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Period ending 12 October 2019

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:: Week in Review

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

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Global Governance – Fiscal Stability

11 October 2019

GA/AB/4332

United Nations Confronting Worst Liquidity Crisis in Recent Years, Top Management Official Says, Presenting Key Financial Indicators for 2019 to Fifth Committee

...Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance, said the United Nations **risks starting November with insufficient cash to cover even payrolls and uncertainty about paying its vendors on time**. Unpaid assessed contributions as of 4 October 2019 totalled nearly \$1.4 billion, \$299 million higher than last year. Ms. Pollard detailed the Organization's three main financial categories — the regular budget, peacekeeping operations and the international tribunals — for the Fifth Committee.

She said the cash shortfall in the regular budget exists despite the Secretariat's attempts to curb costs since the beginning of the year by slowing hiring and curtailing several non-post expenditures. It also shifted money from the Working Capital Fund in July and borrowed from the Special Account in August. "The cash deficits occur earlier in the year, linger longer and run deeper," she said. "For the second successive year, we have exhausted all regular budget liquidity reserves, despite several measures we had taken to reduce expenditures to align them with available liquidity."

The ongoing financial uncertainty has compelled the Organization to manage expenditures based on liquidity rather than programme delivery, which runs counter to the Secretariat's efforts to focus less on inputs and more on results, she said. "Unless these structural and liquidity issues are addressed expeditiously, our work and our reforms will be at increasing risk," she warned...

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Statelessness

Watershed moment as countries step forward to tackle global statelessness

11 Oct 2019

In a historic moment in the global fight against statelessness, more than 85 governments, civil society and international and regional organizations have this week pledged hundreds of new commitments to end statelessness, a major cause of human rights deprivations for millions of people worldwide.

More than 300 pledges were received at a meeting in Geneva hosted by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. The meeting, known as the High-Level Segment on Statelessness, was part of UNHCR's annual gathering of its governing Executive Committee.

The sheer number of pledges is unprecedented for a single occasion. **Among them over 220 were commitments by more than 55 states to accede to or ratify the UN statelessness conventions, facilitate naturalization of stateless people, prevent statelessness by ending gender discrimination in nationality laws, ensure universal birth registration, provide protection to stateless people and enhance or initiate data collection on stateless populations.**

"We are reaching a critical mass in the global effort to stamp out statelessness. This week has shown that there is an unprecedented level of political will and commitment to resolve this issue and prevent it from arising in the first place," said UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi.

"It is crucial that these commitments are now turned into action. We will be stepping up our own efforts to help States work towards the goal of eradicating statelessness completely – a goal that is within our reach, as long as this momentum is sustained."...

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Children – Liberty

United Nations Task Force calls on Member States to end children's deprivation of liberty

Geneva/ New York/ Vienna, October 8 - The United Nations Task Force supporting the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty calls on Member States to put an end to children's deprivation of liberty, following the submission and presentation of a report by the Independent Expert to the UN General Assembly.

The Independent Expert's report highlights that while this year marks the 30 th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, a landmark treaty aiming at promoting and protecting the rights of children worldwide, countless children still suffer violations of their basic human rights. The UN Task Force further notes that in adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Member States made a clear commitment to leave no child behind and yet, children deprived of liberty continue to be one of the most vulnerable, invisible and forgotten groups in societies across the globe. The UN Task Force joins the Independent Expert in calling on States to end the deprivation of liberty of children or those at most risk as a matter of urgency. The Task Force emphasizes that it is indeed time to put the most vulnerable first.

Children around the world are deprived of their liberty in closed institutions, psychiatric centres or detention facilities, sometimes together with adults. Furthermore, children are detained for national security, armed conflict or migration-related reasons. They are denied family care and access to justice, often unable to challenge the legality of their detention. These children are exposed to further human rights violations, enduring cruel, inhumane and/or degrading conditions. Furthermore, they are often denied the right to education, and health care, and do not benefit from tailored and long-term rehabilitation and reintegration support. Deprivation of liberty has a destructive impact on children's physical and mental development, and often compounds trauma they have suffered.

