of Paired-Testing Research

Claudia L. Aranda, senior research associate, testified before the US House Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies (THUD) of the Committee on Appropriations on housing discrimination, its forms and its prevalence, and lessons from the past decade of paired-testing research conducted by the Urban Institute. The testimony summarizes research conducted since 2010 and shows that

[Claudia Aranda](#)

February 27, 2019

Testimony

Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, February 2019

The February 2019 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing mortgage affordability by MSA, effective guarantee fees charged on new acquisitions, mortgage insurance activities and a special quarterly feature on GSE loan composition, repurchase rates, defaults, and loss severity.

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

February 27, 2019

Research Report

How Chairman Crapo's Outline for Housing Finance Reform Can Work

Senate Banking Committee Chairman Mike Crapo released an outline for housing finance reform in February, 2019. After summarizing how the system Chairman Crapo proposed would work, the authors describe three critical unresolved issues and how they would need to be addressed for the plan to offer a viable path for the legislative reform.

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

February 27, 2019

Brief

State and Local Governments and Impact Investing

Impact investing approaches, which deploy capital seeking both a financial return and a social or environmental impact, have gained increasing attention and popularity. Conspicuously absent from many conversations on it, however, are state and local government actors. Yet there are clear benefits for governments to engage with impact investing as well as for impact investors, investees, and communities. For governments, impact

[Matthew Eldridge](#), [Rayanne Hawkins](#), [Mayookha Mitra-Majumdar](#)

February 27, 2019

Research Report

Women's Concerns About Future Birth Control Access

Recent policy changes and debates are altering the reproductive health landscape in ways that may affect women's perceptions about future birth control access. In this chartbook, we use data from the 2018 Survey of Family Planning and Women's Lives to analyze women's concerns about future birth control access.

[Emily M. Johnston](#), [Adele Shartzer](#), [Sophia Yin](#)

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Research Report

Women's Perceptions of Timely and Convenient Birth Control Access

The Affordable Care Act included several provisions to increase birth control access for women, including expanding insurance coverage and reducing financial barriers for reproductive health services. But, birth control access may be limited by other factors such as distance to a provider, difficulty getting an appointment, inconvenient provider or pharmacy hours, limited access to preferred methods, or lack of transportation or

[Emily M. Johnston, Adele Shartz, Sophia Yin](#)

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Research Report

Housing Affordability for Renters Index: Local Perspective and Migration

This report updates a new measure of homeownership affordability introduced in March, 2018: The Housing Affordability for Renters Index or HARI. The HARI improves upon other affordability measures by focusing exclusively on renters' ability to buy homes. Renters are unique because first time homebuyers come from this population and they have lower incomes than homeowners. Moreover, unlike other indexes which focus on the

[Laurie Goodman, Jun Zhu](#)

February 26, 2019

Research Report

Evidence-Based Strategies to End Childhood Food Insecurity and Hunger in Vermont

This report explores strategies to end child food insecurity in Vermont. Although Vermont is a small, predominantly rural state, it is facing many of the same challenges as other regions in ensuring that all families have reliable access to affordable, healthy food. The state has taken advantage of being able to expanded eligibility for its Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Program, but one in eight households still

[Susan J. Popkin, Brandi Gilbert, Eowna Harrison, Olivia Arena, Nicole DuBois, Elaine Waxman](#)

February 26, 2019

Research Report

What Would It Take to Ensure Quality, Affordable Housing for All in Communities of Opportunity?

What if everyone could afford quality housing, and every neighborhood offered a diversity of housing options? What if people up and down the income ladder could enjoy housing security and build wealth through homeownership? Achieving this vision requires more than incremental tinkering with today's market institutions and public policies. It calls for bold action at all levels of government and in the private and nonprofit

[Margery Austin Turner, Solomon Greene, Corianne Payton Scally, Kathryn Reynolds, Jung Hyun Choi](#)

February 25, 2019

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

World Economic Forum Looking for 100 Most Promising Arab Start-ups – Online Applications Now Open

News 28 Feb 2019

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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 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Remarks at the African Union

Bill Gates

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Posted March 1, 2019

Eleventh Class of Children and Family Fellows Announced

The Casey Foundation has selected 15 leaders for the eleventh class of its Children and Family Fellowship. These women and men will use the 21-month Fellowship to work within their agencies, organizations and communities toward specific, measurable improvements for large numbers of young people and families.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 2 Mar 2019]

<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.

EMCF's View / Blue Meridian Partners, Upstream USA | February 25, 2019

From Promising Model to Major Investment

EMCF/Blue Meridian head Nancy Roob and Upstream co-founder Mark Edwards discuss in the Stanford Social Innovation Review their partnership to transform women's healthcare nationwide.

Clinton Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 2 Mar 2019]

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 2 Mar 2019]

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

Equals Change Blog 1 March 2019

Reclaiming innovation to transform the future of work(ers)

By Ritse Erumi

GHIT Fund [to 2 Mar 2019]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>

GHIT was set up in 2012 with the aim of developing new tools to tackle infectious diseases that devastate the world's poorest people. Other funders include six Japanese pharmaceutical

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Latest Updates

Grantee Perception Report: What we learned, and how we're responding, to grantee feedback

By Larry Kramer

February 27, 2019

Grantee Perception Reports

Since 2003, the Hewlett Foundation has regularly commissioned a "Grantee Perception Report" to get feedback from grantees on our performance and our relationship with their organizations. The survey is conducted by the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP), and contains a mix of quantitative and qualitative responses, benchmarked against our own past performances as well as...
February 27, 2019

Renewing our support for arts education policy and advocacy

By Jessica Mele

February 25, 2019

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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Research

[**A Grand Experiment in Nebraska's Sand Hills Shows Evolution in the Wild**](#)

Summary

In a vast, unprecedeted experiment, scientists showcase evolution in real time, as predation from owls and hawks selects for genetic variations in mice that boost survival.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

March 1, 2019 *News Release*

[**Poll: Nearly 1 in 4 Americans Taking Prescription Drugs Say It's Difficult to Afford Their Medicines, including Larger Shares Among Those with Health Issues, with Low Incomes and Nearing Medicare Age**](#)

Views of Medicare-for-All Hold Steady As the Trump Administration and Congress weigh policy options to address high prescription drug prices, a fourth of people taking prescription drugs (24%) and seniors taking drugs (23%) say it is difficult for them to afford their medications, the latest KFF Health Tracking Poll finds. The groups most likely...

