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:: Week in Review

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

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Human Rights :: Colonial Rule/Reparations

[Belgium Apologizes for Kidnapping Children From African Colonies](#)

By Milan Schreuer

The New York Times, April 4, 2019

BRUSSELS — Belgium apologized on Thursday for the kidnapping, segregation, deportation and forced adoption of thousands of children born to mixed-race couples during its colonial rule of Burundi, Congo and Rwanda.

The apology is the first time that Belgium has recognized any responsibility for what historians say was the immense harm the country inflicted on the Central African nations, which it colonized for eight decades. Prime Minister Charles Michel offered the apology on Thursday afternoon in front of a plenary session of Parliament, which was attended by dozens of people of mixed race in the visitors gallery.

"Throughout Belgian colonial Africa, a system of targeted segregation of métis and their families was maintained by the Belgian state and acts were committed that violated the fundamental rights of peoples," he said, using the term for mixed-race people.

"This is why, in the name of the federal government, I recognize the targeted segregation of which métis people were victims" under Belgian colonial rule in Africa, and "the ensuing policy of forced kidnapping" after independence, he added.

"In the name of the federal government," Mr. Michel said, "I present our apologies to the métis stemming from the Belgian colonial era and to their families for the injustices and the suffering inflicted upon them."

"I also wish to express our compassion for the African mothers, from whom the children were taken," he said.

The prime minister said that the Belgian government would make resources available to finance additional research on the issue, open up its colonial archives to métis people and offer administrative help to those seeking to gain access to their official records and seeking Belgian nationality...

[Official transcript of PM's address to Belgian Parliament not yet posted]

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ODA

[More Than 70 Organizations Oppose Proposed Cut-Off in Foreign Assistance to Central America](#)

Cutting off poverty-alleviating and violence-reducing assistance in Central America runs counter to American values and interests.

Apr 1, 2019

InterAction and over 70 member organizations issued the below statement in response to announcements by the Trump Administration that it is ending foreign assistance programs in the Central American countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras:

"By cutting off poverty-alleviating and violence-reducing assistance to the people and civil society organizations of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, the Trump Administration is taking a step that undermines its own policy goals and runs counter to American values and interests. For years, leaders from both parties have supported U.S. development and humanitarian aid to Central America. That is because these relatively small investments address the grinding poverty, instability and human rights concerns at the root of displacement. The current levels of violence and suffering in the Northern Triangle of Central America risk severe further deterioration if development and humanitarian assistance is withdrawn.

"Sadly, the unpredictability and volatility that stem from such chaotic policy decisions can erode the effectiveness of foreign assistance. The Administration frequently views U.S. foreign assistance only in transactional terms and not as part of a long-term strategy.

"In response to this short-sighted and irresponsible decision, we urge Congress to demonstrate strong bipartisan support for aid to Central America."

Reactions from partner organizations:

Alliance for Peacebuilding

CARE USA

Catholic Relief Services

Mercy Corps

Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN)

PLAN International USA

U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC)

World Vision

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Myanmar

Statement of INGOs in Myanmar on the situation in Rakhine

Published 01. Apr 2019

As international NGOs supporting communities throughout Rakhine State, we express our deep concern with the continued fighting between the Myanmar Security and the Arakan Army Forces. This conflict is causing civilian casualties, displacing communities, and worsening the already precarious humanitarian situation in central and northern Rakhine State. Echoing our previous statement from January 2019, we urge all parties to the conflict to ensure the protection of civilians in compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights law

Compounding the impact of conflict and displacement on communities, since January 10, 2019, the Government of Myanmar has imposed restrictions on the access of humanitarian and development agencies in five key townships (Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Rathedaung in Rakhine State). Newly imposed restrictions are also affecting access to rural areas in Mrauk U township.

At least 95,000 people living in these conflict affected areas, are no longer able to access a number of basic and essential services. Health care services, education and access to clean water have all been jeopardized. Livelihood programmes, agricultural support and other development efforts have also been suspended, impacting the food security and wellbeing of these communities. While some relief activities targeting newly displaced populations have been permitted to proceed, significant gaps remain.

We acknowledge the Government's primary responsibility for ensuring the safety of humanitarian and development actors. However, the differences in the security situation across Rakhine State necessitates a differentiated approach – one that ensures access to locations not directly impacted by fighting and recent security incidents. A blanket security approach for entire townships deprives populations in need of assistance and basic services.

Local and international organizations should be granted rapid, unfettered and sustained access to all affected populations to independently assess needs and provide comprehensive assistance and protection to all communities in accordance with international humanitarian principles.

ACTED

Action Contre la Faim

CARE

Consortium of Dutch NGOs

Danish Refugee Council

Lutheran World Federation

Mercy Corps

Norwegian Refugee Council

Oxfam

Peace Winds Japan

People in Need

Plan International

Relief International

Save the Children

Solidarites International

World Vision

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Featured Journal Content

JAMA

April 2, 2019, Vol 321, No. 13, Pages 1229-1320

<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

Viewpoint

Current and Future Challenges for Children Across the World

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free access

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there have been substantial gains in global health in the past decade. Access to energy, communications, and clean water has increased and extreme poverty has continued to decline (from >40% in 1990 to <10% in 2018).¹ Child mortality has declined substantially, with approximately 10 million children younger than 5 years dying in 2000 compared with 5.4 million in 2017.² Gains in the health of children worldwide accelerated in part because of the global compacts made in the Millennium Development Goals. The goals were developed by the United Nations system and signed by 189 countries in September 2000 to reduce maternal and child mortality by 75% and 66%, respectively, from an estimated 0.5 million maternal deaths and 12.4 million child deaths annually in 1990. These global gains were possible because of alignment among development agencies, academia, national governments, and community-based organizations for introducing globally evidence-based and effective interventions, such as vaccines, effective care of sick infants, and other interventions.

Notwithstanding these gains, many challenges remain. The daily toll of nearly 15 000 deaths of children before their fifth birthday, with many of these deaths preventable, is unacceptably high, and progress in reducing newborn deaths and stillbirths is especially inadequate. In addition, the 0.9 million annual deaths among older children (5-9 years) and young adolescents (10-14 years) have received relatively little attention.² **Although ample preventive and curative interventions addressing newborn, child, and adolescent health exist, there is no strategy to integrate planning and health care for children in health systems and their linkage to sectors outside of health, such as education, social safety nets, housing, and environmental health. Inequalities persist and are often associated with poverty, conflict, migration, ethnicity, and urbanization. These challenges are insufficiently highlighted in current global strategies or in action plans for child health and development.**

In addition, global child health efforts still mainly focus on survival. The importance of early child development and the effects of poor nutrition on children for long-term outcomes were absent in the Millennium Development Goals. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by 193 countries in September 2015³ are ambitious, advocate for more holistic definitions of health, and include aspirational targets addressing social determinants of health across diverse sectors. **The increased recognition that cognitive abilities, health, and productivity in adults are the consequence of exposures and opportunities in childhood has led to calls for investments in improving maternal and child nutrition, nurturing care of children, and involvement of other sectors, such as education, leading to enhanced human capital, defined as the stock of knowledge, skills, attitudes, health, and other personal characteristics that enable individuals to realize their potential as productive and responsible members of society.**⁴

Early exposures of children to violence, stress, and displacement could have serious long-term consequences. These include children and families living in the midst of conflict, in neighborhoods of high crime, as well as refugees and migrants. Such considerations for improving the health of women and children using the basic principles of human rights⁵ should not be restricted to low- and middle-income countries. The recent episodes of forced separation of children from migrant families seeking asylum at the US-Mexican border and preventable child deaths highlight the importance of these concepts even in the best-developed democracies.

The prioritization of noncommunicable diseases, including cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes, in the Sustainable Development Goals is welcome but also presents challenges. The prevention of many noncommunicable diseases needs to begin in childhood with healthful diets and exercise and avoidance of risks, such as smoking. Current programs for child health and nutrition are poorly linked to noncommunicable disease prevention but offer an opportunity to address these emerging public health priorities in childhood with benefits for current and future generations. These approaches are integral to optimizing child health and not additional or optional strategies for action.

The current global focus on universal health coverage and primary health care by the World Health Organization should be a cornerstone for accelerating child health and development, yet there are strong signals that attention may be shifting. Concentrating on such issues may lead to a disproportionate allocation of public resources to tertiary health facilities serving urban adult populations, especially in countries with limited national allocations for health and diminishing donor assistance. It is notable that the most recent World Health Organization executive board resolution on universal health coverage adopted for discussion at the World Health Assembly in May 2019 does not mention children or child health—even once.⁶ Neither do the long-awaited restructuring and new initiatives of the World Health Organization mention mothers and children or child health explicitly.⁷ One challenge is ensuring a focus on child health without distraction by the large number of strategies involving health issues such as programs to treat noncommunicable diseases affecting older populations.

What is needed to improve child global health in the future?

First, to promote global child health and accelerate progress to eliminate preventable child deaths by 2030 and improve child development, it is imperative to continue to focus on quality and coverage of primary care and preventive programs⁸ and on reaching marginalized and at-risk populations, especially those living in insecure environments or conflict zones. This will require additional resources and different approaches to delivery of services, including engagement of communities, especially women, and working with a range of lay health workers in community settings.

Second, the move beyond survival to enhance or improve early child development is welcome. Such efforts require developing strategies for implementing nurturing care of children, including health, nutrition, and social protection, and ensuring that interventions linking early child health with the care of school-aged children and adolescents are prioritized.⁹ Community and outreach programs designed to reach marginalized populations must be prioritized and interventions beyond health services expanded, such as living conditions, environmental exposures, food security, and education.

Third, a revolution in information systems is needed to improve the monitoring, evaluation and population effects of health services. For example, registration of births and deaths, with information on the medical and social causes of death, along with illness surveillance, would enable targeting resources and responses to health threats. Granular information is critical to identify and reach the most vulnerable populations; child mortality is increasingly concentrated in certain hot spots that require focused attention.¹⁰ Better data and feedback are critical to optimize coverage and quality

of services in both the public and private health sectors and to determine the most cost-effective integrated interventions from birth through adolescence.

The next global challenge is to develop a unifying plan for reducing the gap in child health and development between resource-limited and resource-rich countries as well as gaps within countries. Addressing the social determinants of health in all settings, tackling the needs of children living in adverse conditions, and getting governments to recognize that optimizing child health is a fundamental human right are central to the mission and future of the Sustainable Development Goals.

[Citations available at title link above]

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Philanthropy – “Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children”

Islamic Development Bank and UNICEF to establish a Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children

MARRAKECH, 3 April 2019 – The Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and UNICEF today signed a communique to announce their intent to develop a **Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children**.

Discussed on the margins of IsDB’s 44th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors, the fund would aim to mobilise Islamic giving, including philanthropic and Zakat resources, towards humanitarian and resilience development programmes that ensure the well-being of children in IsDB member countries.

IsDB and UNICEF are now developing the fund, alongside key partners and potential supporters, in anticipation of a formal launch during the United Nations General Assembly in September 2019 in New York.

IsDB and UNICEF have collaborated since 1976. The two organizations signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding in 1989. This was followed in 2017 by a Strategic Partnership Framework Agreement related to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

“Leveraging our respective strengths has always been at the heart of our partnership with UNICEF. Now we are set to take our collaboration to new heights through an innovative and timely mechanism that sits at the nexus of Islamic finance and global humanitarian and resilience efforts,” said IsDB President Dr Bandar Hajjar.

“Global humanitarian needs are at critical levels and children are especially vulnerable – they face the highest risk of violence, exploitation, disease and neglect. Establishing a Muslim Philanthropy Fund with IsDB will enable us to provide many more of these children with access to safe water, nutrition, education, health and protection,” UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Charlotte Petri Gornitzka...

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Philanthropy – China

New Report Shows Chinese Philanthropy Sector Has Quadrupled to USD 23.4 Billion Since 2009

Landmark study unpacks key trends in Chinese philanthropy, identifies unique strengths and untapped opportunities for strategic engagement with international organisations

5 April 2019, New York – Total giving in China has grown to a remarkable USD 23.4 billion in 2017, with registered foundations increasing by 17% over the last decade and corporate giving dominating philanthropic efforts by contributing more than 65% of total giving in 2016. These indicators reflect the sector's growth into a powerhouse for development. Published by AVPN and supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, *Philanthropy in China* is a first-of-its-kind report that looks beyond indices and rich-lists, and details the unique evolution and characteristics of Chinese giving, highlighting key trends, opportunities, and challenges that philanthropists – both Chinese and international – can leverage to maximize their impact.

"With the new regulatory environment and rapid growth of philanthropic capital in China, we see a need to marshal resources more effectively towards the delivery of scalable, high-impact solutions," says Naina Subberwal Batra, Chairperson and CEO at AVPN, which authored the report. "The *Philanthropy in China* report not only seeks to carve new pathways for philanthropists to adopt more sophisticated social investing practices in China but also enhance our collective ability to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals."

Primed for Innovation

The report finds that while Chinese philanthropy is relatively nascent, the sector quadrupled between 2009 and 2017 – pumping USD 23.4 billion into social causes in 2017 – and is highly innovative. Traditionally focused on education, poverty alleviation, and healthcare, giving in China has shown growing interest in under-funded areas, such as youth development and environmental protection. Foundations are also looking at more financially sustainable models that can deliver impact at scale. Some foundations – such as Narada Foundation and Yifang Foundations – are experimenting with new social investment tools while there have been more social enterprises that are incorporating positive social impact in their business models.

According to the report, Chinese philanthropists are also ahead of the curve in leveraging cutting-edge technology and the country's thriving digital services sector to spark greater public interest in charity to solve global development challenges. These innovative approaches have the potential to enhance transparency and accountability, thereby building trust and productivity within the philanthropic sector...

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Health

1 in 4 health care facilities lacks basic water services – UNICEF, WHO

WHO-UNICEF Press release

GENEVA/NEW YORK 03 April 2019

One in four health care facilities around the world lacks basic water services, impacting over 2 billion people, according to a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (JMP).

The WHO/UNICEF JMP [report](#), WASH in Health Care Facilities, is the first comprehensive global assessment of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in health care facilities. It also finds that 1 in 5 health care facilities has no sanitation service*, impacting 1.5 billion people. The report further reveals that many health centres lack basic facilities for hand hygiene and safe segregation and disposal of health care waste.

These services are crucial to preventing infections, reducing the spread of antimicrobial resistance and providing quality care, particularly for safe childbirth.

"Water, sanitation and hygiene services in health facilities are the most basic requirements of infection prevention and control, and of quality care. They are fundamental to respecting the dignity and human rights of every person who seeks health care and of health workers themselves," said António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General. "I call on people everywhere to support action for WASH in all health care facilities. This is essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals."