The UN Task Force believes that the presentation of the report creates a unique momentum to learn from children and Member States' experiences. The UN Task Force member organizations express their strong commitment to work together with Member States, civil society and children themselves to end children's deprivation of liberty and safeguard their rights as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child and other international standards, and further re-affirmed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UN Inter-Agency Task Force on the Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty was established as a platform to provide UN system-wide support to the study development and comprises the following member organizations: Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children (Chair) (SRSG-VAC); Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (SRSG-CAAC); Committee on the Rights of the Child; Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); International Office for Migration (IOM); and World Health Organization (WHO).

The Independent Expert submitted his final report on the Study (A/74/136) to the General Assembly during its seventy-fourth session and presents his main findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Third Committee of the General Assembly on 8 October 2019.

[Excerpt p.7-8]

B. Views of children

23. Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child provides that children shall have the right to express their views freely in all matters affecting them and that their views shall be given due weight. During his fact-finding missions in all world regions, as a former United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the Independent Expert spoke to many children and witnessed their immense suffering in all situations of deprivation of liberty. The study is also informed by the testimonies of children during regional consultations and by the findings of a cross-national consultation, facilitated by an international group of child rights experts which, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, carried out face to face interviews with 274 children.

24. The consultation process identified the importance of hearing directly from children about their lived experiences. They reported that their rights were not protected, including being detained in poor conditions, being denied access to information, with poor health care and inadequate access to education and leisure. Many children also experienced barriers to contact with their families and struggled to access support for reintegration. They reported struggling to be heard in decisions made about them. The findings show how children deprived of their liberty experience fear, isolation, trauma and harm in addition to discrimination, stigma and disempowerment.

25. Children also shared experiences of resilience and hope and highlighted the importance of friendships with peers and adults whom they could trust and who were working in their best interests. Many children had positive aspirations for a future beyond detention, where they would reunite with their families and friends and enjoy a life as independent human beings contributing to their communities. They saw education and skills development as integral to their achieving a better life...



ICRC - [Children, no matter their association, are entitled to rights and protections as children](#)

11-10-2019 | Statement

As delivered by Senior Policy Adviser, Ms. Ann Deer

...This year, we mark the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions and the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The ICRC bears witness to the achievements of both. When a wounded child is allowed through a checkpoint or when the best interest of the child is considered first, it shows these laws work. Yet, alongside achievements, we also observe the suffering of children when those rules are not respected.

Today, we would like to draw attention to the worrying trend of the selective implementation of the law. We see this happening in various places and for various reasons, but primarily for questions of national borders or national security and in the emblematic case of children associated with groups designated as terrorists. Children associated with certain categories of people are treated as exceptional cases to whom existing law does not apply. In these cases, who your parents are determines your treatment. If you are a child born of a "migrant" or "violent extremist" you may be treated with lower standards of protection or, at times, none at all.

Millions of children in conflict zones daily face discrimination, ostracization, and stigmatization. In particular, for children affiliated with groups designated as terrorists, we are concerned about three policies and practices:

- :: Discrimination between children based on their age in a manner inconsistent with international law, creating blanket categories of "good children" and "bad children."
- :: The separation of children above a certain age from their families and decisions against returning foreign children to countries of origin based on age.
- :: Sentencing extremely young children associated with armed groups for their own alleged criminal wrongdoing. States are prosecuting children based on an age of criminal responsibility that falls below international standards, and at times for mere association with an armed group.

We must reaffirm that all children are entitled to their rights and protections as children, without distinction based on their age, gender, religion, or whether they are associated with an armed group designated as terrorist.

The ICRC therefore calls on States to implement, apply, and enforce three key standards without distinction or exception:

First is the principle of the best interest of the child. It must be a primary consideration in the decisions made by authorities.