February 27, 2019 *News Release*

[**New Short Explainer and Docu-Style Videos From Greater Than AIDS: From Getting an HIV Diagnosis to Keeping Up With Care and Treatment**](#)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, – Dr. David Malebranche, MD, MPH, is back with more than 40 new #AskTheHIVDoc videos about HIV care and treatment. The latest series of one-minute, FAQ-style videos from Greater Than AIDS is designed to help individuals living with HIV and loved ones, as they navigate from receiving...

February 25, 2019 *News Release*

[**Analysis: Marketplace Plans Denied an Average of Nearly One in Five Claims in 2017 with Wide Variations across Insurers**](#)

Healthcare.gov marketplace insurers denied nearly one out of every five claims (19%) submitted for in-network services in 2017, and enrollees only appeal a tiny share (0.5%) of those denied claims, a KFF analysis of recently released claims data finds. The analysis finds a huge variation across insurers, with average denial...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Kellogg Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]
<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>
No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]
<http://www.macfound.org/>

February 27, 2019 Press Release

[New Competition for a \\$100 Million Grant: Round Two of 100&Change](#)

MacArthur today announced it will launch a new round of its 100&Change competition for a single \$100 million grant to help solve one of the world's most critical social challenges. 100&Change remains open to organizations and collaborations working in any field, anywhere in the world. Proposals must identify a problem and offer a solution that promises significant and durable change; they will be accepted online only from April 30 to August 6, 2019.

[See Week in Review above for details]

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

February 27, 2019

[Pew Commends Congress for Passing Legislation to Protect Nearly 2 Million Acres of Public Land](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

<http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/>

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 2 Mar 2019]

<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).

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

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 2 Mar 2019]

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

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[How we're approaching Wellcome's science review](#)

Jim Smith

Director, Wellcome Science Review

... Our review will also think more consciously about Wellcome's role as a foundation in supporting science. We aren't accountable to taxpayers, shareholders or donors in the same way as our partners in government and other funding agencies, so we have an obligation to use our independence as effectively as possible.

The review will ask what Wellcome-funded science is for and how it can best achieve our mission to improve health. Our formal objectives are to:

- :: establish a clear aspiration and bold ambitions for Wellcome-funded science
- :: identify what changes Wellcome needs to make to achieve these ambitions
- :: define realistic and appropriate ways to judge progress and success...

Foundation Center [to 2 Mar 2019]
<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 2 Mar 2019]
<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
March 2019 Volume 47, Issue 3, p229-350
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
March 2019 Volume 56, Issue 3, p335-476
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
Research Articles
Vaccine Education, Reasons for Refusal, and Vaccination Behavior
Mark C. Navin, Jason Adam Wasserman, Miriam Ahmad, Shane Bies
p359-367
Published in issue: March 2019

American Journal of Public Health
March 2019 109(3)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
NATIONAL NETWORK
A National Network of Public Health and Faith-Based Organizations to Increase Influenza Prevention Among Hard-to-Reach Populations
Other Race/Ethnicity, Other Health Service Delivery, Immunization/Vaccines, Prevention, Public Health Practice, Race/Ethnicity, Community Health, Health Service Delivery
Mimi Kiser and Kay Lovelace

109(3), pp. 371–377

....The Influenza Initiative worked to extend vaccination education and services, and thus, the reach of public health organizations, to vulnerable, at-risk, hard to reach, and minority populations.¹⁰ IHP developed a small award process for selecting committed, well-prepared community collaboratives from the cohort of teams that participated in the Institute for Public Health and Faith Collaborations. Selection criteria included being a faith and public health collaborative trusted within the community, capacity and experience engaging in “ground-up” health promotion and disease prevention with populations experiencing health disparities, and commitment to the goals of the Influenza Initiative. Collaboratives applied, and 9 were selected to form the initial network. In the second year, an additional site was added (all 10 sites are shown in Table A, available as a supplement to the online version of this article at <http://www.ajph.org>). The national network focused on capacity building and reach to address barriers of income, legal, and historical mistrust,^{11,12} culture and language, and geographic isolation...

GLOBAL LEVEL

Positive and Negative Influences of Religion, Culture, and Tradition in Public Health

Global Health, HIV/AIDS, Infections, Social Science, Public Health Practice, Public Health Workers, Other Infections

William H. Foege

109(3), pp. 378–378

...The late Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale University said that great scholarship is dependent on how much a person knows outside his or her field.⁴ Great public health is dependent on how much we know outside the usual confines of public health. Yemi Ademola of Nigeria said in 1965 that no field of human activity was beyond the interest of public health professionals.⁵ The Blevins article makes the case.

Faith and Global Health Practice in Ebola and HIV Emergencies

Global Health, HIV/AIDS, Social Science, Public Health Practice

John B. Blevins, Mohamed F. Jalloh and David A. Robinson

Abstract

We examined the relationship between religion and health by highlighting the influences of religion on the response to the 2014 to 2016 Ebola outbreak and the global HIV epidemic.

We recounted the influences of religion on burial practices developed as an infection control measure during the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. We also explored the influence of religion on community outreach and health education. We examined faith-based responses to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, noting that religion conflicted with public health responses to HIV (e.g., justification for HIV-related stigma) or aligned with public health as a force for improved HIV responses (e.g., providing HIV services or providing social capital and cohesion to support advocacy efforts). We further discussed the similarities and differences between the influence of religion during the HIV/AIDS pandemic and the 2014 to 2016 Ebola outbreak.