The WHO/UNICEF JMP report found that just half – 55 per cent – of health care facilities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) had basic water services. It is estimated that 1 in 5 births globally takes place in LDCs, and that, each year, 17 million women in these countries give birth in health centres with inadequate water, sanitation and hygiene.

"When a baby is born in a health facility without adequate water, sanitation and hygiene, the risk of infection and death for both the mother and the baby is high," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. "Every birth should be supported by a safe pair of hands, washed with soap and water, using sterile equipment, in a clean environment."

In an accompanying report, Water, sanitation, and hygiene in health care facilities: Practical steps to achieve universal access for quality care, WHO and UNICEF researchers note that more than 1 million deaths each year are associated with unclean births. Infections account for 26% of neonatal deaths and 11% of maternal mortality...

Both reports can be downloaded from www.washdata.org.

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Science Journal Publishing :: Integrity

[Court Rules in FTC's Favor Against Predatory Academic Publisher OMICS Group; Imposes \\$50.1 Million Judgment against Defendants That Made False Claims and Hid Publishing Fees](#)

For Release April 3, 2019

A federal judge has ordered journal publisher and conference organizer Srinubabu Gedela and his companies to pay more than \$50.1 million to resolve Federal Trade Commission charges that they made deceptive claims to academics and researchers about the nature of their conferences and publications, and hid steep publication fees.

"These publishing companies lied about their academic journals and took millions of dollars from aspiring researchers and writers," said Andrew Smith, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "We're pleased with the court's strong order holding these companies and its owner responsible for the damage they caused."

In its 2016 complaint, the FTC alleged that OMICS Group Inc., iMedPub LLC, Conference Series LLC, and the owner of these companies, Gedela, advertised hundreds of online academic journals and international conferences for scientists and medical professionals, and deceptively claimed that their journals provided authors with rigorous peer review and had editorial boards made up of prominent academics. In reality, many articles were published with little to no peer review, and many individuals represented to be editors had not agreed to be affiliated with the journals.

The FTC further alleged that the defendants represented that their journals had been accepted by prominent academic indexing services such as the National Institute of Health's "PubMed Central." In fact, NIH had refused to index the defendants' journals and demanded that they cease representing that the defendants' journals were associated with PubMed.

The FTC also alleged that the defendants failed to properly tell authors who submitted papers for consideration that the defendants would charge the authors significant publishing fees. The defendants also failed to allow authors to withdraw their articles from submission, making their research ineligible for publication in other journals.

Finally, the complaint alleged that, to promote their scientific conferences, the defendants deceptively used the names of prominent researchers as conference presenters, when in fact many of those researchers had not agreed to participate in the events.

In November 2017, a federal court granted a preliminary injunction requested by the FTC, temporarily halting the deceptive practices of these academic journal publishers.

In a recent summary judgment decision, the court found that the defendants violated the FTC Act by making deceptive claims regarding their academic journals and scientific conferences, and by failing to adequately disclose their publishing fees. The resulting final order prohibits the defendants from making misrepresentations regarding their academic journals and conferences, including that specific persons are editors of their journals or have agreed to participate in their conferences, that their journals engage in peer review, that their journals are included in any academic journal indexing service, or the extent to which their journals are cited. It also requires that the defendants clearly and conspicuously disclose all costs associated with submitting or publishing articles in their journals. The order also requires the defendants to obtain express written consent from any person the defendants represent to be associated with their academic journals or scientific conferences. The order enters a judgment against the defendants in the amount of \$50.1 million.

The FTC would like to thank the U.S. National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health for its invaluable assistance in this case.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada issued the summary judgment order on March 29, 2019.

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Sustainable Development

Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2019

United Nations – Report of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development

April 2019 :: 208 pages

PDF: <https://developmentfinance.un.org/sites/developmentfinance.un.org/files/FSDR2019.pdf>

Abstract

The 2019 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) of the Inter-agency Task Force on Financing for Development warns that mobilizing sufficient financing remains a major challenge in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Despite signs of progress, investments that are critical to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remain underfunded and parts of the multilateral system are under strain.

The FSDR recommends that the international community should use this opportunity to reshape both national and international financial systems in line with sustainable development. If we fail to do so, we will fail to deliver the 2030 Agenda.

The 2019 FSDR begins with the global macroeconomic context (chapter I). The thematic chapter (chapter II) presents four building blocks to operationalize implementation of the Addis Agenda at the country level through integrated national financing frameworks (INFFs). The remainder of the report (Chapters III.A to III.G and IV) discusses progress in the seven action areas of the Addis Agenda. Each chapter begins with a summary that highlights key messages and presents policy options. Each chapter gives updates on implementation, and lays out challenges and policy options on both the national and international levels.

The 2019 FSDR is the fourth report on implementing the Financing for Development outcomes and the means of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals since the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The assessment draws on the expertise, analysis and data from more than 60 agencies and international institutions that make up the Task Force, which is led by UN DESA and includes the World Bank Group, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organisation, as well as UN agencies such as UNCTAD and UNDP.

Press Release

Major New UN Report Calls for Overhaul of Global Financial System

Posted on April 5, 2019

NEW YORK – Sixty-plus international organizations, led by the United Nations and including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group and World Trade Organization, jointly sounded the alarm Thursday in a new report, warning that unless national and international financial systems are revamped, the world's governments will fail to keep their promises on such critical issues as combatting climate change and eradicating poverty by 2030.

In their [2019 Financing for Sustainable Development Report](#), the international organizations find some good news: investment has gained strength in some countries and interest in sustainable investing is growing, with 75 per cent of individual investors showing interest in how their investments affect the world.

And yet, greenhouse gas emissions grew 1.3 per cent in 2017; investment in many countries is falling; and 30 developing countries are now at high risk or already in debt distress. At the same time, global growth is expected to have peaked at around 3 per cent.

Changing the current trajectory in financing sustainable development is not just about raising additional investment, says the report. Achieving global goals depends on supportive financial systems, and conducive global and national policy environments.

Yet the report warns that creating favorable conditions is becoming more challenging. Rapid changes in technology, geopolitics, and climate are remaking our economies and societies, and existing national and multilateral institutions -- which had helped lift billions out of poverty -- are now struggling to adapt. Confidence in the multilateral system has been undermined, in part because it has failed to deliver returns equitably, with most people in the world living in countries with increasing inequality.

"Trust in the multilateral system itself is eroding, in part because we are not delivering inclusive and sustainable growth for all," said António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his foreword to the report. "Our shared challenge is to make the international trading and financial systems fit for purpose to advance sustainable development and promote fair globalization."

The international agencies recommend concrete steps to overhaul the global institutional architecture and make the global economy and global finance more sustainable, including:

- supporting a shift towards long-term investment horizons with sustainability risks central to investment decisions;
- revisiting mechanisms for sovereign debt restructuring to respond to more complex debt instruments and a more diverse creditor landscape;
- revamping the multilateral trading system;
- addressing challenges to tax systems that inhibit countries from mobilizing adequate resources in an increasingly digitalized world economy; and
- addressing growing market concentration that extends across borders, with impacts on inequality.

At the national level, the report puts forward a roadmap for countries to revamp their public and private financial systems to mobilize resources for sustainable investment. It introduces tools for countries to align financing policies with national sustainable development strategies and priorities...

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DRC – Ebola

35: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu

2 April 2019

[Excerpts]

Situation update

This past week saw a notable increase in the number of Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases, with 72 newly confirmed cases and one new probable case reported in the last seven days; the largest proportion of which were from Katwa and Vuhovi health zones...

...Despite these setbacks, it should be noted that the recent shift in strategy of increasing community outreach from earlier weeks, is gradually yielding tangible results on the ground. In Katwa, the Ebola Treatment Centre was reopened after frank and open dialogue with the community. Previously reluctant communities are now permitting access to healthcare providers

once again, with residents actively participating in the renewed response efforts at times. Incidents in the community are now also rigorously followed up to minimize any potential misunderstanding, which may inadvertently contribute to community reluctance, refusal, or resistance to response efforts. In the outbreak hotspots of Katwa, Butembo and Vuhovi, persistent efforts aimed at encouraging community dialogues saw the establishment of Ebola community committees across 16 health areas. Although these community engagement interventions take time to win over the trust and cooperation of the local population, they are an integral tool in aiding the acceptance of WHO response efforts to curtail the spread of EVD in these challenging social/geographic settings. Successes observed this past week are positive indicators that these measures should be maintained whilst continually adapting to the evolving context.

Implementation of ring vaccination protocol

There are 19 vaccination teams made up of 226 Congolese vaccinators with basic GCP training, 50 Congolese formally trained in GCP and 43 GCP trained and experienced Guinean/African researchers.

As of 31 March, 93 686 contacts and contacts of contacts have been vaccinated.

The 2016 SAGE guidelines recommend that all HCWS and FLWS at risk of Ebola in the affected areas and in the areas where the outbreak is likely to spread are offered rVSV ZEBOV GP vaccine.

Since the start of the outbreak, healthcare workers and front-line workers at risk of Ebola are also being offered preventive vaccination. Almost 27 000 have been vaccinated in the health areas affected by the outbreak. In addition, over 15 000 HCWs and FLWs have been vaccinated in neighbouring areas where the risk of spread is significant (i.e Goma, South Sudan, Uganda, and soon Rwanda and Burundi)...

Risk communication, social mobilization and community engagement

Community dialogues taking place in hotspots of Butembo, Katwa and Vuhovi health zones have led to the establishment of Ebola community committees in four health areas in Katwa, six health areas in Butembo, and six health areas in Vuhovi.

House to house visits and discussions in public forums, including in market places, schools and churches to raise awareness on the evolving Ebola outbreak and clarify related community concerns are ongoing in Beni, Bunia, Butembo, Katwa, Mabalako, Oicha, Lubero, and Goma.

A strategic meeting with key operational partners, including NGOs was held in Goma on 25-26 March with a clear objective for stronger collaboration and alignment of work at the health area level to strengthening risk communication and community engagement, informed by social science evidence. These include addressing community needs beyond the immediate Ebola response interventions.

Community related incidents are systematically being followed up to ensure that any misunderstanding leading to reluctance, refusal or resistance of the Ebola response is followed up and resolved as quickly as possible...

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 3 April 2019

:: The Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization (SAGE) met on 2-4 April 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland. Among other immunization topics, SAGE was provided an update on the latest global epidemiology on polio eradication efforts and an overview of the GPEI Endgame Strategy 2019-2023. In addition, SAGE endorsed the guidelines for surveillance of vaccine-derived polioviruses in persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases.

:: The Pakistan Regional Polio Laboratory is nearing completion with funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency. Read more [here](#).

:: [Read](#) about the smart interactive visualization being used for disease surveillance and routine immunization assessments for polio eradication efforts in South Sudan.

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: ***Afghanistan***— one wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case;

:: ***Pakistan***—six WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: ***Nigeria***— two circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2)-positive environmental isolates.

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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 6 Apr 2019]

Cyclone Idai

:: [Cholera vaccination campaign begins in Mozambique](#) 3 April 2019

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [Youth speaking to youth about dodging bullets and Ebola in Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) April 2019

:: [35: Situation report on the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu](#) 2 April 2019

:: DONs - [Ebola virus disease – Democratic Republic of the Congo](#) 4 April 2019

Syrian Arab Republic

:: [Al-Hol Camp, Al-Hasakeh Governorate health situation report](#) 1 April 2019

[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

[Yemen](#) - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 6 Apr 2019]

Iraq

:: Vaccination campaign against measles, mumps and rubella concludes in Iraq 1 April 2019

occupied Palestinian territory

:: • Mobile clinic brings mammography services to remote communities in the West Bank
April 2019

Libya

:: Workshop reviews community health workers' training modules for adaption for Libya
3 April 2019

Zimbabwe

:: Zimbabwe Launches Mental Health Strategy 1 April 2019

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*

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*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 6 Apr 2019]

Afghanistan

:: Around 9.3 million children to be vaccinated in first round of polio campaign in 2019
1 April 2019

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Indonesia - Sulawesi earthquake 2018 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Lao People's Democratic Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*

Peru - *No new digest announcements identified*

Philippines - Typhoon Mangkhut - *No new digest announcements identified*

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO AFRO - Outbreaks and Emergencies Bulletin

Week 13: 25 - 31 March 2019

The WHO Health Emergencies Programme is currently monitoring 65 events in the region. This week's edition covers key new and ongoing events, including:

- :: Response to the tropical cyclone in southern Africa
- :: Ebola virus disease outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- :: Meningitis outbreak in Togo
- :: Lassa fever outbreak in Liberia.

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

:: Humanitarian Update Syrian Arab Republic - Issue 02 | 4 April 2019

FIGURES

People in need of humanitarian assistance 13M
People in acute need of humanitarian assistance 5.2M
Internally displaced people (as of August) 6.2M
Returnees (January – December 2018) 1.4 M
People in need in UN-declared hard-to-reach areas 1.1M

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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

:: Ethiopia Humanitarian Bulletin Issue #6 | 18 - 31 March 2019

Somalia

:: Somalia Humanitarian Bulletin, 1 March – 3 April 2019

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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 6 Apr 2019]

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

3 April 2019
SC/13764

[Ahead of Support Operation's Closure in Haiti, Speakers in Security Council Discuss Best Path to Create Stability, Address Urgent Humanitarian Needs](#)

As a United Nations justice support operation in Haiti prepares to end its mandate, the Security Council today discussed the best path forward over the next six months to foster stability and craft a new political mission amid political uncertainty and urgent humanitarian needs.

2 April 2019
GA/12133

[Resolution Condemning Violence Targeting Individuals Based on Religion, Beliefs, among Texts Adopted by General Assembly](#)

The General Assembly today adopted without a recorded vote two texts, including one that strongly condemns continuing violence and acts of terrorism targeting individuals, including persons belonging to religious minorities, based on or in the name of religion or belief.

2 April 2019
SG/A/1869-BIO/5196-HR/5430

[Secretary-General Appoints Nicholas Koumjian of United States Head of Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar](#)

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Nicholas Koumjian of the United States as Head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.