Second is the right of all children not to be separated from their parents against their will, unless authorities determine this necessary, subject to certain procedures. In the vast majority of cases, remaining with the family – including parents and siblings – is in the child's best interest. In the emblematic case of foreign fighters and their families, we urge States considering repatriations to repatriate children with their parents, with full and informed consent, even in cases when judicial proceedings await upon return and with due respect for the principle of non-refoulement.

Third is the obligation to reintegrate children who have participated in an armed conflict. States are reticent to apply the law and standards governing the treatment of children associated with armed groups to children who have been trained or used in hostilities by armed groups designated as terrorist. However, the CRC and its Optional Protocol emphasize States' obligations and do not allow for exceptions based on labels.

Children, even those associated with armed groups designated as terrorists, must be considered first and foremost as victims. The ICRC is available to provide policy and legal guidance to States as they define their policies and approach in this area.

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Syria - Turkey

14 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in north-east Syria

Published 10. Oct 2019

Civilians at risk as violence escalates and humanitarian work is suspended.

Civilians in north-east Syria are at risk and humanitarian aid could be cut off following the launch of a new military operation in the area, leading aid agencies are warning.

Reports from humanitarian responders on the ground say civilians are already on the move and that some vital services have been interrupted, including medical facilities and water supplies. Agencies say that some of their staff have fled with their families, while others are on lockdown.

An estimated 450,000 people live within 5 kilometres of the Syria-Turkey border and are at risk if all sides do not exercise maximum restraint and prioritise the protection of civilians. The population includes more than 90,000 internally displaced people, who have already been forced to flee their homes at least once in Syria's unrelenting war.

The 14 aid agencies are urging parties to the conflict to fully respect International Humanitarian Law and ensure that they refrain from using explosive weapons in populated areas. They must ensure all measures are taken to protect civilians and facilitate safe, unhindered humanitarian access. People living in the area affected by this military action have the right to freedom of movement and must not be forcibly displaced from their homes.

Likewise, there must be no forcible returns of refugees living in Turkey to Syria. Anyone returned could face threats to their safety and security, continued internal displacement and reliance on humanitarian assistance that the international community is not in a position to provide. According to the Government of Turkey, an estimated 83 per cent of the three million Syrians in Turkey do not originate from the north-east.

The international community has an important role to play in helping to resolve this crisis. The UN Security Council, which is expected to discuss the situation today (10 October 2019), must emphasize the need for restraint and reiterate importance of protecting civilians and facilitating unimpeded humanitarian operations.

The security situation in the area is already fragile, with tens of thousands of fighters and their families being held in camps and detention centres. All children must be protected and provided humanitarian assistance, and countries of origin must take immediate steps to repatriate the estimated 9,000 children from at least 40 different nationalities who are in north-east Syria.

Urgent action is needed to ensure that the humanitarian situation in north-east Syria does not worsen further, with potentially dire consequences for families and children who find themselves once again caught up in deadly violence.

Signed:

Action Against Hunger
Christian Aid
CARE International
DanChurchAid
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe
Humanity & Inclusion
International Rescue Committee
Medecins du Monde
Mercy Corps
Norwegian Refugee Council
Oxfam
People in Need
Un Ponte Per
World Vision

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Featured Journal Content

Science

11 October 2019 Vol 366, Issue 6462
<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

EDITORIAL

Responsible genetic genealogy

Thomas F. Callaghan

Summary

The scientific development of forensic genetic genealogy (FGG), which couples genetic analysis with investigation of publicly available genealogy information, has successfully transformed law enforcement investigations by solving more than 50 cases over the last 18 months in the United States. However, use of FGG by law enforcement has preceded widespread development of best practices to protect the genetic privacy of private citizens who have voluntarily submitted samples to genealogy databases. Absent best practices, use of FGG could lead to compromised cases, diminished use, or the loss of this new investigative tool. Public support for FGG could be jeopardized and confidence in forensic DNA analysis could be undermined. As the custodian of a national law enforcement DNA database (CODIS), the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is looked to by many in the law enforcement and forensic DNA communities for guidance, and its efforts often influence the global community. The emergence of FGG suggests that further discussions on privacy, genomics, and the use of genealogy

by law enforcement would be beneficial. Accordingly, the FBI seeks to engage the scientific and bioethics communities in such a dialogue.