We then described lessons learned from Ebola and HIV/AIDS to better inform collaboration with religious actors.

BLACK CHURCH

We've Come This Far by Faith: The Role of the Black Church in Public Health

Health Education, Prevention, Public Health Practice, Race/Ethnicity, Community Health, Health Promotion, African Americans/Blacks

LaPrincess C. Brewer and David R. Williams

109(3), pp. 385–386

ARBOVIRUS

Emerging and Reemerging Aedes-Transmitted Arbovirus Infections in the Region of the Americas: Implications for Health Policy

Global Health, Immunization/Vaccines, Infections, Public Health Practice, Epidemiology, Health Policy, Other Infections

Marcos A. Espinal, Jon K. Andrus, Barbara Jauregui, Stephen Hull Waterman, David Michael Morens, Jose Ignacio Santos, Olaf Horstick, Lorraine Ayana Francis and Daniel Olson

109(3), pp. 387–39

Abstract

The increasing geographical spread and disease incidence of arboviral infections are among the greatest public health concerns in the Americas. The region has observed an increasing trend in dengue incidence in the last decades, evolving from low to hyperendemicity. Yellow fever incidence has also intensified in this period, expanding from sylvatic-restricted activity to urban outbreaks.

Chikungunya started spreading pandemically in 2005 at an unprecedented pace, reaching the Americas in 2013. The following year, Zika also emerged in the region with an explosive outbreak, carrying devastating congenital abnormalities and neurologic disorders and becoming one of the greatest global health crises in years.

The inadequate arbovirus surveillance in the region and the lack of serologic tests to differentiate among viruses poses substantial challenges. The evidence for vector control interventions remains weak. Clinical management remains the mainstay of arboviral disease control. Currently, only yellow fever and dengue vaccines are licensed in the Americas, with several candidate vaccines in clinical trials.

The Global Arbovirus Group of Experts provides in this article an overview of progress, challenges, and recommendations on arboviral prevention and control for countries of the Americas...

CHILD ABUSE

History of Childhood Abuse in Populations Incarcerated in Canada: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Prevention, Child and Adolescent Health, Injury/Emergency Care/Violence, Other Child and Adolescent Health

Claire Bodkin, Lucie Pivnick, Susan J. Bondy, Carolyn Ziegler, Ruth Elwood Martin, Carey Jernigan and Fiona Kouyoumdjian

109(3), pp. e1–e11

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 100, Issue 2, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/100/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

January 2019 - Volume 4 - - Suppl 1

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/1>

Complex health interventions in complex systems: concepts and methods for evidence-informed health decisions

Editorial

Complex health interventions in complex systems: improving the process and methods for evidence-informed health decisions (25 January, 2019)

Susan L Norris, Eva A Rehfuss, Helen Smith, Özge Tunçalp, Jeremy M Grimshaw, Nathan P Ford, Anayda Portela

...Purpose and scope of the series

In order to address the challenges and realities of public health and health system interventions and to better meet the needs of decision-makers, in 2016 WHO initiated a project to strengthen its processes and methods for developing guidelines on complex health interventions and interventions delivered in complex systems. The work led to this series of papers which contribute to the broader conceptualisation of complexity and the implications for evidence synthesis and guideline development, whether at the global, national or health systems level. Ultimately, this work is intended to lead to more comprehensive and informative evidence syntheses and trustworthy and impactful guidelines that meet critical health needs for countries and for varied contexts, and to stimulate rigorous primary research on a broad range of policy-relevant questions.

This work is intended for use by both systematic reviewers and guideline developers where a complexity perspective is anticipated to be useful to decision-makers, programme planners and implementers. It will also be used to strengthen the WHO guideline development process and form the basis of more practical support for WHO staff who develop guidelines. This series is of particular relevance to public health and health systems interventions, but is also likely to add value to those clinical/healthcare interventions characterised by complexity...

Analysis papers

Implications of a complexity perspective for systematic reviews and guideline development in health decision making (25 January, 2019)

Mark Petticrew, Cécile Knai, James Thomas, Eva Annette Rehfuss, Jane Noyes, Ansgar Gerhardus, Jeremy M Grimshaw, Harry Rutter, Elizabeth McGill

Taking account of context in systematic reviews and guidelines considering a complexity perspective (25 January, 2019)

Andrew Booth, Graham Moore, Kate Flemming, Ruth Garside, Nigel Rollins, Özge Tunçalp, Jane Noyes

Formulating questions to explore complex interventions within qualitative evidence synthesis (25 January, 2019)

Andrew Booth, Jane Noyes, Kate Flemming, Graham Moore, Özge Tunçalp, Elham Shakibazadeh

Qualitative evidence synthesis for complex interventions and guideline development: clarification of the purpose, designs and relevant methods (25 January, 2019)

Kate Flemming, Andrew Booth, Ruth Garside, Özge Tunçalp, Jane Noyes

Synthesising quantitative evidence in systematic reviews of complex health interventions

(25 January, 2019)

Julian P T Higgins, José A López-López, Betsy J Becker, Sarah R Davies, Sarah Dawson, Jeremy M Grimshaw, Luke A McGuinness, Theresa H M Moore, Eva A Rehfuess, James Thomas, Deborah M Caldwell

[Synthesising quantitative and qualitative evidence to inform guidelines on complex interventions: clarifying the purposes, designs and outlining some methods](#) (25 January, 2019)

Jane Noyes, Andrew Booth, Graham Moore, Kate Flemming, Özge Tunçalp, Elham Shakibazadeh
Research papers

[Considerations of complexity in rating certainty of evidence in systematic reviews: a primer on using the GRADE approach in global health](#) (25 January, 2019)

Paul Montgomery, Ani Movsisyan, Sean P Grant, Geraldine Macdonald, Eva Annette Rehfuess

[The WHO-INTEGRATE evidence to decision framework version 1.0: integrating WHO norms and values and a complexity perspective](#) (25 January, 2019)

Eva A Rehfuess, Jan M Stratil, Inger B Scheel, Anayda Portela, Susan L Norris, Rob Baltussen

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)

Research article

[Determinants of delayed or incomplete diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccination in parallel urban and rural birth cohorts of 30,956 infants in Tanzania](#)

Delayed vaccination increases the time infants are at risk for acquiring vaccine-preventable diseases.