2 April 2019
SG/SM/19531

[Secretary-General Urges Renewed Efforts to Tackle Recruitment, Killing, Stigmatization of Conflict-Affected Children, at Campaign Launch](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 6 Apr 2019]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>
Top News

[Press briefing note on Myanmar](#)

[The Netherlands: UN expert calls on Government to build resilience into country's longstanding achievements in upholding freedom of religion or belief](#)

[UN expert on privacy plans to visit Julian Assange](#)

[UN expert on torture alarmed at reports Assange may soon be expelled from Ecuador embassy](#)

[Iraq: UN expert says prosecution of ISIL leadership must be fair and thorough](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 6 Apr 2019]
https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL
No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

[**ACT to Protect Children Affected by Conflict**](#)

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

4 April 2019

[**Zimbabwe policies hitting poor hardest, say UN rights experts**](#)

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

4 April 2019

[**Timor-Leste: UN expert on rights of indigenous peoples to visit**](#)

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

2 April 2019

[India: UN human rights experts condemn Rohingya deportations](#)

UN OCHA [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases [as presented on webpage]

05 April 2019

[Millions of people in eastern Ukraine face risks from landmines and explosive ordnances](#)

04 April 2019

[UN's emergency fund allocates \\$11 million to help displaced South Sudanese return home](#)

04 April 2019

[Statement from the UN in Syria on the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action](#)

01 April 2019

[Humanitarian funds release US\\$45.7 million for life-saving assistance in Somalia](#)

01 April 2019

[Syria Humanitarian Fund provides US\\$4.3 million to meet life ...](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

News note

[Venezuela crisis: UNICEF ramps up support for children and families amidst electricity blackouts](#)

05/04/2019

Press release

[Venezuela migrant crisis: 1.1 million children across the region will need assistance in 2019, up from nearly half a million today – UNICEF](#)

UN children's agency calls on host and transit countries to protect uprooted children from discrimination and ensure access to essential services

05/04/2019

Press release

Opening Remarks by Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director, At opening of Sanitation and Water for All Sector Ministers' Meeting San José, Costa Rica April 4, 2019

04/04/2019

Press release

Islamic Development Bank and UNICEF to establish a Global Muslim Philanthropy Fund for Children

03/04/2019

Statement

Only quality education and an end to violence can offer hope and better opportunities for children in Honduras

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore following visit to Honduras

03/04/2019

Press release

1 in 4 health care facilities lacks basic water services – UNICEF, WHO

02/04/2019

[See Milestones above for detail]

Press release

Cyclone Idai: 900,000 cholera vaccine doses arrive in Beira, Mozambique

02/04/2019

Nearly 900,000 doses of the cholera vaccine, procured by UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO), arrived in Beira, Mozambique, on Tuesday afternoon and the vaccination campaign will begin imminently. The vaccines are funded by Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance.

Mozambique's Ministry of Health has confirmed 1,052 cases of cholera in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai. The vast majority of these (959 cases) are in Beira where one death has also been confirmed, followed by Nhamatanda (87 cases). The disease is spreading rapidly...

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Briefing notes

Swollen rivers, mass crowding, add to risks at Venezuela borders 5 Apr 2019

UNHCR expanding preparations and empowering Rohingya refugees for Bangladesh's monsoons 5 Apr 2019

UNHCR says Ukraine landmine risk needs urgent action 2 Apr 2019

Press releases and news comments

UNHCR strongly rejects widespread allegations against workforce 6 Apr 2019

First resettled refugees arrive in Portugal from Turkey 4 Apr 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

IOM Hosts Global Meeting of Inter-State Consultation Mechanisms on Migration

2019-04-05 16:48

Geneva – Inter-State consultation mechanisms on migration are ongoing information-sharing and policy dialogues among States interested in promoting cooperation in the field of migration.

Tanzania, Ethiopia, Kenya Agree on Roadmap for Addressing Irregular Migration

2019-04-05 16:46

Dar es Salaam – "Facilitating simplified consular assistance that in turn will enable easier access to irregular migrants in prisons": this is one of the recommendations agreed to at a high-level inter-governmental meeting between the United Republic of Tanzania, the Federal...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 12,174 in 2019; Deaths Reach 356

2019-04-05 16:34

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reports that 12,174 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 3 April.

IOM Expresses Alarm for Safety of Libyan Civilians and Migrants in Detention

2019-04-05 14:45

Geneva - The International Organization for Migration today raised concerns for Libyan civilians as well as detained migrants, as military convoys approached the capital Tripoli.

Shelter Aid from IOM Helps 20,000 in Mozambique in First Weeks of Response to Cyclone Idai

2019-04-02 16:20

Beira — A total of 37,720 Mozambicans have now received shelter aid in a concerted international response to devastation brought by Cyclone Idai.

UNAIDS [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

2 April 2019

Helping the forgotten generation [Burkina Faso,]

2 April 2019

Learning lessons on evaluation [UNAIDS' first consultation on evaluation]

1 April 2019

Key populations are being left behind

In 2017, approximately 47% of new HIV infections globally were among key populations and their sexual partners.

Members of key populations are at a significantly higher risk of contracting HIV. The available data suggest that the risk of HIV acquisition among gay men and other men who have sex with men was 28 times higher in 2017 than it was among heterosexual men. Similarly, the risk of acquiring HIV for people who inject drugs was 22 times higher than for people who do not inject drugs, 13 times higher

for female sex workers than adult women aged 15–49 years and 13 times higher for transgender women than adults aged 15–49 years.

WHO & Regional Offices [to 6 Apr 2019]

4 April 2019 *News release*

Uneven access to health services drives life expectancy gaps: WHO

3 April 2019 *News release*

Cholera vaccination campaign begins in Mozambique

3 April 2019 *News release*

1 in 4 health care facilities lacks basic water services – UNICEF, WHO

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: South Africa attends capacity building Workshop to accelerate implementation of the Regional Oral Health Strategy 2016-2025 04 April 2019

:: Moving towards malaria elimination in Namibia 04 April 2019

:: Youth speaking to youth about dodging bullets and Ebola in Democratic Republic of the Congo 03 April 2019

:: Cholera Vaccination Campaign Begins in Mozambique 03 April 2019

:: WHO scales up health response to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique 01 April 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: World Health Day: PAHO calls for equitable access to health care (04/03/2019)

:: New report by PAHO and PATH seeks to improve vaccine programs through effective data use (04/02/2019)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- *No new digest announcements identified*

WHO European Region EURO

:: Primary health care helps extend sexual and reproductive health services in North Macedonia 05-04-2019

:: Out-of-pocket payments for health, particularly for medicines, are unaffordable for many in Europe 05-04-2019

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Vaccination campaign against measles, mumps and rubella concludes in Iraq 1 April 2019

:: Afghanistan to vaccinate 9.3 million children against polio 1 April 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: Immunization gaps threaten gains on measles 29 March 2019 *News release*

Measles outbreaks in the World Health Organization (WHO) Western Pacific Region are putting babies, children and young people at risk and threatening progress towards wiping out the disease...

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

04/04/19

Countries and experts commit to collaborate for the sustainable evolution of the aquaculture sector

02/04/19

Growing aquaculture sector must be equipped to manage the risk of aquatic animal diseases, say experts

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Press Release

UNFPA and UNAIDS urge the Government of Brunei Darussalam to repeal new discriminatory and harmful criminal law provisions

New York/GENEVA, 4 April 2019—UNFPA and UNAIDS are seriously concerned by new criminal law provisions that came into force yesterday, 3 April 2019, in Brunei Darussalam. The provisions, which impose the death penalty for same-sex sexual activity, adultery and for having a child outside of marriage, breach a number of international human rights norms, including the right to be free from torture and from cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment. The provisions will have a significant negative impact on overall health and well-being...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Major New UN Report Calls for Overhaul of Global Financial System

Sixty-plus international organizations, led by the United Nations and including the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group and World Trade Organization, jointly sounded the alarm Thursday...

Posted on April 5, 2019

[See Week in Review above for details]

International Mine Awareness Day

Statement delivered by UN ASG and Director of UNDP's Crisis Bureau Asako Okai on Mine Awareness Day, UN , New York

Posted on April 4, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

05 Apr 2019 *Press release*

[Towards a mercury-free future in Mongolia and the Philippines](#)

The artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector accounts for 20 per cent of the world's annual gold production. New \$60-million initiative will improve conditions for artisanal miners in Mongolia and the...

04 Apr 2019 *Press release*

["Cool Coalition" comes together to save lives, energy and trillions for the global economy](#)

Emissions from cooling sector set to grow 90% by 2050 without action. Cool Coalition is dedicated to inspiring ambition, mobilizing action, and accelerating progress toward UN 2019 Climate Change Summit Action on clean and...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

3 April 2019, New York

[Experts, leaders agree on key ways to mobilize accelerated action for climate, sustainable development](#)

With the urgency of climate action at an all-time high, global experts and leaders meeting in Copenhagen identified key immediate action areas to better serve both the world's efforts to achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to ensure better lives for all people.

Nearly 400 participants from around the world came together for the first Climate and SDGs Synergy Conference—formally the "Global Conference on Strengthening Synergies between the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"—and agreed that a stronger connection between

the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides the world's best opportunity for positive, systemic change that will ensure a sustainable and inclusive development in a healthy environment for present and future generations...

Strengthen inclusion, participation of people with autism to 'achieve their full potential' says UN chief

2 April 2019, New York

On World Autism Awareness Day, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres underscored in his message on Tuesday, the importance of technology which helps people living with autism "achieve their full potential"...

Countries agree to accelerate action to fully implement historic plan on population and development, emphasising importance to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal

1 April 2019, New York

UN Member States today reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action, adopted at the landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) held in Cairo in 1994. In a declaration, countries agreed that the full implementation of the Programme of Action is crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 52nd session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development opened on 1 April at UN Headquarters and is continuing until 5 April. During the Commission's meeting, countries will examine gains that have been made in implementing the Programme of Action as well as the gaps and shortfalls in achieving its goals and objectives. They will also establish how its implementation contributes to achieving relevant Sustainable Development Goals...

UNESCO [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

Posted April 4, 2019

Refugees and local residents study, play and live together at Kalobeyei Integrated Refugee Settlement

Kalobeyei, Turkana West, Kenya March 2019 – Two months ago, strong winds blew down the flimsy white tent that Perine Nadai and her children had called home since fleeing fighting in South Sudan two years ago. They...

Posted April 4, 2019

[Roundtable on floating cities at UNHQ calls for innovation to benefit all](#)

NEW YORK 3 April 2019 – UN-Habitat convened a roundtable discussion of architects, designers, academics and entrepreneurs at UN Headquarters on how floating cities could be a viable solution to urban challenges such as climate change and...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Forced and child labour

[Activists welcome progress towards eradication of forced labour, child labour in Uzbekistan](#)

03 April 2019

A conference in Brussels has welcomed an ILO report that found the Uzbek government did not systematically use child labour or forced labour during the 2018 cotton harvest. The report found that government reforms are having an impact, but that there are still many challenges at local level.

GB roundup

[ILO Governing Body concludes 335th session](#)

02 April 2019

The ILO Governing Body ended its 335th session on 28 March 2019, having agreed, among other things, on details of the ILO's Centenary International Labour Conference. ILO News discussed the highlights of the Session with Juan Llobera, Clerk of the Governing Body.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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UNIDO and the African Union to share Quality Infrastructure best practices for sustainable development

BRUSSELS,– The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in cooperation with the African Union Commission (AUC), today held the first ever International Quality Infrastructure (QI) Forum. It focused on the contribution of QI to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)...

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

By Catherine Infante on 5 April 2019

ISO standards support health for all

..ISO's technical committees have been hard at work formulating standards that protect the health and safety of patients all over the world. For example, [ISO/TC 210](#), *Quality management and corresponding general aspects for medical devices*, has produced 31 standards relating to quality management of medical devices, helping ensure the safe design and performance of medical products. In addition, [ISO/TC 215](#), *Health informatics*, develops standards that allow data to flow freely between systems. Such interoperability will have lasting impacts on how patient information can be transferred from one system to another in the future...

By Barnaby Lewis on 4 April 2019

Standards cooperation is key to making AI and smart cities a reality

Every year, a dozen organizations come together to focus on global standards collaboration in the area of information and communication technology. This year's meeting, GSC-22, was held in Montreux, Switzerland, and among a broad range of topics, expert speakers brought special focus to discussions on...

By Catherine Infante on 2 April 2019

Professional farmer organizations: new guidelines for a well-fed world

...[IWA 29](#), *Professional farmer organization – Guidelines*, will open doors of opportunities for greater financial gains, improved supplier power, and increased customer and member satisfaction within professional farmer organizations...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 3, 2019

The United States Announces Nearly \$33 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for People Affected by Cyclone Idai

Today, the United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), announced nearly \$33 million in additional humanitarian assistance to meet the urgent needs caused by Cyclone Idai and related flooding, including nearly \$31 million for the people of Mozambique and over \$2 million for the people of Zimbabwe.

DFID [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

3 April 2019 — *Guidance*

Delivering overseas aid programmes if there's no Brexit deal

The UK government's offer to UK aid organisations in response to EU no deal planning.

3 April 2019 — *Policy paper*

Working with the EU on international development

What the Political Declaration means for international development.

ECHO [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

04/04/2019

EU provides €1.2 million in emergency support to help victims of floods in Iran

Today the European Commission announced an initial amount of €1.2 million in response to the devastating floods that have recently affected northern and south-western parts of Iran. The emergency funding will assist the most vulnerable communities....

The EU provides €6 million in humanitarian support for Libya

03/04/2019

As many Libyans continued to be displaced within their country due to conflict, the Commission has announced today €6 million in humanitarian aid for 2019. This brings total humanitarian assistance in the country for 2018-2019 to €15 million. "The...

Global Report on Food Crises: acute hunger still affecting over 100 million people worldwide

02/04/2019

Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, said: "Food insecurity remains a global challenge. That's why, from 2014 to 2020, the EU will have provided nearly €9 billion for initiatives on food and nutrition security..."

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African Union [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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Statement of the Chairperson of the Commission on the situation in Libya

April 05, 2019

Le Président de la Commission de l'Union africaine, Moussa Faki Mahamat, est préoccupé par la vive tension qui prévaut à l'heure actuelle en Libye.

One step forward for the future of work in Africa

April 04, 2019

AU and ILO hosted a ministerial side meeting on the Future of work. The panel discussed the key challenges facing the world of work in Africa and how these may be addressed in the future. Discussions on how to take forward the recommendation that came out of the Global Report at the regional and national level was also covered.

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

4 April 2019

Fifth Annual ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women Launched, Focuses on the Circular Economy

JAKARTA,— Today, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), in partnership with UL, launched the fifth annual ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women. The 2019 prize will highlight the theme of the "Circular Economy" and will be awarded to two [...]

European Commission [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

04/04/2019

EU Trust Fund for Africa: €115.5 million to enhance security, migrant protection and job creation in the Sahel region

- The European Commission adopted five new programmes and three top-ups of current programmes worth €115.5 million under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa to complement ongoing efforts in the Sahel and Lake Chad region.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 4 April 2019 The European Commission adopted five new programmes and three top-ups of current programmes worth €115.5 million under the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa to complement ongoing efforts in the Sahel and Lake Chad region.

Rule of Law: European Commission launches infringement procedure to protect judges in Poland from political control

03/04/2019 - Today, the European Commission has launched an infringement procedure by sending a Letter of Formal Notice to Poland regarding the new disciplinary regime for judges. The Polish government has 2 months to reply.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 3 April 2019 Today, the European Commission has launched an infringement procedure by sending a Letter of Formal Notice to Poland regarding the new disciplinary regime for judges. The Polish government has 2 months to reply.