Perspectives

Societal burdens of nature loss

By Patricia Balvanera

Science 11 Oct 2019 : 184-185 Restricted Access

Interdisciplinary science and international policy collaborate to stem inequities

Summary

The rapid decline of biodiversity predicts dire consequences for human society, according to the recent Global Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (1). The report notes that up to a million species are threatened with extinction (2) and that many benefits humans obtain from nature have decreased over the last 50 years, a decline likely continue until at least 2050. If transformative changes are to be implemented, scientists and policy-makers must address questions about the deterioration of nature and the locations that bear the greatest resulting burdens. On page 255 of this issue, Chaplin-Kramer et al. (3) address these questions by presenting global models of the current status and future trends of three key contributions from nature.

Reports

Global modeling of nature's contributions to people

By Rebecca Chaplin-Kramer, Richard P. Sharp, Charlotte Weil, Elena M. Bennett, Unai Pascual, Katie K. Arkema, Kate A. Brauman, Benjamin P. Bryant, Anne D. Guerry, Nick M. Haddad, Maike Hamann, Perrine Hamel, Justin A. Johnson, Lisa Mandle, Henrique M. Pereira, Stephen Polasky, Mary Ruckelshaus, M. Rebecca Shaw, Jessica M. Silver, Adrian L. Vogl, Gretchen C. Daily

Science 11 Oct 2019 : 255-258 Full Access

Projections to 2050 show up to 5 billion people at risk of water pollution, coastal storms, and deficient crop pollination.

Editor's Summary

The future of nature's contributions

A recent Global Assessment by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services has emphasized the urgent need to determine where and how nature's contribution matters most to people. Chaplin-Kramer et al. have developed a global scale modeling of ecosystem services, focusing on water quality regulation, coastal protection, and crop pollination (see the Perspective by Balvanera). **By 2050, up to 5 billion people may be at risk from diminishing ecosystem services, particularly in Africa and South Asia.**

Abstract

The magnitude and pace of global change demand rapid assessment of nature and its contributions to people. We present a fine-scale global modeling of current status and future scenarios for several contributions: water quality regulation, coastal risk reduction, and crop pollination. We find that where people's needs for nature are now greatest, nature's ability to meet those needs is declining. Up to 5 billion people face higher water pollution and insufficient pollination for nutrition under future scenarios of land use and climate change, particularly in Africa and South Asia. Hundreds of millions of people face heightened coastal risk across Africa, Eurasia, and the Americas. Continued loss of nature poses severe threats, yet these can be reduced 3- to 10-fold under a sustainable development scenario.

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Health – Vision

WHO launches first World Report on Vision

At least 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness, of which over 1 billion cases could have been prevented or have yet to be addressed

8 October 2019 *News release Geneva*

More than 1 billion people worldwide are living with vision impairment because they do not get the care they need for conditions like short and far sightedness, glaucoma and cataract, according to the first [World report on vision](#) issued by the World Health Organization.

The report, launched ahead of *World Sight Day* on 10 October, found that ageing populations, changing lifestyles and limited access to eye care, particularly in low- and middle-income countries, are among the main drivers of the rising numbers of people living with vision impairment. “Eye conditions and vision impairment are widespread, and far too often they still go untreated,” says

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “People who need eye care must be able to receive quality interventions without suffering financial hardship. Including eye care in national health plans and essential packages of care is an important part of every country’s journey towards universal health coverage.”

Dr Tedros adds: “It is unacceptable that 65 million people are blind or have impaired sight when their vision could have been corrected overnight with a cataract operation, or that over 800 million struggle in everyday activities because they lack access to a pair of glasses.”

Globally, at least 2.2 billion people have a vision impairment or blindness, of whom at least 1 billion have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed.