Factors associated with incomplete vaccination are relatively well characterized in resource-limited setti...

Authors: Pranay Nadella, Emily R. Smith, Alfa Muhihi, Ramadhani A. Noor, Honorati Masanja, Wafaie W. Fawzi and Christopher R. Sudfeld

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2019 19:188

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BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)

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BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcpregnancychildbirth/content>
(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health
<http://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles>
(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)
Research article
Factors influencing basic vaccination coverage in Myanmar: secondary analysis of 2015 Myanmar demographic and health survey data
Immunization is one of the most effective measures for preventing disease when vaccination coverage is sufficient. Although vaccination coverage is known to be influenced by social and cultural barriers, the d...
Authors: Ikuma Nozaki, Masahiko Hachiya and Tomomi Kitamura
Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:242
Published on: 28 February 2019

BMC Research Notes
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcresnotes/content>
(Accessed 2 Mar 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open
March 2019 - Volume 9 - 3
<http://bmjopen.bmjjournals.org/content/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization
Volume 97, Number 3, March 2019, 169-244
<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/3/en/>
EDITORIALS
Governance for health: the HIV response and general global health
– Linda-Gail Bekker, Jirair Ratevosian, Julia Spencer, Peter Piot & Chris Beyrer
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.230417>

PERSPECTIVES
Prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: lessons from the HIV experience
– Seye Abimbola, Emma Thomas, Stephen Jan, Barbara McPake, Kremlin Wickramasinghe & Brian

Oldenburg
<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.216820>

Connectivity of rapid-testing diagnostics and surveillance of infectious diseases

– Damien Ming, Timothy Rawson, Sorawat Sangkaew, Jesus Rodriguez-Manzano, Pantelis Georgiou & Alison Holmes

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.219691>

The World Health Organization (WHO) developed the ASSURED criteria to describe the ideal characteristics for point-of-care testing in low-resource settings: affordable, sensitive, specific, user-friendly, rapid and robust, equipment-free and deliverable.¹ These standards describe. Over the last decade, widespread adoption of point-of-care testing has led to significant changes in clinical decision-making processes. The development of compact molecular diagnostics, such as the GeneXpert® platform, have enabled short turnaround times and allowed profiling of antimicrobial resistance. Although modern assays have increased operational requirements, many devices are robust and can be operated within communities with minimal training. These new generation of rapid tests have bypassed barriers to care and enabled treatment to take place independently from central facilities. Here we describe the importance of connectivity, the automatic capture and sharing of patient healthcare data from testing, in the adoption and roll-out of rapid testing...

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 2 Pages: 147-311 March 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

January 2019 Volume 41, Issue 1, p1-190

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 1, February 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 2 Mar 2019]

Research

| 26 February 2019

Cost-effectiveness of birth-dose hepatitis B vaccination among refugee populations in the African region: a series of case studies

Authors: Joseph Michael Reardon, Siobhán M. O'Connor, Joseph D. Njau, Eugene K. Lam, Catherine A. Staton and Susan T. Cookson

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 78 Pages 1-146 (March 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/78/suppl/C>

Review article Abstract only

Synthesis of researcher reported strategies to recruit adults of ethnic minorities to clinical trials in the United Kingdom: A systematic review

Yumna Masood, Peter Bower, Muhammad Wali Waheed, Gill Brown, Waquas Waheed

Pages 1-10

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 2

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 18, Issue 4 Pages: 307-432 December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 2, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 37, Issue 2 Pages: i-iv, 153, 155-310 March 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>

Themed issue: Health and well-being

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 13, Issue 8, 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 12 - Issue 6 - December 2018

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 43, Issue 1 Pages: 1-217 January 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 12 01 December 2018

<http://embor.embopress.org/content/19/12?current-issue=y>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

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Volume 147 - 2019

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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 41, Issue 1 January–February 2019

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New Challenges and Unresolved Issues

The inaugural issue of Ethics & Human Research (E&HR) marks an exciting milestone in The Hastings Centers' 40-year history of publishing a journal that focuses on the ethical, regulatory, and policy issues related to research with humans. Like its predecessor, IRB: Ethics & Human Research, E&HR will publish conceptual and empirical analyses on a wide range of topics related to the human research enterprise.

The journal's name change conveys to the global community of authors and readers that E&HR is not solely about issues related to institutional review boards (IRBs) in the United States. The title shift

provides an opportunity to identify new ethical, policy, and regulatory challenges that rapid developments in science, medicine, and regulatory frameworks bring to the conduct and oversight of human subjects research in the United States and elsewhere. Along with publishing work that investigates new challenges, E&HR aims not only to draw attention to unresolved issues but also to broaden the scope of issues for investigation and analysis in the field of human research ethics. The pieces in this inaugural issue identify several new challenges and hint at some of the unresolved issues and broader topics that merit further attention.