Libya: EU to provide €6 million in humanitarian assistance

03/04/2019 - As many Libyans continued to be displaced within their country due to conflict, the Commission has announced today €6 million in humanitarian aid for 2019.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 3 April 2019 As many Libyans continued to be displaced within their country due to conflict, the Commission has announced today €6 million in humanitarian aid for 2019. This brings total humanitarian assistance in the country for 2018-2019 to €15 million.

Global Report on Food Crises: acute hunger still affecting over 100 million people worldwide

02/04/2019 - A report presented today jointly by the European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) finds that around 113 million people in 53 countries experienced acute food insecurity in 2018, compared to 124 million in 2017.

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 2 April 2019 A report presented today jointly by the European Union, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the UN World Food Programme (WFP) finds that around 113 million people in 53 countries experienced acute food insecurity in 2018,...

OECD [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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Organization of American States (OAS) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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United States Assumes Chair of the Permanent Council

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 6 Apr 2019]
<http://www.g77.org/>
No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 6 Apr 2019]
<http://unctad.org/en/Pages/AllPressRelease.aspx>
[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives]
Press Releases
01 Apr 2019 –

[Despite Big Hurdles, Afghanistan could Tap Youth-Driven IT Sector to Scale-up e-Commerce Operations](#)

01 Apr 2019 –
[Bangladesh Poised to Benefit from E-Commerce Boost after Laying “Exemplary” Digital Foundation](#)

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 6 Apr 2019]
<http://www.wcoomd.org/>
Selected Latest News
05 April 2019

[Building a Regional Framework for Customs Integrity in West Africa](#)

...This initiative acknowledges the dangers of corruption within customs and society and the need to strengthen the regional context to support delivery of national anti-corruption initiatives in West Africa...

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 6 Apr 2019]
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm
No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 6 Apr 2019]
<https://www.ipu.org/news/press-releases>
1 April 2019

[#IPU140 Assembly in Doha to focus on education, gender equality and counter-terrorism](#)

Over 1600 parliamentarians, UN partners and experts from around the world will meet in Doha, Qatar, for the 140th IPU Assembly from 6 to 10 April. Under the overarching theme of education for peace, the Assembly will also consider ways in which parliaments can boost gender equality—particularly in the region, take measures to counter terrorism, promote human rights and invest in renewable energy. The Qatar Shura Council will host delegates from around 160 countries including 80 Speakers of Parliament, 40 Deputy Speakers, and over 800 MPs, of which 30 per cent are women and 19 per cent are young MPs under 45. Qatar joined the IPU in 2006 and is hosting its first IPU Assembly.

International Court of Justice [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 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]

World Bank's Executive Directors Select David Malpass 13th President of the World Bank Group

WASHINGTON, April 5, 2019 - The Executive Directors of the World Bank today unanimously selected David R. Malpass as President of the World Bank Group for a five-year term beginning on Tuesday, April 9...

Date: April 05, 2019 Type: Press Release

Macro Poverty Outlook for South Asia

SAR Macro Poverty Outlook, Spring 2019 The report is comprised of two-page notes on 8 countries from South Asia. World Bank, April 2019 Download PDF (10 Mb)

Date: April 05, 2019 Type: Brief

As Growth Slows in Europe and Central Asia, Financial Inclusion Can Play Key Role Addressing Long-Term Challenges

WASHINGTON, April 5, 2019 – Economic growth in the Europe and Central Asia region slowed to 3.1% in 2018, and is projected to decline to 2.1% in 2019, amid slowing global growth and uncertain prospects...

Date: April 05, 2019 Type: Press Release

World Bank Launched Bonds to Highlight the Challenge of Plastic Waste in Oceans

Washington, D.C, April 4, 2019—The World Bank (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, IBRD, Aaa/AAA) launched a Sustainable Development Bond to draw attention to the challenge of plastic...

Date: April 03, 2019 Type: Press Release

11 Research Teams from 9 Countries Win More than \$1 million to Address Gender-Based Violence

WASHINGTON, April 3, 2019—The World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) today awarded US\$1.1 million to 11 research teams from around the world for innovations to prevent and respond...

Date: April 03, 2019 Type: Press Release

World Bank Scales-Up Its Support for Regional Higher Education Centers for Excellence in Africa

\$143 million has been approved to help implement the First Africa Centers of Excellence for Development Impact in Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Ghana, Guinea and Senegal WASHINGTON, April 3, 2019— The Board...

Date: April 03, 2019 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 6 Apr 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]

2 April 2019

A Delicate Moment for the Global Economy: Three Priority Areas for Action

By Christine Lagarde, IMF Managing Director
U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, DC

African Development Bank Group [to 6 Apr 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]

African Development Bank announces US\$100 million comprehensive relief, reconstruction and mitigation plan for Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

05/04/2019 - Following the devastating impact of Cyclone Idai and the unprecedented loss of life and property in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi, the African Development Bank has announced a multi-pronged response plan for the three countries

African Development Bank launches Pan-African Urban and Municipal Development Fund

05/04/2019 - The African Development Bank has launched the Urban and Municipal Development Fund, a multi-donor trust fund to scale up interventions in urban development and drive sustainable growth in cities across the African continent.

African Development Bank and Microsoft launch All-female Coding training in Nigeria

04/04/2019 - One hundred and sixty young women have begun a month-long coding class on two Nigerian campuses under a new programme to give African youth digital skills for the work force. The Coding for Employment programme, organised by the African Development Bank and Microsoft Philanthropies, prioritises young women who typically have been side-lined in the technology ecosystem.

African Development Bank advances gender equality in African procurement

01/04/2019 - Creating space for more women in the African procurement market was at the heart of a technical workshop organised last Thursday and Friday by the African Development Bank.

Asian Development Bank [to 6 Apr 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]

4 Apr 2019

New Facility to Mobilize \$1 Billion for ASEAN Green Infrastructure

Southeast Asian governments, ADB, and major development financiers launched the “ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance Facility”, a new initiative to spur more than \$1 billion in green infrastructure investments ASEAN.

3 Apr 2019

Asia Must Prioritize Disaster Resilience in Face of Growing Risks — ADB Study

With the region facing ever-higher disaster risks, developing Asia urgently needs to build its resilience before catastrophe strikes through better planning, setting aside government budget, and encouraging insurance, says a new research.

3 Apr 2019

Slower Global Demand Pulls Down Developing Asia's Growth Prospects — ADB

Growth remains strong across most of developing Asia but is set to moderate this year and next year against the backdrop of slowing global demand and persistent trade tensions, according to a new ADB report.

2 Apr 2019

Building Resilience is Key to Economic Growth in the Pacific

The economies of countries in the Pacific are expected to recover over the next two years, although building resilience against natural hazards and climate change remains a key priority, according to a new report by ADB released today.

1 Apr 2019

ADB Boosts Efforts to Promote Good Governance, Fight Corruption in Asia and Pacific

ADB is intensifying ongoing efforts to promote good governance among its developing member countries (DMCs), according to the Office of Anticorruption and Integrity (OAI) 2018 Annual Report released today.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 6 Apr 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]

Beijing, China, April 04, 2019

AIIB Approves USD280 Million for First Two Projects in Sri Lanka

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved its first two projects in Sri Lanka.

Beijing, China, April 04, 2019

AIIB Approves First Project in Lao PDR

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a loan of USD40 million to improve a critical section of National Road 13 in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR).

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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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 6 Apr 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

[Amref Health Africa Public Advisory on Donations of Food and Non- Food Items to Drought Affected Families across Kenya](#)

[1 April, 2019 / by Amref Health Africa](#)

[Amref Health Africa Responds to Cyclone Idai Disaster](#)

[1 April, 2019 / by Amref Health Africa](#)

Aravind Eye Care System [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

3rd Apr 2019

Joint statement by Humanitarian NGOs on IHL Compliance and the Protection of Humanitarian Action

As humanitarian organizations working across the globe to protect and assist civilians in conflict, we welcome today's Security Council meeting on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the protection of humanitarian space...

Clubhouse International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

01.04.2019

Statement of INGOs in Myanmar on the situation in Rakhine

As international NGOs supporting communities throughout Rakhine State, we express our deep concern with the continued fighting between the Myanmar Security and the Arakan Army Forces.

ECPAT [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 01, 2019 10:35 AM

Humanity & Inclusion Statement | Security Council on Protecting Humanitarian and Medical personnel

Heifer International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Venezuela: ICRC President making 5-day visit to view operations, re-affirm commitment

The President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Peter Maurer, is making a five-day visit to Venezuela from April 6-10. Mr.

05-04-2019 | *News release*

Mexico: Migrants using WhatsApp can get advice on how to stay safe and avoid illness, sickness

Migrants travelling through Central America and Mexico began receiving WhatsApp messages on Monday with advice on how to avoid and prevent accidents, illness and being separated from family members – common dangers that migrants face.

03-04-2019 | *News release*

ICRC president to UN Security Council: Space for impartial humanitarian action under threat

Mr. President, thanks for the opportunity to be with you today. Ministers, dear colleagues, the shape of conflict has undergone rapid transformation in recent years.

01-04-2019 | *Statement*

ICRC president to UN Security Council: Disrespect of health care a security issue

Ministers, dear colleagues, I will start with this frank assessment: in conflicts around the world, attacks on health care workers and facilities are continuing unabated and the impact on civilians is nothing but catastrophic. Three years after the Iran

01-04-2019 | *Statement*

IFRC [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Iran, Middle East and North Africa

"Iran is under water" – IFRC announces support as flood crisis worsens

Beirut/Geneva, 3 April 2019 – As the flooding emergency in Iran worsens, the world's largest humanitarian network has released just under 500,000 Swiss francs to bolster local Red Crescent relief efforts. The funds released from IFRC's Disaster Relief ...

3 April 2019

Africa, Mozambique

Mozambique: Aid reaches community cut off since cyclone

Beira/Geneva, 3 April 2019 – More than 2,300 people isolated since Cyclone Idai struck Mozambique received a major delivery of Red Cross emergency supplies late yesterday. The community of Buzi, which lies to the south of the city of Beira, had been alm ...

3 April 2019

Europe, Middle East and North Africa

Red Cross Red Crescent Mediterranean National Societies to tackle cross-cutting migration issues

More than 150 Red Cross Red Crescent delegates from 23 countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea are meeting in Sarajevo this week to discuss approaches to aiding vulnerable migrants and the communities receiving them.

2 April 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Press Release

U.S. aid cuts to Central America will stall progress made, intensify violence, and increase forced displacement

April 3, 2019

Remarks

David Miliband Remarks at UN Security Council Meeting on Respect for International Humanitarian Law

April 1, 2019

IRCT [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://irct.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

Friday prayers cancelled in Idlib after 20 killed in attacks

Published: 5 April, 2019

Nepalese families receive winter survival kits

Published: 3 April, 2019

Building climate change resilience in Bangladesh

Published: 1 April, 2019

Landsea [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

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

Rwanda

[Rwandan genocide 25 years on: MSF caught in spiral of extreme violence from Rwanda to Zaire](#)

Voices from the Field 5 Apr 2019

Cyclone Idai & Southern Africa flooding

[MSF emergency response to Cyclone Idai and flooding](#)

Crisis Update 5 Apr 2019

Palestine

[Gaza's numbing routine of injury and death](#)

Voices from the Field 4 Apr 2019

Niger

[Violence, humanitarian needs and fear mount in Diffa](#)

Project Update 4 Apr 2019

Nigeria

[Over 30,000 people in acute need in northern Borno state](#)

Press Release 4 Apr 2019

Yemen

[Medical admissions in Aden suspended after patient kidnapped and killed](#)

Press Release 4 Apr 2019

DRC 2018 Ebola outbreaks

[Crisis update - April 2019](#)

Crisis Update 3 Apr 2019

Iraq

[Triaging patients in one of Baghdad's busiest emergency departments](#)

Voices from the Field 2 Apr 2019

Libya

[Migrants in Libya: "We were able to make their time in that horrible place slightly better."](#)

Voices from the Field 2 Apr 2019

Mercy Corps [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Press Releases

United States: Cutting Aid to Central America is Shortsighted and Counterproductive

Slashing U.S. aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras is a shortsighted and counterproductive move that undermines the goal of creating a safer and more prosperous Central America. Addressing the challenges of Central American migration should begin with examining the underlying factors that force many people to migrate.

NASA and Mercy Corps Join Forces to Tackle Critical Development Challenges Using Satellite Earth Observations

WASHINGTON — The global organization Mercy Corps and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are teaming up to help vulnerable communities in the most fragile places on Earth build resilience and better withstand stresses like population growth, conflict, resource scarcity and climate change.

Operation Smile [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Cyclone Idai: Survivors face a new disaster as cholera spreads

3 April 2019

The first fatality has been confirmed and the number of cases is soaring, now over 1,000.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Ukraine | 04. Apr 2019

Ukraine: How we help those affected by conflict survive the winter

The conflict in eastern Ukraine is approaching its fifth year, and hostilities, isolation and depletion of resources continue to affect civilians along the frontlines. During the harsh winter months, they need to find means to buy costly fuel and basic goods, which have tripled in price in recent years.

Malawi/Mozambique | 01. Apr 2019

Gearing up for Idai

NORCAP sends the first four experts to support UN agencies in the cyclone Idai response this week. The tropical storm recently hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi, leaving more than 750 people dead, more than 140,000 people displaced, and devastated large parts of the three countries.

Nigeria | 01. Apr 2019

Nigeria is steering towards another deadly Cholera outbreak

Overcrowded displacement camps coupled with a lack of basic sanitation facilities and hygiene will cause another cholera outbreak in northeast Nigeria if action is not taken now to prevent it, warns the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Statement of INGOs in Myanmar on the situation in Rakhine

Published 01. Apr 2019

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Pact [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Apr 04, 2019

PIH Leader Addresses UN on Women, Girls' Situation in Haiti

Loune Viaud, executive director for Zanmi Lasante, as PIH is known in Haiti, urged Security Council members to support women and girls' rights in Haiti during a recent address at UN headquarters in New York City. R

Apr 01, 2019

Dr. Marta Lado: From Ebola Fighter to PIH-er

Dr. Marta Lado, chief medical officer for Partners In Health in Sierra Leone, talks about the lessons she learned while treating patients for Ebola, and why she stayed to help build the public health system.

Apr 01, 2019

Dr. Michelle Morse: Leading a New Generation of Global Health Clinicians

Dr. Michelle Morse, Partners In Health deputy medical director for Haiti, helped develop new medical residencies at University Hospital in Mirebalais.

Apr 01, 2019

Dr. Joia Mukherjee: PIH's Global Health Warrior

PIH's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joia Mukherjee discusses her first book, "An Introduction to Global Health Delivery," the U.S.'s current health care battle, and how to pursue a career in global health.