Other main findings of the report include:

- :: The burden of eye conditions and vision impairment is not borne equally: it is often far greater in people living in rural areas, those with low incomes, women, older people, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and indigenous populations.
- :: The unmet need of distance vision impairment in low- and middle-income regions is estimated to be four times higher than in high-income regions.
- :: Low- and middle-income regions of western and eastern sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia have rates of blindness that are eight times higher than in all high-income countries. Rates of cataract and trachomatous trichiasis are higher among women, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.
- :: US\$14.3 billion is needed to address the backlog of 1 billion people living with vision impairment or blindness due to short and far sightedness, and cataracts.**

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Cryptocurrency – UN Agencies

UNICEF launches Cryptocurrency Fund

UN Children's agency becomes first UN Organization to hold and make transactions in cryptocurrency
NEW YORK, 9 October 2019 – UNICEF will now be able to receive, hold and disburse donations of cryptocurrencies ether and bitcoin, through its newly-established UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund. In a first for United Nations organizations, UNICEF will use cryptocurrencies to fund open source technology benefiting children and young people around the world.

Under the structure of the UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund, contributions will be held in their cryptocurrency of contribution, and granted out in the same cryptocurrency.

"This is a new and exciting venture for UNICEF," said Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director. "If digital economies and currencies have the potential to shape the lives of coming generations, it is important that we explore the opportunities they offer. That's why the creation of our Cryptocurrency Fund is a significant and welcome step forward in humanitarian and development work."

The first contributions to the UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund will be received from the Ethereum Foundation and will benefit three grantees of the [UNICEF Innovation Fund](#) – and a project coordinated by the [GIGA initiative](#) to connect schools across the world to the internet...

The Ethereum Foundation will make its initial donation through the [French National Committee](#) for UNICEF. UNICEF national committees of [USA](#), [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#) also accept cryptocurrency...

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

[Ebola Outbreak in DRC 62: 08 October 2019](#)

Situation Update

In the past week, from 30 September to 6 October, 14 new confirmed Ebola virus disease (EVD) cases, with an additional nine deaths, have been reported from seven health zones in two affected provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Although the decline in the number of new cases is encouraging, the recent fluctuations in case numbers per week must be interpreted with caution, as case reporting is contingent upon the level of access and security.

During mid-September, serious security incidents in Lwemba Health Area, Mandima Health Zone, stalled outbreak response activities for more than two weeks. Response activities have since resumed but remain limited. Last week, an open forum for discussion and reconciliation was held in Lwemba with partners and civil society to dispel mistrust and enhance engagement in future response activities. Improved access may result in enhanced case finding and an increase in the number of reported cases from the area...

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 09 October 2019

:: On 24 October 2019, World Polio Day, an event will be held at the WHO to mark the potential certification of eradication of wild poliovirus type 3. With no poliovirus type 3 detected anywhere in the world since 2012, the Global Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication (GCC) is anticipated to officially declare this strain as globally eradicated. The event will also be broadcast on the internet. Viewers are welcome to follow the proceedings through a WebEx broadcast that will be available [here](#).

:: In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, an Outbreak Response Assessment (OBRA) conducted in the country noted operational and Coordination improvements and strengthened government ownership in support of the outbreak response. As a result, three genetically-distinct outbreak strains have been successfully stopped and recommended for closure, demonstrating the effectiveness of outbreak response measures, if fully implemented. At the same time, however, the OBRA noted that the strengthened political ownership now needed to rapidly translate into uniformly high-quality outbreak response, including through appropriate use and management of mOPV2, effective implementation of accountability framework to ensure high quality campaigns to urgently stop the remaining outbreak lineages and prevent further strains from emerging in the future.

:: On 16 September 2019, the Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) held its twenty-second meeting. [Read](#) the committee's report of progress for affected IHR States Parties subject to Temporary Recommendations.

Summary of new viruses this week:

:: Pakistan — three WPV1 cases and 13 WPV1-positive environmental samples;

:: Central African Republic — four cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples;

:: Democratic Republic of the Congo — three circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) cases;

:: Philippines — three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.