Ethics & International Affairs

Winter 2018 (Issue 32.4) December 2018

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The European Journal of Public Health

SUPPLEMENT - Volume 28, Issue suppl_5, December 2018

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Health in Crises: Migration, Austerity and Inequalities in Greece and Europe

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Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 82, Pages 1-84 (January 2019)

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Special Issue: Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia

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Food Security

December 2018, Issue 6, Pages 1297-1672

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Re-building food systems: Food and Nutritional Security in Europe and Food Policy

[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 59 October 2018

<https://www.fmreview.org/GuidingPrinciples20/contents>

Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement

In the 20 years since they were launched, the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement have been of assistance to many States responding to internal displacement, and have been incorporated into many national and regional policies and laws. However, the scale of internal displacement today remains vast, and the impact on those who are displaced is immense. This issue includes 19 articles on the main feature theme of Twenty Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

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Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 1

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Genocide Studies International

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Geoheritage

Volume 10, Issue 4, December 2018

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Special Issue: Geodiversity and Geoheritage: Crossing Disciplines and Approaches

...This issue of *Geoheritage* comprises nine papers presented at the session "Geoheritage and Geodiversity Matter: Themes, Links and Interactions" held in Vienna in April 2016 at the European Geosciences Union General Assembly. The papers focus on current methods of research and debates on geodiversity and geoheritage in international as well as national scientific circles, from the global to the local scale...

Global Health Action

Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1

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Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

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Global Public Health

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Special Issue: Analysing power and politics in health policies and systems;

Guest Editors: Radhika Gore and Richard Parker

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Globalization and Health

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Hospitals, Health IT & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018

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[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 14 - Special Issue 2 - April 2019

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/health-economics-policy-and-law/latest-issue>

SPECIAL ISSUE: Frontiers of Health Policy Research

If the enhancement of human freedom is both the main object and the primary means to development (Sen, 1999), then good individual and population health are both ends and means to development and freedom in all countries, regardless of their current ranking on the Human Development Index or other indexes on wealth, prosperity and well-being...

This special issue on the 'frontiers in health policy research' focuses attention on three distinct areas of inquiry. One set of papers analyses efforts to improve the quality of care and increase the value of care that health systems purchase. A second set of articles focuses on issues of health behaviour and social determinants of health. Finally, the third set of articles presents differing views on how to predict the adequacy of supply of medical professionals. The range of these articles illustrates, not only the exciting breadth of health policy research, but the degree to which scholars within this field are addressing issues of high importance to policy makers around the world. We think it is fair to claim that all of the articles address issues that are on the 'frontier' of health policy in the sense that they attempt to provide answers to questions that policy makers around the world are currently grappling with...

Health Equity

Volume 2, Issue 1 / September 2018

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 9, 1 November 2018
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Health Promotion International

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Health Research Policy and Systems

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Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 1, February 2019
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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 74, February 2019
<https://odihpn.org/magazine/communication-community-engagement-humanitarian-response/>
Communication and community engagement in humanitarian response

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Charles-Antoine Hofmann from the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), focuses on communication and community engagement. Despite promising progress, coherent and coordinated information is still not provided systematically to affected communities, and humanitarian responses take insufficient account of the views and feedback of affected people. In 2017, UNICEF, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and other partners came together under the auspices of the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network to establish the Communication and Community Engagement (CCE) initiative, which aims to organise a collective service for communications and community engagement. The articles in this edition take stock of efforts to implement this initiative.

Drawing on lessons from 23 Peer 2 Peer Support missions, Alice Chatelet and Meg Sattler look at what's needed to integrate CCE into the humanitarian architecture. Viviane Lucia Fluck and Dustin Barter discuss the institutional and practical barriers to implementing community feedback mechanisms. Bronwyn Russel analyses the performance of the Nepal inter-agency common feedback project; Justus Olielo and Charles-Antoine Hofmann outline the challenges of establishing common services in Yemen; and Gil Francis Arevalo reports on community engagement in preparedness and response in the Philippines. Ian McClelland and Frances Hill discuss emerging findings from a strategic partnership in the Philippines between the Humanitarian Innovation Fund and the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network.

Charlotte Lancaster describes how call centres in Afghanistan and Iraq are enhancing two-way communication with crisis-affected people. Mia Marzotto from Translators without Borders reflects on the importance of language and translation in communication and community engagement, and Ombretta Baggio and colleagues report on efforts to bring community perspectives into decision-making during an Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ayo Degett highlights emerging findings from a Danish Refugee Council project on participation in humanitarian settings, and Jeff Carmel and Nick van Praag report on the Listen Learn Act (LLA) project. Geneviève Cyvoct and Alexandra T. Warner write on an innovative common platform to track the views of affected people in Chad. The edition ends with an article by Stewart Davies on collective accountability in the response to the Central Sulawesi earthquake.

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Volume 7 (2018): Issue 2 (Nov 2018)

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 32, Pages 1-124 (December 2018)

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Advancing Ecosystems and Disaster Risk Reduction in Policy, Planning, Implementation, and Management

Edited by Adam W. Whelchel, Fabrice Renaud, Karen Sudmeier-Rieu, Zita Sebesvari
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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

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Ebola in animals - our knowledge to date: assessing human exposure risks

S. von Dobschuetz, X.C.R. Roche, C. Pittiglio, L. Plee, S. Shadomy, E. Palamara, M. Bruni, L. Myers, E. Bonbon, C. Ingabire, C. Bebay, C. Biaou, L. Wiersma, A. Saidouni, P. Kone, M. Ndenege Hello, V. Bonkela Isa Nkoy, S. Morzaria, J. Pinto, E. Raizman, A. El Idrissi, G. Lamielle, J. Lubroth
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Global flu view: a platform to connect crowdsourced disease surveillance around the world

A.W. Crawley, D. Paolotti, C. Dalton, J. Brownstein, M. Smolinski

Published in issue: February 2019

The potential for international dissemination of emerging viral pathogens

J.M. Read, D. Cummings

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Intervention – Journal of Mental Health and Psychological Support in Conflict Affected Areas

September-December 2018 Volume 16 | Issue 3 Page Nos. 197-295

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Journal of Adolescent Health