Apr 01, 2019

Graciela Cadet: Inspiring Nurse Leader in Haiti

PIH graduated its inaugural class of Nightingale Fellows, nurse leaders who received support and training in executive leadership and will use what they've learned to improve patient care.

PATH [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 2, 2019 by PATH

[New report by PAHO and PATH details strategies to improve vaccine programs through effective data use](#)

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Friday 5 April 2019

[DRC Ebola outbreak: Set backs as disease spreads quickly](#)

Thursday 4 April 2019

[Cyclone Idai: 194 babies expected to be born daily amidst cholera, malaria outbreak](#)

Monday 1 April 2019

[Seven essential steps to fight deadly cholera](#)

By Rachael Cummings & Dr Unni Krishnan

Cholera cases create a new danger for children in the cyclone Idai-ravaged areas of Mozambique. There will be another disaster if cholera spreads.

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

All News

Mozambique – 8 April 2019

[‘The real consequences often come after the storm has subsided’](#)

Recovery efforts in Beira must not overlook the psychological needs of those who experienced Tropical Cyclone Idai, says an expert working with SOS Children’s Villages

European Parliament elections – 5 April 2019

[Campaign to vote for Child Rights Champions](#)

SOS Children’s Villages International is part of a joint campaign encouraging citizens to vote for ‘Child Rights Champions’ in the upcoming European Parliament elections.

Tostan [to 6 Apr 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 6, 2019

[One Woman’s Resilience Inspires Change in her Community after the 1994 Rwandan Genocide.](#)

World Vision [to 6 Apr 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Thursday, April 4th 2019

New flash flooding in Afghanistan takes lives and decimates communities

Flash flooding today destroyed homes and causes further devastation in western Afghanistan, one week after tens of thousands were affected as floodwaters swept away homes and lives

Monday, April 1st 2019

Homes, crops and animals washed away in Afghanistan floods

April 1, HERAT – Damage caused by severe flash-flooding in Afghanistan's western region is coming to light as aid workers reach areas largely cut off by the floodwaters.

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Center for Media Ethics and Responsibility/CMFR [to 6 Apr 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 | April 3, 2019

Victory for Users: WhatsApp Fixes Privacy Problem in Group Messaging

San Francisco - In a victory for users, WhatsApp has fixed a long-standing privacy problem in group messaging, where users could be added to a group without their permission. The issue was one of the targets of "Fix It Already!," a campaign from the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF...

Freedom House [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Research

Press Releases

Azerbaijan: The Government Must Stop Pursuing the Most Vulnerable Members of its Society

April 3, 2019

Azerbaijan's government begins a new wave of crackdowns on the LGBT+ community.

After an Opposition Election Victory, Erdoğan Faces Hard Choices

Apr 1 2019 - 4:08pm

The ruling party's defeat in Turkey's major cities comes amid economic crisis and diplomatic tensions.

Human Rights Watch [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Transparency International [to 6 Apr 2019]
<https://www.transparency.org/news/pressreleases>
No new digest content identified.

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Bond [to 6 Apr 2019]
<https://www.bond.org.uk/>
News and views

Stats on international development: how UK aid was spent in 2018

4 April 2019

The 2018 ODA stats show the UK meeting the 0.7% spending target, with an extra £487m spent on UK aid compared to 2017.

Seeing clearly: solving Asia's air pollution crisis

3 April 2019

Patrick Schröder

Air pollution is the largest environmental public health risk, with the burden falling especially on those in developing countries.

Empty commitments: is the UK government engaging with civil society?

1 April 2019

Claire Godfrey

As engagement between government and CSOs deteriorates, we highlight the potential dangers of government bypassing civil society, and the value of CSOs to formulating better public policy.

ChildFund Alliance [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

April 04, 2019

New Report Highlights Success of a Program That Offers Central American Children and Youth Opportunities to Remain in Their Communities Rather than Flee Violence

Findings demonstrate encouraging results for a Canadian-backed migration project as the U.S. takes steps to cut similar aid to the Northern Triangle countries.

CONCORD [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Press release

Ethical leadership & multilateral cooperation

The Elders welcome China's commitment to multilateralism and dialogue on rights and development, following meeting with President Xi Jinping

Mary Robinson, Ban Ki-moon, Lakhdar Brahimi, Ricardo Lagos and Ernesto Zedillo were in Beijing to meet with the President of China, His Excellency Xi Jinping and other senior leaders.

This Elders mission to China included high-level discussions on multilateralism, climate change and development, nuclear rearmament and non-proliferation, and human rights, alongside a 'town-hall' meeting with students of the China Foreign Affairs University.

The Elders had open and wide-ranging discussions with President Xi, where he reaffirmed China's commitment to multilateralism and the importance of a strong and functional United Nations. Although The Elders acknowledged China's unprecedented international cooperation – including the Belt and Road Initiative - they also expressed hope that China will step up its efforts to make that cooperation consistent with the development needs, and financial and environmental sustainability of partner countries.

Given the urgency of fully implementing the Paris Agreement, and the disengagement of some countries, The Elders appealed to China to enhance its commitment to tackling climate change. President Xi reiterated China's support for the Paris Agreement and a firm commitment to meet its obligations on climate change...

Evidence Aid [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News

03 April 2019

Cholera vaccination campaign begins in Mozambique

Following Cyclone Idai devastation, nearly 900,000 people will receive the vaccine from the Gavi-funded stockpile.

02 April 2019

Japan to host major event to boost vaccination in world's poorest countries

Opportunity to save lives through immunisation to be unveiled at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) 7

Global Fund [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest Resources

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

United Nations 2 April 2019

ACT to Protect Children Affected by Conflict

UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict launches new initiative to improve awareness and action to protect boys and girls affected by armed conflict. The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba, unveiled a new initiative to generate greater awareness and action to improve the protection of children affected by armed conflict

InterAction [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Humanitarian Practice

Gender Equality in Humanitarian Response

Apr 5, 2019

Prevention of Sexual Abuse & Harassment

Course Materials For Preventing Sexual Exploitation And Abuse

Apr 5, 2019

U.S. Foreign Assistance

More Than 70 Organizations Oppose Proposed Cut-Off in Foreign Assistance to Central America

Cutting off poverty-alleviating and violence-reducing assistance in Central America runs counter to American values and interests.

Apr 1, 2019

[See Week in Review for details]

Start Network [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

05 Apr 19

Preparing for independence and the future of the Start Network

by Helen James

... with effect from 9 April 2019

Mr Sean Lowrie, CEO, will focus his activities until the end of June entirely on writing the Start Network chronicles since its beginning and the role of the network in the wider humanitarian system.

Mrs Catherine Sneath, Chief of Staff, will lead the operative process of spinning off the Start Network, take over all operative tasks and line manage the entire Start Team.

Christof Gabriel Maetze, Chair of the Start Network Board said: "I am really pleased with the solution going forward as this permits renewed focus on both spin-off as well as institutional memory and the strategic future of the Start Network. Both elements are important for the development of the Network. I would like to thank Catherine and Sean for their support and dedication. A special thank you to our current host SCUK for their great commitment to Start's independence"...

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Event

3ie and IEG conference on citizen engagement and accountable government

3ie and the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group will hold a one-day conference on citizen engagement and accountable government in Washington, DC on 8 April 2019. It is the start of the 3ie Washington Evidence Week, which includes a series of internal and public events.

Impact of financial inclusion in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of reviews

Systematic review 3ie 2019

This systematic review by Duvendack and Mader assessed the evidence on economic, social, behavioural and gender-related outcomes from financial inclusion interventions.

Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

01/04/2019

CHS Alliance delivers training in Manila

The CHS Alliance was invited by the HR INGO Network of the Philippines and Christian Aid to bring our training on investigating allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse to Manila.

Development Initiatives [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 6 Apr 2019]

<http://www.elrha.org/resource-hub/news/>
No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

[Undated]

The State of the Humanitarian System: the view from the field

Groupe URD, in partnership with ALNAP, is very pleased to invite you to a presentation of the findings of the 2018 edition of the 'State of the Humanitarian System' and the five case studies that we carried out, looking at the effectiveness of aid from an operational perspective. We hope to see you in Bamako on 29 March or in Paris on 9 May.

This fourth edition of the State of the Humanitarian System report covers the period 2015-2017. It was coordinated by ALNAP, an international network of humanitarian organisations, and was produced in collaboration with several organisations, including Groupe URD, which was in charge of carrying out the five case studies in Bangladesh, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali and Yemen.

To coincide with the publication of these case studies, Groupe URD is organising a general presentation of the report in Paris. This will be an opportunity to present the key findings of this in-depth study, with reference to experiences in the field.

Sufficiency – Coverage – Relevance and appropriateness – Accountability and participation – Effectiveness – Efficiency – Coherence – Connectedness – Complementarity – Impact: the aid system was analysed in the light of these 10 quality criteria. These will be explored via the five case studies carried out in emblematic countries.

9 May 2019, 15:00 to 19:00

At Paris Story

11 bis Rue Scribe, 75009 Paris

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

The Sphere Project [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 6 Apr 2019

Latest Research

Report

[Is sub-Saharan Africa facing another systemic sovereign debt crisis?](#)

Brahima Sangafowa Coulibaly, Dhruv Gandhi, and Lemma Senbet

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Report

[Fiscal therapy: 12 framing facts and what they mean](#)

William G. Gale

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Report

[How playful learning can help leapfrog progress in education](#)

Rebecca Winthrop

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Campaigns & Elections

[The Filer Voter experiment: How effective is voter registration at tax time?](#)

Vanessa Williamson

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Regulatory Policy

[Examining the EPA's Proposal to Exclude Co-Benefits of Mercury Regulation](#)

Connor Raso

Monday, April 1, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 3, 2019

[The Future of Global Health Procurement: Issues around Pricing Transparency - Working Paper 507](#)

This paper focuses on the role that price transparency may play in the efficient and effective procurement of medicines by middle- and low-income countries. Will making prices publicly available make procurement more efficient and cost-effective medicines more accessible? We conclude that transparency of the procurement process significantly lowers costs by encouraging bidders.

Mikel Berdud , Kalipso Chalkidou , Emma Dean , Jimena Ferraro , Lou Garrison , Cassandra Nemzoff and Adrian Towse

April 3, 2019

[Can Transparency Lower Prices and Improve Access to Pharmaceuticals? It Depends](#)

Is price transparency really the answer to healthcare systems' fiscal sustainability challenges as they strive to expand access to new technologies or even merely sustain provision within strained public budgets? Well, it depends!

Kalipso Chalkidou and Adrian Towse

CSIS [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[The Impact of Rules of Origin on Supply Chains: USMCA's Auto Rules as a Case Study](#)

April 4, 2019 | [William Alan Reinsch](#), [Jack Caporal](#)

With the USMCA now unveiled, how will the new rules of origin impact the auto industry from the bottom to the top? The Scholl looks in-depth at the effects the new deal may cause.

Report

[Space Threat Assessment 2019](#)

April 4, 2019 | [Todd Harrison](#), [Kaitlyn Johnson](#), [Thomas G. Roberts](#) In Space Threat Assessment 2019 the CSIS Aerospace Security Project reviews the open-source information available on the counterspace capabilities that can threaten U.S. space systems.

Report

[Harnessing Multilateral Financing for Health Security Preparedness](#)

April 3, 2019 The financing gap for preparedness is one of the starkest problems in health security. The CSIS Commission on Strengthening America's Health Security proposes some sensible pathways for leveraging this year's IDA19 replenishment to help close this gap.

Report

[U.S. Foreign Exchange Policy—Currency Provisions and Trade Deals](#)

April 3, 2019 | [Mark Sobel](#)

CSIS's Mark Sobel discusses the political reality that currency provisions may need to be associated with trade negotiations moving forward, advocating for a focus on sensibly managing outcomes and transparency.

Report

[The FY2020 Defense Budget Request and the Need for a Real "Strategy Driven" Budget](#)

April 1, 2019 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The entire budget submission is centered around the assumption that the U.S. needs more defense spending – rather than to spend more wisely on the right forces and missions.

ODI [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in shock-sensitive social protection](#)

Working and discussion papers | April 2019 | Rebecca Holmes

Exploring how best to integrate gender equality into the design and implementation of shock-sensitive social protection programming.

[Climate change, conflict and security scan: analysis of current thinking](#)

Research reports and studies | April 2019 | Katie Peters and Leigh Mayhew

This scan summarises the literature and social media coverage on the topic of resilience, climate change, conflict and security from April–July 2018.

Making adaptive rigour work: principles and practices for strengthening monitoring, evaluation and learning for adaptive management

Briefing papers | April 2019 | Ben Ramalingam, Leni Wild and Anne Buffardi

Adaptive programmes can be accountable, rigorous and high quality in how they use evidence by taking an 'adaptive rigour' approach.

Intersectional approaches to vulnerability reduction and resilience-building

Research reports and studies | April 2019 | Daniel Chaplin, John Twigg and Emma Lovell

This scoping paper explores intersectional approaches to vulnerability reduction and resilience-building.

India's energy transition: stranded coal power assets, workers and energy subsidies

Briefing papers | April 2019 | Leah Worrall, Leo Roberts, Balasubramanian Viswanathan and Christopher Beaton

Briefing note providing analysis of the relationship between subsidies and coal power assets.

Scoping and design for taking forecast-based early action to scale: three case studies

Working and discussion papers | April 2019 | Thomas Tanner, Lena Weingartner, Florence Pichon, Bill Gray, Kiswendsida Guigma, Jafar Iqbal, Simon Levine, David MacLeod, Khairun Nahar, Kaiser Rejve, Courtenay Cabot Venton, Catalina Jaime, Martin Todd and Stephen McDowell

Three types of humanitarian financing-delivery systems and what they can teach us about scaling up mechanisms for forecast-based early action.