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING: INTERNATIONAL TRANSCULTURAL PERSPECTIVES

06 March 2019 - 09 March 2019

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Kelly Clarke, Abigail Bentley, Cicely Marston, Audrey Prost

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Modern and Contemporary Art

Edited by Francesca Caterina Izzo, Patrizia Tomasin
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Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

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[Government social assistance programmes are failing to protect the health of low-income populations: evidence from the USA and Canada \(2003–2014\)](#) (15 November, 2018) Free

Faraz Vahid Shahidi, Odmaa Sod-Erdene, Chantel Ramraj, Vincent Hildebrand, Arjumand Siddiqi

Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

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Special Issue: Reconciliation, Transitional and Indigenous Justice

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Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

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Journal of International Development

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Journal of Medical Ethics

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Journal of Medical Internet Research

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Journal of Operations Management

Volume 64 Pages 1-88 (November 2018)

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Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 6, Issue 1 (2019)

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Journal of Pediatrics

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Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 40, Issue 1, March 2019

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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

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Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 25, Issue suppl_1, 1 May 2018

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Asian travel: from the rare to the difficult

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Mar 02, 2019 Volume 393 Number 10174 p847-958
<https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/issue/current>

Editorial

Health and wellbeing in adolescence and early adulthood

The Lancet

That young people are less healthy in the UK than in similar high-income countries is the headline finding of a major report [published last week](#). *International comparisons of health and wellbeing in adolescence and early adulthood*, published by the Nuffield Trust and the Association for Young People's Health, examines 17 indicators of health and wellbeing in young people aged 10–24 years in 19 similar high-income countries within and outside Europe...

Seminar

Ebola virus disease

Denis Malvy, Anita K McElroy, Hilde de Clerck, Stephan Günther, Johan van Griensven

Summary

Ebolaviruses are pathogenic agents associated with a severe, potentially fatal, systemic disease in man and great apes. Four species of ebolaviruses have been identified in west or equatorial Africa. Once the more virulent forms enter the human population, transmission occurs primarily through contact with infected body fluids and can result in major epidemics in under-resourced settings. These viruses cause a disease characterised by systemic viral replication, immune suppression, abnormal inflammatory responses, major fluid and electrolyte losses, and high mortality. Despite recent progress on vaccines, and with no licensed prophylaxis or treatment available, case management is essentially supportive with management of severe multiple organ failure resulting from immune-mediated cell damage. The 2013–16 outbreak was classified by WHO as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, which drew attention to the challenges of diseases caused by infections with ebolaviruses and questioned scientific, clinical, and societal preparation to handle future epidemics.

Lancet Global Health

Mar 2019 Volume 7 Number 3 e281-e384
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/langlo/issue/current>

Comment

Measles vaccination: no time to rest

Alessia Melegaro

Articles

Classification of global measles cases in 2013–17 as due to policy or vaccination failure: a retrospective review of global surveillance data

Minal K Patel, Walter A Orenstein

Summary

Background

Despite improvements in reported coverage of measles-containing vaccine (MCV) and progress towards elimination of measles, 172 939 measles cases were reported worldwide in 2017. Questions have been

raised about whether measles cases are due to failure of immunisation programmes or vaccine policy failure, which might require changes to vaccination schedules or number of doses.

Methods

This retrospective review of global surveillance data analysed case-based data for cases of measles occurring during 2013–17 submitted to WHO by its member states. Cases were classified as programmatically preventable (ie, did not receive the age-appropriate number of doses for that country) or programmatically non-preventable (ie, appropriately vaccinated as per national programme) on the basis of age at onset, year of birth, vaccination status, and eligibility for MCV doses in the country reporting the case. We grouped reasons why cases were non-preventable into four categories as follows: (1) received at least two doses of MCV; (2) too young for first dose; (3) received one dose but was too young to receive the second; or (4) was only eligible for one dose according to the national schedule. We analysed numbers and proportions of preventable and non-preventable cases of measles by region and year, reasons for non-preventable cases by year, preventable cases by age group, and preventable and non-preventable cases, including reasons for non-preventable cases, by measles elimination status of countries.

Findings

Between Jan 1, 2013, and Dec 31, 2017, 634 139 measles cases were reported; 7850 (1%) cases were excluded because they did not provide age at onset, so 626 289 were included in our analysis. 191 333 (31%) of these cases had unknown vaccination status. 275 754 (63%) of the 434 956 cases with available vaccination data were categorised as programmatically preventable, 213 461 (77%) of whom were aged 1 year to less than 15 years. 156 384 (36%) cases were categorised as non-preventable, of whom 38 677 (25%) were two-dose vaccine recipients, 74 438 (48%) were too young to receive their first MCV dose, 11 914 (8%) received their first dose and were too young to receive their second dose, and 31 355 (20%), mostly in the Africa region, were non-preventable because they were only eligible for one dose on the basis of the national immunisation programme.

Interpretation

Most measles cases during 2013–17 were programmatically preventable, highlighting the need for improving the effectiveness of immunisation programmes that already exist. Individual countries should do similar analyses to establish the changes needed in their country to decrease numbers of measles cases.

Funding

None.

[**Trends in infant mortality in Venezuela between 1985 and 2016: a systematic analysis of demographic data**](#)

Jenny García, Gerardo Correa, Brenda Rousset

Summary

Background

Between the 1950s and 2000, Venezuela showed one of the most substantial improvements in infant mortality rates in Latin America. However, the recent economic crisis alongside an increase in infectious and parasitic diseases might be reversing previous patterns. Because no official updated mortality statistics have been published since 2013, the effect of these recent events has been difficult to assess accurately. We therefore aimed to estimate infant mortality rate trends and report the effect of the crisis.

Methods

We estimated infant mortality rates using direct methods (ie, death counts from Venezuelan Ministry of Health via yearbooks and notifiable diseases bulletins, and birth records published by the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Venezuelan National Institute of Statistics)

and indirect methods (using census data and a Living Conditions Survey ENCOVI 2016). We shaped yearly estimations using a semiparametric regression model, specifically a P-Spline model with a cubic thin plate base. The primary objective was to estimate infant mortality rate trends from 1985 to 2016.

Findings

Around 2009, the long-term decline in infant mortality rate stopped, and a new pattern of increase was observed. The infant mortality rate reached 21·1 deaths per 1000 livebirths (90% CI –17·8 to 24·3) in 2016, almost 1·4 times the rate of 2008 (15·0, –14·0 to 16·1). This increase represents a huge setback on previous achievements in reducing infant mortality.

Interpretation

Our conservative estimation indicates that Venezuela is in the throes of a humanitarian crisis. The increase in infant mortality rate in 2016 compared with 2008 takes the country back to the level observed at the end of the 1990s, wiping out 18 years of expected progress, and leaves the Venezuelan Government far from achieving the target of nine deaths per 1000 livebirths stated in the UN Millennium Development Goals.

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Series

Tuberculosis transmission in HIV-endemic settings

Advances in the understanding of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* transmission in HIV-endemic settings

Julian S Peters, Jason R Andrews, Mark Hatherill, Sabine Hermans, Leonardo Martinez, Erwin Schurr, Yuri van der Heijden, Robin Wood, Roxana Rustomjee, Bavesh D Kana

Tuberculosis transmission in HIV-endemic settings

Transmission of drug-resistant tuberculosis in HIV-endemic settings

Palwasha Y Khan, Tom A Yates, Muhammad Osman, Robin M Warren, Yuri van der Heijden, Nesri Padayatchi, Edward A Nardell, David Moore, Barun Mathema, Neel Gandhi, Vegard Eldholm, Keertan Dheda, Anneke C Hesseling, Valerie Mizrahi, Roxana Rustomjee, Alexander Pym

Tuberculosis transmission in HIV-endemic settings

Spatially targeted screening to reduce tuberculosis transmission in high-incidence settings

Patrick G T Cudahy, Jason R Andrews, Alyssa Bilinski, David W Dowdy, Barun Mathema, Nicolas A Menzies, Joshua A Salomon, Sourya Shrestha, Ted Cohen

Review

Tuberculosis susceptibility and protection in children

Robindra Basu Roy, Elizabeth Whittaker, James A Seddon, Beate Kampmann

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Mar 2019 Volume 7 Number 3 p187-282, e10-e12
<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/issue/current>

Comment

The way forward for tuberculosis vaccines

Richard G White, Willem A Hanekom, Johan Vekemans, Rebecca C Harris

Tuberculosis is now the largest single-pathogen cause of adult mortality globally; more than 10 million incident cases of the disease occur worldwide every year. In 2018, global tuberculosis prevention, diagnosis, and treatment efforts were estimated to cost US\$10·4 billion. With such a high global burden, and a current average annual decline in incidence of only 1·8%, new efficacious vaccines are urgently needed to accelerate progress towards the WHO End TB and elimination goals.

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 23, Issue 2, February 2019

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Medical Decision Making (MDM)

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The Milbank Quarterly

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Nature

Volume 566 Issue 7745, 28 February 2019

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Editorial | 25 February 2019

Wanted: climate leadership for the World Bank

US President Donald Trump's candidate to lead the global institution could undermine its efforts to get greener. Nations need the courage to challenge the nomination.

World View | 26 February 2019

Why were scientists silent over gene-edited babies?

To be successful as researchers, we must be able to think through the impacts of our work on society and speak up when necessary, says Natalie Kofler.

Nature Genetics

Volume 51 Issue 3, March 2019

<https://www.nature.com/ng/>

Editorial | 28 February 2019

Brave new dialogue

The development of CRISPR–Cas technology and its applications in biomedical research have generated much excitement. If fully realized, this technology has the potential to help treat or prevent severe diseases. However, these tools also carry considerable risk if improperly used. The scientific community must promote constructive dialogue among its members and within society at large to ensure that research on genome editing is conducted responsibly.

Nature Medicine

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New England Journal of Medicine

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Perspective

Loud, Gray, and Arbitrary — The Compounding Trauma of Detention for Asylum Seekers

K.C. McKenzie

A New Jersey detention center houses asylum seekers who have fled persecution in their home countries. Even the U.S. physician who comes to examine them must tread carefully to be allowed to do her job in this loud, gray place where guards' decisions seem arbitrary.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

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Pediatrics

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Understanding Liability Risks and Protections for Pediatric Providers During Disasters

Robin L. Altman, Karen A. Santucci, Michael R. Anderson, William M. McDonnell, COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL LIABILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT

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Research Article
[**A multi-country study of the economic burden of dengue fever based on patient-specific field surveys in Burkina Faso, Kenya, and Cambodia**](#)

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Abstract

Background

Dengue fever is a rapidly growing public health problem in many parts of the tropics and sub-tropics in the world. While there are existing studies on the economic burden of dengue fever in some of dengue-endemic countries, cost components are often not standardized, making cross-country comparisons challenging. Furthermore, no such studies have been available in Africa.

Methods/Principal findings

A patient-specific survey questionnaire was developed and applied in Burkina Faso, Kenya, and Cambodia in a standardized format. Multiple interviews were carried out in order to capture the entire cost incurred during the period of dengue illness. Both private (patient's out-of-pocket) and public (non-private) expenditure were accessed to understand how the economic burden of dengue is distributed between private and non-private payers.

A substantial number of dengue-confirmed patients were identified in all three countries: 414 in Burkina Faso, 149 in Kenya, and 254 in Cambodia. The average cost of illness for dengue fever was \$26 (95% CI \$23-\$29) and \$134 (95% CI \$119-\$152) per inpatient in Burkina Faso and Cambodia, respectively. In the case of outpatients, the average economic burden per episode was \$13 (95% CI \$23-\$29) in Burkina Faso and \$23 (95% CI \$19-\$28) in Kenya. Compared to Cambodia, public contributions were trivial in Burkina Faso and Kenya, reflecting that a majority of medical costs had to be directly borne by patients in the two countries.