Urban Institute [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 5, 2019

Retirement Security in 2050

Using a microsimulation model, this paper follows GenX and Early Millennial Americans between 2020 and 2050. Projections suggest they will find it difficult to maintain or improve their economic circumstances between their work and retirement years. Although GenX and Early Millennial retirees are expected to be better off than current retirees on absolute measures of income, they are expected to be worse off than current

[Barbara Butrica](#)

Working Paper

College Premium and Its Impact on Racial and Gender Differentials in Earnings and Future Old-age Income

Returns to college education have been growing over the last several decades and are likely to continue growing in the future, but they are not the same for all, providing different incentives to invest in education. This study explores the role that race and gender play in the earnings of college-educated workers. It estimates returns to college in earnings and old-age income, projected in 2050, by race and gender. It also

[Damir Cosic](#)

April 5, 2019

Working Paper

Toward a Geographic Strategy for Rapid Re-housing

In 2015, Hamilton Families launched the Heading Home Initiative (HHI), a \$30 million homelessness rapid re-housing initiative in partnership with the City of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District, as part of an effort to end long-term family homelessness. While preliminary evidence on rapid re-housing is positive, few studies have specifically examined the efficacy of rapid re-housing in high-cost and low-

[Samantha Batko](#), [Amanda Gold](#), [Daniel Teles](#), [Sarah Gillespie](#)

April 5, 2019

Research Report

The Challenges Facing Arizona Teachers' Retirement Plan

The Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) pays pension benefits to the state's public school teachers, but the system is substantially underfunded. This report uses an actuarial model to estimate how much taxpayer contributions to ASRS will likely have to increase to close the system's financing gap under current benefit rules and various investment return scenarios. Our results show that annual employer contributions to ASRS

[Erald Kolasi](#), [Richard W. Johnson](#)

April 3, 2019

Research Report

Child Care Subsidies under the CCDF Program: An Overview of Policy Differences across States and Territories as of October 1, 2017

If a single mother earns \$25,000 per year, can she receive a subsidy to help pay for child care? What if she decides to attend a training program? If she does qualify for a subsidy, how much will she have to pay out of pocket? The answers to these questions depend on a family's exact circumstances. Child care subsidies are provided through a federal block grant program called the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Within

[Victoria Tran](#), [Kelly Dwyer](#), [Sarah Minton](#)

April 2, 2019

Brief

Home Visiting for Military Families: An Overview of Innovative Programs

More than 1.6 million children in the United States have at least 1 parent in the military, including at least 600,000 children under age 6, according to estimates from the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD). While parenting under any circumstances can be challenging, military families often face scenarios that can make it harder to parent effectively. The programs profiled in this brief can inform both the development of military

[Shirley Adelstein](#), [Francesca Longo](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#)

April 1, 2019

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Selected News Releases

News 06 Apr 2019

[Rule of Law and Institutions Needed for Recovery in Iraq and Syria](#)

[For Working Women in the Arab World, Equality Is a Moral Demand](#)

[Israeli-Palestinian Standoff Continues to Cloud Middle Eastern Geopolitics](#)

[Arab Education Should Focus on Early Childhood and Adoption of Technology, Say Regional Leaders](#)

[New Platforms of Cooperation Needed to Spur Growth and Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

News 04 Apr 2019

[Unemployment, Governance Challenges and Energy Price Shocks Seen as Major Risks in the Middle East and North Africa, Climate Change Possible Blind Spot](#)

[Apply to the World Economic Forum's fintech challenge – seeking the world's most innovative approaches to improve financial literacy](#)

News 03 Apr 2019

[Central Banks Becoming Leaders in Blockchain Experimentation, Says World Economic Forum](#)

[World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa to Focus on Building New Platforms of Cooperation](#)

News 02 Apr 2019

["Operating System Upgrade" Needed to Renew Globalization, Avoid Future Crises](#)

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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 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Posted April 2, 2019

[Children in Foster Care Increasingly Likely to Live in Families](#)

The Annie E. Casey Foundation today released "Keeping Kids in Families: Trends in U.S. Foster Care Placement," using data from child welfare systems across all 50 states and the District of Columbia over a 10-year period to look at how placements for young people in foster care have changed.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 6 Apr 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.

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

News 4 April 2019

[Ford Foundation Appoints Nishka Chandrasoma as Vice President and General Counsel](#)

The Ford Foundation today announced the appointment of Nishka Chandrasoma as its next vice president, secretary, and general counsel of the foundation.

GHIT Fund [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest Updates

April 2, 2019 Special Projects

Inaugural Juliette Gimon Courage Awards: Global Fund for Children recognizes two grassroots leaders pursuing justice for children worldwide

The Global Fund for Children announced today the winners of its inaugural Juliette Gimon Courage Awards, recognizing innovative grassroots organizations Asociación Generando (ASOGEN) and Mavi Kalem for their work to advance children's rights in the face of political and social adversity.

April 1, 2019

Doing my part for American democracy

By Larry Kramer

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 2, 2019 *News Release*

Medicare Part D Spending on Insulin Increased 840 Percent Between 2007 and 2017

Medicare Part D spending on insulin increased 840 percent between 2007 and 2017, far outpacing growth in the number of beneficiaries using insulin therapy, according to a new KFF analysis. The findings come at a time when the cost of prescription drugs is a major focus for policymakers in Washington,...

April 2, 2019 *News Release*

PolitiFact announces an exclusive health news fact-checking partnership with Kaiser Health News (KHN)

PETERSBURG, Fla. & SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (April 2, 2019) – The Poynter Institute, a global nonprofit dedicated to excellence in journalism, announces an exclusive new partnership between its fact-checking news organization, PolitiFact, and KFF (Kaiser Family Foundation) – the trusted source of health policy information – through Kaiser Health News...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

2 April 2019

[Aga Khan Agency for Habitat and UK partners train female rescuers in Tajikistan and Afghanistan](#)

31 March 2019

[Aga Khan Music Award laureates receive US\\$ 500,000 prize](#)

Kellogg Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://www.wkkf.org/news-and-media>

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

What We're Learning

[A Call for Congressional Action on Nuclear Terror](#)

April 5, 2019 Grantee Research

[Sharing Resources to Tackle Corruption](#)

April 4, 2019 Grantee Research

[New Tool to Help Protect Journalists](#)

April 4, 2019 Grantee Research

[Climate Change Worsens Allergy Season](#)

April 2, 2019 Grantee Research

[Climate Change in the Great Lakes](#)

April 1, 2019 Grantee Research

[Midline Evaluation of Maternal Health Quality of Care Strategy in India](#)

April 1, 2019 Evaluations

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

April 4, 2019

Pew Announces Grants Benefiting Philadelphia Region's Low-Income Children and Families

PHILADELPHIA—The Pew Charitable Trusts announced today that it will provide \$8.12 million over the next three years to 43 Philadelphia-area organizations that work to improve the lives of the region's low-income children, youth, and their families. The Pew grants will contribute to helping more than 25,000 local young people on an annual basis.

Pew's funding will help agencies that focus on five core areas: supporting high-quality early education and child care; providing effective prevention and early intervention services to reduce behavioral and academic issues; increasing access to mental health services; expanding quality after-school programs; and helping parents secure and retain public benefits and services to strengthen household stability.

"The physical, cognitive, social, and emotional consequences of living in poverty continue to threaten the well-being of too many children and young people in the Greater Philadelphia area," said Kristin Romens, project director of the Pew Fund for Health and Human Services in Philadelphia. "Pew is pleased to again partner with local nonprofits that are making a difference for these kids and their families every day through their commitment to evidence-based practices."...

Press Releases & Statements

April 2, 2019

Rebecca W. Rimel to Step Down as Pew's President and CEO

WASHINGTON—After 36 years of service to The Pew Charitable Trusts—including 30 years as executive director, president, and CEO—Rebecca W. Rimel announced today that she will be stepping down once a successor is in place.

A committee led by Robert H. Campbell, chair of Pew's board of directors, is currently planning a search that is expected to launch in the early summer. Once a new CEO is named, Rimel will transition into a senior adviser role for the organization.

"It has been a privilege and a source of great joy to serve with a talented, generous, and caring staff throughout my tenure," Rimel said. "Any success we have enjoyed is due to their integrity, creativity, and unflinching commitment to building a world-class institution and advancing an ambitious programmatic agenda. I will always be grateful for their support and encouragement as we worked to best serve the public interest."

"The board of directors and I are grateful for Rebecca's many contributions to The Pew Charitable Trusts," Campbell said. "Her personal dedication to the mission and values of the organization have been an inspiration to thousands of employees both past and present, allowing the Trusts to change and grow while staying true to the philosophy of its founders..."

Rockefeller Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

April 5, 2019

New Report Shows Chinese Philanthropy Sector Has Quadrupled to USD 23.4 Billion Since 2009

*Landmark study unpacks key trends in Chinese philanthropy, identifies unique strengths and untapped opportunities for strategic engagement with international organisations
[See Week in Review above for details]*

New Partnership to Boost Food Security in Africa by Use of Artificial Intelligence

April 2, 2019

Atlas AI and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Come Together to Use Artificial Intelligence and Satellite Imagery to Measure and Predict...

The Rockefeller Foundation Announces \$30 Million Grant to the Adrienne Arsht Center for Resilience at the Atlantic Council

April 1, 2019

New Grant Marks Next Phase of The Rockefeller Foundation's Leadership on Climate and Resilience

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 6 Apr 2019]

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

Latest News Releases, Blog Posts, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 6 Apr 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 6 Apr 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 6 Apr 2019]

<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>
No new digest content identified.

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Foundation Center [to 6 Apr 2019]
<http://foundationcenter.org/about-us/press-room>
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 6 Apr 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
April 2019 Volume 47, Issue 4, p351-478
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
April 2019 Volume 56, Issue 4, p477-630
<http://www.ajpmonline.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health
April 2019 109(4)
<http://ajph.aphapublications.org/toc/ajph/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
Volume 100, Issue 4, 2019
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/100/4>
Editorial

Community-Led Total Sanitation Moves the Needle on Ending Open Defecation in Zambia

Joe Brown, Jeff Albert and Dale Whittington

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0151>

Stories from the Field

Nepal Earthquake: An Experience from Ground Zero

Janak Koirala and Sangita Basnet

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.18-0701>

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2019 - Volume 4 - 2

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

Research article

[A large proportion of poor birth outcomes among Aboriginal Western Australians are attributable to smoking, alcohol and substance misuse, and assault](#)

Aboriginal infants have poorer birth outcomes than non-Aboriginal infants. Harmful use of tobacco, alcohol, and other substances is higher among Aboriginal women, as is violence, due to factors such as interge...

Authors: Alison J. Gibberd, Judy M. Simpson, Jocelyn Jones, Robyn Williams, Fiona Stanley and Sandra J. Eades

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2019 19:110

Published on: 2 April 2019

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

Research article

[Revitalization of integrated disease surveillance and response in Sierra Leone post Ebola virus disease outbreak](#)

The Ministry of Health and Sanitation (MOHS) in Sierra Leone partially rolled out the implementation of Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) in 2003. After the Ebola virus disease outbreak in 20...

Authors: Charles Njuguna, Amara Jambai, Alexander Chimbaru, Anders Nordstrom, Roland Conteh, Anderson Latt, Shikanga O-tipo, Robert Musoke, Jane Githuku, Zablon Yoti, Ali Yahaya, Ambrose Talisuna, Soatiana Rajatonirina and Ibrahima Socé Fall

Citation: BMC Public Health 2019 19:364

Published on: 2 April 2019

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 6 Apr 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

April 2019 - Volume 9 - 4

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

(4 April, 2019) ·

[Children's and caregivers' perspectives about mandatory reporting of child maltreatment: a meta-synthesis of qualitative studies](#)

Jill R McTavish, Melissa Kimber, Karen Devries, Manuela Colombini, Jennifer C D MacGregor, Nadine Wathen, Harriet L MacMillan

[Exploring the impact, response and preparedness to water-related natural disasters in the Barisal division of Bangladesh: a mixed methods study](#) (4 April, 2019)

Jagnoor Jagnoor, Aminur Rahman, Patricia Cullen, Fazlul Kader Chowdhury, Caroline Lukaszuk, Kamran ul Baset, Rebecca Ivers

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 4, April 2019, 245-308

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/4/en/>

EDITORIALS

Substance use services for refugees

— M Claire Greene, Peter Ventevogel & Jeremy C Kane

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.225086>

...With the forcibly-displaced population growing, and with the increase in the burden of substance use disorder globally,¹¹ substance use among refugees must be considered a public health priority and addressed through concerted actions. Humanitarian nongovernmental organizations often have insufficient research capacity and need to collaborate with research institutions and UN agencies. The limited available literature demonstrates that it is feasible to implement and evaluate substance use interventions in refugee populations. However, significant work needs to be done in overcoming implementation challenges and moving towards identifying evidence-based substance use services for refugees living in complex, rapidly changing contexts.¹²

RESEARCH

Controlled impact evaluation of a birth registration intervention, Burkina Faso

— Evelina Martelli, Maria Castiglioni, Gianpiero Dalla-Zuanna, Leonardo Emberti Gialloreti, Colette Guiebre, Honorine Medah Dabiret, Adriana Gulotta, Angela Silvestrini, Francesco Di Domenicantonio, Palmira Gianturco & Maria Cristina Marazzi

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.221705>

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

March 2019 Volume 41, Issue 3, p369-604

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 2, April 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 6 Apr 2019]

Research

| 4 April 2019

Gender disparities and psychological distress among humanitarian migrants in Australia: a moderating role of migration pathway?

Authors: Yara Jarallah and Janeen Baxter

Research

| 2 April 2019

Treating Syrian refugees with diabetes and hypertension in Shatila refugee camp, Lebanon: Médecins Sans Frontières model of care and treatment outcomes

Authors: Maysoon Kayali, Krystel Moussally, Chantal Lakis, Mohamad Ali Abrash, Carla Sawan, Anthony Reid and Jeffrey Edwards

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 78 Pages 1-146 (March 2019)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 19, Issue 1 Pages: 1-60 March 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 3, 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 13 - Special Issue 1 - February 2019

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

Serial Hurricanes

[No new digest content identified]

Disasters

Volume 43, Issue 2 Pages: 219-455 April 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 19, Number 12 01 December 2018

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Review article Open access

[Fogarty International Center collaborative networks in infectious disease modeling: Lessons learnt in research and capacity building](#)

Martha I. Nelson, James O. Lloyd-Smith, Lone Simonsen, Andrew Rambaut, ... Cécile Viboud

Pages 116-127

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Spring 2019 (Issue 33.1) March 2019

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ESSAY

Humor, Ethics, and Dignity: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Sean Kanuck

ROUNDTABLE: BALANCING LEGAL NORMS, MORAL VALUES, AND NATIONAL INTERESTS

Introduction

Gareth Evans

A Christian View of Humanitarian Intervention

Nigel Biggar

Secessionist Conflict: A Happy Marriage between Norms and Interests?

Rafael Biermann

Unresolved and Unresolvable? Tensions in the Refugee Regime

Megan Bradley

Conflicting Norms, Values, and Interests: A Perspective from Legal Academia

Stefan Oeter

Humanitarian Diplomacy: The ICRC's Neutral and Impartial Advocacy in Armed Conflicts

Hugo Slim

RESPONSE

Could a United Nations Code of Conduct Help Curb Atrocities? A Response to Bolarinwa Adediran

Edward C. Luck

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 29, Issue 1, February 2019

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

Editorial

Social media, bots and research performance

Reiner Leidl

European Journal of Public Health, Volume 29, Issue 1, February 2019, Page 1,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/cky123>

Extract

Both in the promotion and in the analysis of public health, the social context is a key issue to consider. Over the last years, social media have revolutionized our social contexts by adding new forms of networking. The network characteristic is a powerful factor contributing to the rapid expansion of social media: beneficial or malignant impacts of networks tend to increase dramatically with the number of network users. For commercial network markets, this dynamic power is known to reinforce the strong players in the market and thus, to lead to highly concentrated markets, e.g. in mobile communication. In the political arena, politicians, parties and voters are carefully observing social...

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 83 Pages 1-384 (February 2019)

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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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Geoheritage

Volume 11, Issue 1, March 2019

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Heritage Stones and Geoheritage

In 2016, at the International Geological Congress that took place in Cape Town, South Africa, the IUGS Council ratified the creation of a new IUGS Commission: the International Commission for Geoheritage. In this commission, both heritage sites and heritage stones working groups will collaborate to disseminate the importance of Geoheritage for the general public and for the scientific community. Since then, a great effort has been made to join both subjects in meetings and in publications. Heritage Stones and Geoheritage is a special issue dedicated to spread news on some natural stones with implications on heritage around the world, and also on mines and quarries that are part of our Geoheritage and industrial heritage. It is a contribution of the IUGS Heritage Stones Subcommission. Our aim is to make as public as possible the importance of natural stones in the architectonic heritage in particular and in the geoheritage context in general....

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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

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 5

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Globalization and Health

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Debate Open Access

[A Comprehensive Framework to Optimize Short-Term Experiences in Global Health \(STEGH\)](#)

Shivani Shah, Henry C. Lin and Lawrence C. Loh

Globalization and Health 2019;15:27
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s12992-019-0469-7>

Abstract

Increasing demand for Short-term Experiences in Global Health (STEGH), particularly among medical trainees, has seen a growth in programming that brings participants from high-income countries to low and middle-income settings in order to engage in service, teaching or research activities. Historically the domain of faith-based organizations conducting “missions”, STEGH are now offered by diverse groups including academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and the private sector, either as dedicated for-profits or through corporate social responsibility arms...

Health Affairs

Vol. 38 , No. 3 March 2019

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/toc/hlthaff/current>

Patients As Consumers

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 20, Issue 2, December 2018

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-20-issue-2-december-2018/>

Issue 20.2 features a special section: Special Section on Human Rights and the Social Determinants of Health and a General Papers section

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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 / December 2018

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 33, Issue 10, 1 December 2018

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Health Promotion International

Volume 34, Issue 1, February 2019

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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.

IDRiM Journal

Vol 8, No 2 (2018)

<http://idrimjournal.com/index.php/idrim/issue/view/20>

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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International Health

Volume 11, Issue 2, March 2019

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 6, No 3 (2019) March 2019

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 33 Pages 1-498 (February 2019)

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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 1, February 2019

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Opinion

Precision public health—the Emperor’s new clothes

David Taylor-Robinson; Frank Kee

International Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 48, Issue 1, February 2019, Pages 1–6,

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Extract

Recently the Centre for Disease Control suggested that ‘precision public health’ presents significant opportunities to improve the health of the population,¹ but what does this concept add and does it live up to the hype? The promise is that by harnessing the power of Big Data, particularly genomic data, we may indeed see early gains in public health as a result of ‘more-accurate methods for measuring disease, pathogens, exposures, behaviors, and susceptibility’ to guide targeted prevention strategies.² However, the term ‘precision public health’ is susceptible to misinterpretation.

Neonatal and Child Mortality

Privilege and deprivation in Detroit: infant mortality and the Index of Concentration at the Extremes

Maeve E Wallace; Joia Crear-Perry; Carmen Green; Erica Felker-Kantor; Katherine Theall

International Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 48, Issue 1, February 2019, Pages 207–216,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyy149>

Abstract

Background

Enhanced understanding of spatial social polarization as a determinant of infant mortality is critical to efforts aimed at advancing health equity. Our objective was to identify associations between spatial social polarization and risk of infant death.

Methods

We conducted a cross-sectional analysis of all birth records issued to non-Hispanic (NH) Black and White women in Wayne County, MI, from 2010 to 2013 (n = 84 159), including linked death records for deaths occurring at less than 1 year of age. Spatial social polarization was measured in each Census tract of maternal residence (n = 599) using the Index of Concentration at the Extremes (ICE)—a joint measure of racial and economic segregation—estimated from American Community Survey 2009–2013 data. Log-Poisson regression models quantified relative risk (RR) of infant death (all-cause and cause-specific) associated with tertiles of the index, adjusting for maternal demographic characteristics and tract-level poverty.

Results

The crude infant-mortality rate was more than 2-fold higher among NH Black infants compared with NH Whites (14.0 vs 5.9 deaths per 1000 live births). Half of the 845 infant deaths (72% NH Black, 28% NH White) occurred in tracts in the lowest tertile of the ICE distribution, representing areas of relative deprivation. After adjustments, risk of death among infants in the lowest tertile was 1.46 times greater than those in the highest tertile (adjusted infant-mortality rate = 3.7 deaths per 1000 live births in highest tertile vs 5.4 deaths per 1000 live births in lowest tertile, relative risk = 1.46, 95% confidence interval = 1.02, 2.09). Patterns of associations with the index differed by cause of death.

Conclusions

These findings suggest efforts to support equitable community investments may reduce incidents of death and the disproportionate experience of loss among NH Black women.

A prediction model for neonatal mortality in low- and middle-income countries: an analysis of data from population surveillance sites in India, Nepal and Bangladesh

Tanja A J Houweling; David van Klaveren; Sushmita Das; Kishwar Azad; Prasanta Tripathy ...
International Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 48, Issue 1, February 2019, Pages 186–198,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyy194>

A test of the epidemiological paradox in a context of forced migration: low birthweight among Syrian newborns in Lebanon

Sawsan Abdulrahim; Rym El Rafei; Zahraa Beydoun; Ghinwa Y El Hayek; Pascale Nakad ...
International Journal of Epidemiology, Volume 48, Issue 1, February 2019, Pages 275–286,
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyy200>

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 25, Issue 5 2019

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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 1 2019

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International Journal of Infectious Diseases

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International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 1, March 2019

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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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JAMA

April 2, 2019, Vol 321, No. 13, Pages 1229-1320

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Viewpoint

Current and Future Challenges for Children Across the World

Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, MBBS, FRCPC, PhD; Robert E. Black, MD, MPH

free access

JAMA. 2019;321(13):1251-1252. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.1840

This Viewpoint argues that children have been left behind in UN and other global health efforts, calls for a focus on health measures beyond survival to define success, and outlines requirements to achieve real improvements in child health, including access to preventive care, a focus on education and nutrition, and introduction of information systems to monitor the population effects of health services.

[See Week in Review above for full text]

JAMA Pediatrics

April 2019, Vol 173, No. 4, Pages 303-404

<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>

Viewpoint

Challenges in Early Childhood Development

Kemin Qi, MD

JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(4):307-308. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2018.5381

This Viewpoint describes the significance of early childhood development (ECD) and the global challenges many clinicians face and proposes approaches and objectives for governments to reach to scale up ECD.

JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

March 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 3

<http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/currenttoc.aspx>

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Journal of Adolescent Health

April 2019 Volume 64, Issue 4, p419-546

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(18\)X0006-8](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0006-8)

Commentary

World Health Organization Guidance on Ethical Considerations in Planning and Reviewing Research Studies on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Adolescents

Jerome Amir Singh, Manahil Siddiqi, Pooja Parameshwar, Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli
p427–429

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Article Outline

Why Is New Guidance Needed?

Provenance of the Guidance

The Scope of the Guidance

Discussion

Funding Source

References

Adolescence—defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the second decade of life (10–19 years of age)—is a time when significant physical, psychological, and social changes occur. During this period of development, adolescents gain more advanced patterns of thinking and reasoning, seek to forge their own identities, form new social relationships and attachments, and develop an increasing sense of responsibility and independence. It is also a time when adolescents may face social challenges such as inadequate educational opportunities, limited prospects for finding rewarding work, and health challenges such as early and unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, violence, anxiety, and depression [1, 2].

Adolescents constitute approximately 1.2 billion of the world's population. The physical and social world in which they are growing up is changing, with growing urbanization, changing social norms, and shifting trends in age of marriage and premarital sexual activity. Now more than ever, focused research on the sexual and reproductive health of adolescents is urgently needed to fill gaps in data and inform successful programs and policies to meet the needs and fulfill the rights of adolescents. However, such research presents complex ethical and legal challenges. By late adolescence, many individuals first become sexually active. Sexually active adolescents, including those in early or forced marriage, may face significant barriers in accessing the information, support, and services they need to make safe and informed decisions regarding their reproductive lives [2, 3]. Such barriers to support adolescent sexual and reproductive health may have far-reaching implications [4]. An estimated 21 million girls aged 15–19 years and 2 million girls aged under 15 years become pregnant in low- and middle-income countries [5, 6]. Globally, an adolescent between the ages of 15 and 19 years becomes infected with HIV every 2 minutes, whereas more than 2 million adolescents are living with HIV [7].

In response, the WHO has launched Guidance on ethical considerations in planning and reviewing research studies on sexual and reproductive health in adolescents [8] (hereinafter Guidance), which provides practical guidance on the most pressing ethical challenges that arise within adolescent sexual and reproductive health research. The Guidance may also be instructive for any research involving adolescents....

Journal of Community Health

Volume 44, Issue 2, April 2019

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 36 Pages 1-296 (March–April 2019)

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Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

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<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jchmsd/9/1>

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Journal of Development Economics

Volume 138 Pages 1-308 (May 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/138/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

Women as decision makers in community forest management: Evidence from Nepal

Marinella Leone

Pages 180-191

Abstract

In many developing countries women are responsible for the collection and management of forest products essential to the daily lives of their household. However, women are often neglected in the decision-making process within community level institutions devoted to the management of natural resources. This paper looks at whether and how an increased participation of women in the Executive Committee (EC) of Community Forest User Groups (FUG) in Nepal affects forest protection. I exploit an amendment made to the guidelines for FUG formation that sets a higher threshold for women representation in the EC, to evaluate the impact of women on firewood extraction. The results show that higher female participation in the ECs of FUGs leads to a significant decrease in firewood extraction. These results suggest that in countries with common property resources, the effectiveness of collective action institutions depends also on their gender composition.

Research article Abstract only

State-community property-rights sharing in forests and its contributions to environmental outcomes: Evidence from Thailand's community forestry

Thanyaporn Chankrajang

Pages 261-273

Abstract

The paper investigates impacts of assigning greater property rights in common-pool natural resources to local communities on environmental outcomes. Based on the forest-level dataset constructed by the GIS technique, the paper utilises the variation in forest property-rights sharing between the communities and the state, across 1197 reserve forests in Thailand from 2000 to 2017. It finds that under the instrumental variables strategy, forests with more extensive community forestry are significantly more likely to have proportionately greater area of forest cover and lesser fire incidence and intensity. Although the impact extends to the reduction of fires in the neighbouring agricultural area, it exacerbates fires experienced by the nearby open and non-excludable national parks. Measured at the station level, it is not suggestive that the community forestry's contributions to environmental outcomes have extended to the reduction of air pollution at the macro-level, as proxied by hazardous level of PM.

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 2, April 2019

<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>

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Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

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Journal of Global Ethics

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

Volume 30, Number 1, February 2019

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/39946>

Black History Month Themes

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 5, Issue 2, 2018

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

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Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 8 Issue 4 2018

<https://www.emeraldinsight.com/toc/jhlscm/8/4>

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Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 21, Issue 2, April 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/21/2>

Original Paper

[Trends in Chronic Diseases Reported by Refugees Originating from Burma Resettling to the United States from Camps Versus Urban Areas During 2009–2016](#)

Barbara H. Bardenheier, Christina R. Phares... Pages 246-256

Original Paper

[Stress and Health of Internally Displaced Female Yazidis in Northern Iraq](#)

Pia Jäger

Original Paper

Psychometric Properties of the Multidimensional Loss Scale with Refugee Women-at-Risk Recently Arrived in Australia

Lyn Vromans, Robert D. Schweitzer, Mark Brough... Pages 271-277

Original Paper

The Effect of Social Support on Psychological Flourishing and Distress Among Migrants in Australia

Daniel R. du Plooy, Anthony Lyons... Pages 278-289

Original Paper

Social Disconnection as a Risk Factor for Health among Cambodian Refugees and Their Offspring in the United States

S. Megan Berthold, Alysse Melville Loomis...

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 17, 2018_ Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>

Special Issue: Social Policies as a Tool of Migration Control

Article

Municipal Activism on Irregular Migrants: The Framing of Inclusive Approaches at the Local Level

Sarah Spencer & Nicola Delvino

Pages: 27-43

Published online: 20 Feb 2019

Article

Deserving Shelter: Conditional Access to Accommodation for Rejected Asylum Seekers in Austria, the Netherlands, and Sweden

Ilker Atac

Pages: 44-60

Published online: 10 Feb 2019

Article

Health Care Versus Border Care: Justification and Hypocrisy in the Multilevel Negotiation of Irregular Migrants' Access to Fundamental Rights and Services

Reinhard Schweitzer

Pages: 61-76

Published online: 25 Oct 2018

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 217, Issue 11, 6 Apr 2019

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Journal of International Development

Volume 31, Issue 3 Pages: 223-287 April 2019
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

Field Report

What's Keeping Some from Seeking Asylum? A Field Report Exploring Determinants and Implications for Fostering a Social Contract for Young People in Afghanistan

Qais Alemi, Valerie Smith, Susanne Montgomery, Carl Stempel

Pages: 225-230

First Published: 26 September 2018

Research Articles

Gender, Microcredit and Poverty Alleviation in a Developing Country: The Case of Women Entrepreneurs in Pakistan

Javed Hussain, Samia Mahmood, Jonathan Scott

Pages: 247-270

First Published: 06 November 2018

Journal of Medical Ethics

April 2019 - Volume 45 - 4

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Journal of Medical Internet Research

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Volume 64 Pages 1-88 (November 2018)

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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

<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/40/1>

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Journal of Refugee & Global Health

Volume 2, Issue 1 (2019)

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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

6 February 2019 Volume 16 Issue 151

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rsif/16/151>

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Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 26, Issue 1, 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/26/1>

Perspectives

Human mobility and health in a warming world

Patricia Nayna Schwerdtle, MPH, RN; Kathryn Bowen, PhD, MSc; Celia McMichael, PhD, MSc; Rainer Sauerborn, MD, PhD, MPH, MSc

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 26, Issue 1, 2019, tay160, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/tay160>

Climate change will shape patterns of human mobility on a spectrum of voluntary migration to forced displacement. This paper discusses the nexus between climate change, migration and health, identifies climate hotspots and explores the health implications for climate-related migration.

Massive diphtheria outbreak among Rohingya refugees: lessons learnt

Md Ridwanur Rahman, MBBS, FCPS; Khaleda Islam, MBBS, MPH

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 26, Issue 1, 2019, tay122, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/tay122>

Several lessons can be learnt from the massive diphtheria outbreak faced by Rohingya (forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals) refugees who fled violence in Myanmar and settled in camps and makeshift settlements in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, 2017–2018.