Conclusions/Significance

The cost of illness for dengue fever is significant in the three countries. In particular, the current study sheds light on the potential economic burden of the disease in Burkina Faso and Kenya where existing evidence is sparse in the context of dengue fever, and underscores the need to achieve Universal Health Coverage. Given the availability of the current (CYD-TDV) and second-generation dengue vaccines in the near future, our study outcomes can be used to guide decision makers in setting health policy priorities.

Author summary

Dengue fever is a major public health concern in many parts of South-East Asia and South America. In addition to countries where dengue has been highly prevalent for many years, there is a growing concern on the undocumented burden of dengue in Africa. Following the successful execution of the first-round economic burden study in Vietnam, Thailand, and Colombia by the Dengue Vaccine Initiative, the second-round economic burden study was implemented in Burkina Faso, Kenya and Cambodia using the same standardized methodology. In particular, the second-round study targeted GAVI eligible countries for future vaccine introductions and included two African countries where the burden of dengue was relatively unknown. Our study outcomes show that the economic burden of dengue fever is significant in all three countries. The dengue vaccination era began in 2016 with the first dengue vaccine (CYD-TDV) although its public use should be carefully determined due to the safety concerns related to the vaccine. Considering that there are other second-generation dengue vaccines in development, the current study outcomes provide an important step to estimate the economic benefits of vaccination in the three countries.

Research Article

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There has been a dramatic increase in the number and size of private foundations around the world. Many people view the growth of big philanthropy as a positive thing, but a growing number of critics are asking whether it is undermining democracy. One of these critics is Stanford University Professor

Rob Reich, author of "Philanthropy in the Service of Democracy," the cover story in the Winter 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

All too often nonprofit organizations think that communications is simply about getting your message out. But to do that effectively you need to understand what shapes people's feelings and values. And for that you need to understand social science, which is the subject of "The Science of What Makes People Care," the cover story in the Fall 2018 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Research

Gender-based violence among female youths in educational institutions of Sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Gender-based violence is a public health issue. The prevalence of gender-based violence is high in Sub-Saharan Africa. Therefore, this study aims to produce an overall summary estimate on the prevalence of gen...

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Editors' Choice

[Improving the informed consent process among HIV-infected undisclosed minors participating in a biomedical research: insights from the multicentre nutritional SNACS study in Senegal](#)

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Abstract

Objectives

Providing research information in a manner accessible to minors participating in biomedical research is a major challenge. Guidance is dramatically lacking regarding best practices for seeking informed consent among undisclosed minors enrolled in HIV-related research. We implemented an improved informed consent process (IICP) and identified factors associated with understanding of the information presented to HIV-infected minors prior to their enrolment in a study.

Methods

We enrolled study participants attending 12 paediatric HIV clinics in Senegal. Children ≥ 7 years were provided with standardised research information using the IICP, which involves viewing a video and taking part in extended group discussions. Understanding was assessed by seven basic questions scored 1 or 2 points, with a maximum score of 11 points. A score of 9 or more points was defined as satisfactory understanding. Factors associated with understanding were identified using a stepwise logistic regression model.

Results

Overall, 112 children, with a median age of 12.9 years (IQR: 10.2–15.0), participated in the IICP, of whom 37% were HIV disclosed. 71% achieved a satisfactory understanding score and all gave consent to participate in the research. HIV-disclosed children were more likely to demonstrate satisfactory understanding than undisclosed children ($aOR = 3.2$, 95% CI: 1.1–9.6). Age, study setting and education level were not associated with satisfactory understanding.

Conclusion

These findings provide practical guidance for the development of improved and friendly informed consent processes in research involving minors. The implementation of the paediatric HIV research agenda will require a standardised and operational definition of informed consent, integrating the issue of HIV disclosure.

Reviews

Open Access

[The willingness to participate in biomedical research involving human beings in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#)

Joyce L. Browne, Connie O. Rees, Johannes J. M. van Delden, Irene Agyepong, Diederick E. Grobbee, Ama Edwin, Kerstin Klipstein-Grobusch, Rieke van der Graaf

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Abstract

Objectives

To systematically review reasons for the willingness to participate in biomedical human subjects research in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Methods

Five databases were systematically searched for articles published between 2000 and 2017 containing the domain of 'human subjects research' in 'LMICs' and determinant 'reasons for (non)participation'. Reasons mentioned were extracted, ranked and results narratively described.

Results

Ninety-four articles were included, 44 qualitative and 50 mixed-methods studies. Altruism, personal health benefits, access to health care, monetary benefit, knowledge, social support and trust were the most important reasons for participation. Primary reasons for non-participation were safety concerns, inconvenience, stigmatisation, lack of social support, confidentiality concerns, physical pain, efficacy concerns and distrust. Stigmatisation was a major concern in relation to HIV research. Reasons were similar across different regions, gender, non-patient or patient participants and real or hypothetical study designs.

Conclusions

Addressing factors that affect (non-)participation in the planning process and during the conduct of research may enhance voluntary consent to participation and reduce barriers for potential participants.

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New Technologies: Where to?

This issue focuses on new technologies and their potential benefits for humanity as well as their expanding use in advancing the 2030 Agenda. It explores the promise of our digital age, while posing important questions about where these technologies are leading us, and how their misuse could also lead to increased inequality and conflict.

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World Heritage Success Stories

The World Heritage Convention is a legal tool. In adhering to it, countries commit to protect heritage within their borders and to refrain from any deliberate measures that might damage directly or indirectly the cultural and natural heritage of the territory of other States Parties to this Convention.

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In this issue, we look at specific cases of actions at World Heritage sites that have benefited and improved their state of conservation...

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