The Lancet

Apr 06, 2019 Volume 393Number 10179p1385-1476, e36

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

Editorial

China's research renaissance

The Lancet

... An outward-looking China could broaden the influence of its scientific renaissance by fostering synergy between health researchers at home and abroad. In this way, the country's research impact would be maximised. When researchers across countries embrace a collegial approach, advances in care anywhere are more likely to improve outcomes everywhere.

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Commentary

Incarcerating Pregnant and Parenting Women, the New Witch Hunt: A Policy Analysis

JaNeen Cross

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Volume 568 Issue 7750, 4 April 2019

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Editorial | 02 April 2019

[Brexit has already irreparably damaged research](#)

The disastrous process of leaving the European Union is creating casualties of science and communities.

World View | 02 April 2019

[Duke University's huge misconduct fine is a reminder to reward rigour](#)

US\$112.5-million settlement concerning fraudulent data is a casualty of a culture that prizes impact over robustness, says Arturo Casadevall.

Arturo Casadevall

Comment | 02 April 2019

[Restoring natural forests is the best way to remove atmospheric carbon](#)

Plans to triple the area of plantations will not meet 1.5 °C climate goals. New natural forests can, argue Simon L. Lewis, Charlotte E. Wheeler and colleagues.

Simon L. Lewis, Charlotte E. Wheeler[...] & Alexander Koch

Nature Genetics

Volume 51 Issue 4, April 2019

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Volume 25 Issue 4, April 2019

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Review Article | 01 April 2019

[Broadly neutralizing anti-HIV-1 monoclonal antibodies in the clinic](#)

Broadly neutralizing antibodies have the potential to clear HIV and prevent further infection, as shown in emerging clinical studies.

Marina Caskey, Florian Klein & Michel C. Nussenzweig

New England Journal of Medicine

April 4, 2019 Vol. 380 No. 14

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

Perspective

[Pharmacologic Research in Pregnant Women — Time to Get It Right](#)

Ahizechukwu C. Eke, M.D., M.P.H.,

Kelly E. Dooley, M.D., Ph.D.,

and Jeanne S. Sheffield, M.D.

Facilitating inclusion of pregnant women in clinical research could help answer important questions about the effects of medication use during pregnancy and the ways in which pregnancy alters pharmacokinetics and drug effects.

Perspective

An Epidemic of Suspicion — Ebola and Violence in the DRC

Vinh-Kim Nguyen, M.D.

[Excerpts]

... As a medical team leader for Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), I work halfway between Butembo and Goma, North Kivu's capital city and a transport hub.

...The community outreach workers I supervise have reported that in areas where security forces accompany Ebola teams, there is substantial distrust and palpable fear, most notably of forced vaccination. In areas where the epidemic response has not involved security forces, the opposite is true: people ask to be vaccinated. The lesson is clear: guns and public health don't mix. Epidemics thrive on fear — when they are frightened, patients flee hospitals, sick people stay away to begin with, and affected communities distrust groups trying to respond to the epidemic.

As they see Land Rovers emblazoned with the logos of nongovernmental and international organizations cruising by, people in the DRC say, "Ebola is just a business." They note that no one seems to care about daily deaths from malaria and other infectious diseases, the lack of clean water, or surgeries that must be performed by candlelight because there's no power. "You will leave when Ebola does," I have heard, "but we will still be here, slowly dying from the diseases that have always killed us."...

...The mistrust of authority in the DRC also reflects a growing global mistrust of experts and science. Vaccine refusals are a growing problem worldwide, and they have already resulted in measles epidemics in the United States and France and in outbreaks elsewhere. Mistrust of public health authorities may thus be the new norm, and smoldering epidemics merely a symptom. State-of-the-art medical interventions won't be enough without serious efforts to rebuild trust, informed by social science rather than pious liturgies. Displays of armed force feed a vicious cycle of mistrust, infection, and violence. If we continue down that path, those seemingly fantastical dystopian outbreak movies, with their heavily armed global health forces and rebelling populations, may not be so far from reality in the near future.

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Articles

Quality Metrics for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs

Michelle Science, Kathryn Timberlake, Andrew Morris, Stanley Read, Nicole Le Saux, on behalf of the Groupe Antibiothérapie en Pédiatrie Canada Alliance for Stewardship of Antimicrobials in Pediatrics (GAP Can ASAP)

Pediatrics Apr 2019, 143 (4) e20182372; DOI: 10.1542/peds.2018-2372

Using a modified Delphi approach, we obtained consensus on 4 metrics to evaluate pediatric antimicrobial stewardship activities, which can be applied to benchmarking.

Pharmaceutics

Volume 11, Issue 3 (March 2019)

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Open Access Review

The Digital Pharmacies Era: How 3D Printing Technology Using Fused Deposition Modeling Can Become a Reality

by Maisa R. P. Araújo, Livia L. Sa-Barreto, Tais Gratieri, Guilherme M. Gelfuso and Marcilio Cunha-Filho
Pharmaceutics **2019**, *11*(3), 128; <https://doi.org/10.3390/pharmaceutics11030128>

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Abstract

The pharmaceutical industry is set to join the fourth industrial revolution with the 3D printing of medicines. The application of 3D printers in compounding pharmacies will turn them into digital pharmacies, wrapping up the telemedicine care cycle and definitively modifying the pharmacotherapeutic treatment of patients. Fused deposition modeling 3D printing technology melts extruded drug-loaded filaments into any dosage form; and allows the obtainment of flexible dosages with different shapes, multiple active pharmaceutical ingredients and modulated drug release kinetics—in other words, offering customized medicine. This work aimed to present an update on this technology, discussing its challenges. The co-participation of the pharmaceutical industry and compounding pharmacies seems to be the best way to turn this technology into reality. The pharmaceutical industry can produce drug-loaded filaments on a large scale with the necessary quality and safety guarantees; while digital pharmacies can transform the filaments into personalized medicine according to specific prescriptions. For this to occur, adaptations in commercial 3D printers will need to meet health requirements for drug products preparation, and it will be necessary to make advances in regulatory gaps and discussions on patent protection. Thus, despite the conservatism of the sector, 3D drug printing has the potential to become the biggest technological leap ever seen in the pharmaceutical segment, and according to the most optimistic prognostics, it will soon be within reach.

PharmacoEconomics

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Policy Forum

A whole-health–economy approach to antimicrobial stewardship: Analysis of current models and future direction

Monsey McLeod, Raheelah Ahmad, Nada Atef Shebl, Christianne Micallef, Fiona Sim, Alison Holmes
Policy Forum | published 29 Mar 2019 PLOS Medicine

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[Realizing the values of natural capital for inclusive, sustainable development: Informing China's new ecological development strategy](#)

Hua Zheng, Lijuan Wang, Wenjia Peng, Cuiping Zhang, Cong Li, Brian E. Robinson, Xiaochen Wu, Lingqiao Kong, Ruonan Li, Yi Xiao, Weihua Xu, Zhiyun Ouyang, and Gretchen C. Daily
PNAS published ahead of print April 5, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1819501116>

Significance

Achieving inclusive, green development is crucial to China and the world. Over the past century, great increases in agricultural production have been achieved at the expense of other ecosystem benefits, such as flood control, water purification, climate stabilization, and biodiversity conservation. We report on an application of China's new "Ecological Development Strategy," which aims to break these trade-offs and be scaled nationwide. Focusing on Hainan Island, where rubber production has driven loss of natural forest, we identified a two-pronged strategy that would eliminate these trade-offs, simultaneously diversifying and enhancing product provision, rural incomes, and many other ecosystem benefits. This win-win approach has broad applicability in the plantation regions in China, across South and Southeast Asia, and beyond.

Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 34 - Issue 1 - February 2019

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Volume 120 Pages 1-160 (March 2019)

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29 August 2018; volume 285, issue 1885

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Special Issue: Qualitative Contributions to Randomized Control Trials

Guest Editorial

[Evaluating Complex Health Interventions With Randomized Controlled Trials: How Do We Improve the Use of Qualitative Methods?](#)

Jenevieve Mannell, Katy Davis

First Published March 14, 2019; pp. 623–631

Preview

Qualitative methods are underutilized in health intervention evaluation, and overshadowed by the importance placed on randomized controlled trials (RCTs). This Commentary describes how innovative qualitative methods are being used as part of RCTs, drawing on articles included in a special issue of Qualitative Health Research on this topic. The articles' insights and a review of innovative qualitative methods described in trial protocols highlights a lack of attention to structural inequalities as a causal mechanism for understanding human behavior. We situate this gap within some well-known constraints of RCT methodologies, and a discussion of alternative RCT approaches that hold promise for bringing qualitative methods center stage in intervention evaluation, including adaptive designs, pragmatic trials, and realist RCTs. To address the power hierarchies of health evaluation research, however, we argue that a fundamental shift needs to take place away from a focus on RCTs and toward studies of health interventions.

Refugee Survey Quarterly

Volume 38, Issue 1, March 2019

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Research Ethics

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Topic Piece

The attitude of scholars has not changed towards plagiarism since the medieval period: Definition of plagiarism according to Shams-e-Qays, thirteenth-century Persian literary scientist

Ramin Sadeghi

First Published May 31, 2016; pp. 1–3

Abstract

Almost all researchers are familiar with the concept of plagiarism these days. However, many scholars allege that plagiarism and its ethical ramifications are new western concepts that have not existed in scientific and literary history. In their opinion, using the ideas of others was allowed liberally in past academic and literary communities. I have presented the definition of “plagiarism” according to Shams-e-Qays, a great Persian literary scientist of the thirteenth century AD, to show that this is not the case and that the attitude towards plagiarism was even more strict in ancient times.

Original Article: Empirical

Status of retraction notices for biomedical publications associated with research misconduct

Daniel Drimer-Batca, Jonathan M Iaccarino, Alan Fine

First Published January 2, 2019; pp. 1–5

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Research

The range and nature of reproductive health research in the occupied Palestinian territory: a scoping review

In order to set research priorities for reproductive health in the occupied Palestinian territory, it is vital to know what current research has been done in the field of reproductive health. The purpose of th...

Authors: Aisha Shalash, Hasan M Alsalman, Alaa Hamed, Mai Abu Helo, Rula Ghandour, Loai Albarqouni and Niveen ME Abu Rmeileh

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Original Research Article

Reaping the Benefits and Avoiding the Risks: Unrealistic Optimism in the Health Domain

Yaniv Hanoch, Jonathan Rolison, Alexandra M. Freund

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Abstract

People's perceptions of benefits and risks play a key role in their acceptance or rejection of medical interventions, yet these perceptions may be poorly calibrated. This online study with N = 373 adults aged 19–76 years focused on unrealistic optimism in the health domain. Participants indicated how likely they were to experience benefits and risks associated with medical conditions and completed objective and subjective numeracy scales. Participants exhibited optimistic views about the likelihood of experiencing the benefits and the side effects of treatment options described in the scenarios. Objective and subjective numeracy were not associated with more accurate ratings. Moreover, participants' underestimation of the risks was significantly greater than their overestimation of the benefits. From an applied perspective, these results suggest that clinicians may need to ensure that patients do not underestimate risks of medical interventions, and that they convey realistic expectations about the benefits that can be obtained with certain procedures.

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Review

The challenge of antimicrobial resistance: What economics can contribute

By Laurence S. J. Roope, Richard D. Smith, Koen B. Pouwels, James Buchanan, Lucy Abel, Peter Eibich, Christopher C. Butler, Pui San Tan, A. Sarah Walker, Julie V. Robotham, Sarah Wordsworth

Science 05 Apr 2019

Incentivizing restraint in drug use

The accelerating tide of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is a major worldwide policy concern. Like climate change, the incentives for individual decision-makers do not take into account the costs to society at large. AMR represents an impending "tragedy of the commons," and there is an immediate need for collective action to prevent future harm. Roope et al. review the issues associated with AMR from an economics perspective and draw parallels with climate change. A major stumbling block for both challenges is to build consensus about the best way forward when faced with many uncertainties and inequities.

Abstract

As antibiotic consumption grows, bacteria are becoming increasingly resistant to treatment. Antibiotic resistance undermines much of modern health care, which relies on access to effective antibiotics to prevent and treat infections associated with routine medical procedures. The resulting challenges have much in common with those posed by climate change, which economists have responded to with research that has informed and shaped public policy. Drawing on economic concepts such as externalities and the principal-agent relationship, we suggest how economics can help to solve the challenges arising from increasing resistance to antibiotics. We discuss solutions to the key economic issues, from incentivizing the development of effective new antibiotics to improving antibiotic stewardship through financial mechanisms and regulation.

Policy Forum

[Subsidies, efficiency, and fairness in fisheries policy](#)

By Martin D. Smith

Science05 Apr 2019 : 34-35 Restricted Access

Don't flip the burden of proof and ignore theory and evidence

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 225 Pages 1-138 (March 2019)

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[Implementation and effectiveness of free health insurance for the poor pregnant women in Tanzania: A mixed methods evaluation](#)

August Kuwawenaruwa, Kate Ramsey, Peter Binyaruka, Jitihada Baraka, ... Josephine Borghi
Pages 17-25

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[Government of Malawi's unconditional cash transfer improves youth mental health](#)

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Pages 108-119

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Spring 2019 Volume 17, Number 2

https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2018

For nearly a century public policy making has been informed more by theory than by practice: a group of experts propose prescriptions, and elected officials turn these into laws and programs. In "The New Practice of Public Problem Solving," the cover story in the Spring 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, two authors from a Washington, DC, think tank propose a new approach that is faster, more bottom-up, and more iterative.

Health

[The Crisis of Youth Mental Health](#)

By Eliot Brenner

Children and adolescents confront a mental health treatment gap in which many who need help do not get it. Philanthropy can help fill this gap by investing in new models of delivering care

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Volume 11, Issue 2 (January-2 2019)

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Research

Interventions for reducing and/or controlling domestic violence among pregnant women in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review

Domestic violence (DV) during pregnancy is recognized as a global health problem associated with serious health consequences for both the mother and her baby. Several interventions aimed at addressing DV around...

Authors: Diksha Sapkota, Kathleen Baird, Amornrat Saito and Debra Anderson

Citation: Systematic Reviews 2019 8:79

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Torture Journal

Volume 28 - Issue No.3

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/141>

Special section: Sexual, gender-based and genderized torture

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Volume 20 Issue 2, April 2019

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Volume 28 Pages 1-120 (March–April 2019)

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From the "Madding Crowd" to mass gatherings-religion, sport, culture and public health

Qanta A. Ahmed, Ziad A. Memish

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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.

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 14, Issue 1, 2019

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World Heritage Review

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/90/>

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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.

The true measure of the Convention is the effectiveness of its implementation. It is the concrete results that matter, for the sites and for the people who live in or near them. When there are positive results at one World Heritage property, all countries that are party to the Convention can benefit from this success.

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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