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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 12 Oct 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: [Ebola Outbreak in DRC 62: 08 October 2019](#)

[See Ebola above for detail]

Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified

Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified

South Sudan - No new digest announcements identified

Syrian Arab Republic - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - No new digest announcements identified

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 12 Oct 2019]

Iran floods 2019

:: WHO mobile clinics deployed to Islamic Republic of Iran 9 October 2019

Libya

:: WHO provides support for treatment of leishmaniasis in Libya 7 October 2019

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *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*

HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi floods - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 12 Oct 2019]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*

Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*

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

Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

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

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Syria | Flash Update #2, Humanitarian impact of the military operation in north-eastern Syria, 11 October 2019

:: Syrian Arab Republic: Recent Developments in Northwestern Syria Situation Report No. 13 - as of 8 October 2019

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.

Editor's Note:

Ebola in the DRC has been added as a OCHA "Corporate Emergency" this week:

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

:: 06 Oct 2019 Cholera response plan launched in Sudan

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DRC - No new digest announcements identified

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Agency/Government/IGO Watch

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

United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly

[to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

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GA/AB/4332

United Nations Confronting Worst Liquidity Crisis in Recent Years, Top Management Official Says, Presenting Key Financial Indicators for 2019 to Fifth Committee

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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SG/SM/19809

Prime Minister's Vision Helped Ethiopia, Eritrea Achieve Historic Rapprochement, Says Secretary-General on Awarding of Nobel Peace Prize to Abiy Ahmed

10 October 2019

SG/SM/19804-DEV/3419-OBV/1924

Over 1 Billion Metric Tons of Food Wasted Annually, Secretary-General Says in Message for International Day, Stressing Need to Change Production, Consumption

8 October 2019

GA/AB/4330

Secretary-General Presents First Annual Budget in Over 45 Years to Fifth Committee, Proposing \$2.87 Billion for 2020 Focused on Strategic Priorities, Reforms

Delegates in the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary) today began discussing the proposed programme budget for 2020 totalling \$2.87 billion, which represents no real-term growth from 2019 but reflects the strategic priorities and reforms of the United Nations.

7 October 2019

DSG/SM/1355-REF/1265

Resident Coordinators Will Work with Country Teams to Better Connect Development, Humanitarian Efforts, Deputy Secretary-General Tells UNHCR Executive Committee

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Top News

Press briefing note on Syria

Press briefing note on Germany / Synagogue attack

Press briefing note on Israel / oPt

Norway needs to bridge gap in implementation of disability rights, says UN expert

Press briefing note on Malawi

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Council News

UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria: A new wave of violence is the last thing Syrians need

10/10/2019

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 12 Oct 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 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

International Day of the Girl Child, 11 October 2019

Agents for change: Girls take up the fight for a better world

10 October 2019

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

[Children in Immediate Danger as Fighting Escalates in Northeast Syria](#)

Thursday, 10 October 2019

[United Nations Task Force calls on Member States to end children's deprivation of liberty](#)

Wednesday, 9 October 2019

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

8 October, 2019

[Remarks of UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Ms. Pramila Patten, side event: Responding to Sexual Violence in the Context of Detention, 8 October 2019, New York](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest news

[Call for the effective implementation of SDG Goal 3: Removing barriers and closing the gap of health disparities for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender-diverse people](#)

11 October 2019

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

International Day of the Girl Child, 11 October 2019

[Agents for change: Girls take up the fight for a better world](#)

10 October 2019

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest news

UN human rights expert to assess situation of indigenous peoples in the Republic of Congo

11 October 2019

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

11 October 2019

UN Calls for Protection of Civilians in Northeast Syria [EN/AR]

11 October 2019

Stronger international support needed as Burkina Faso humanitarian emergency deepens

08 October 2019

Humanitarian Coordinator for Libya El Hillo condemns increasing attacks on civilians, calls for the respect of international humanitarian law and protection of civilians [EN/AR]

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Reports

Press release

1 in 4 young women in Latin America and the Caribbean is in union or married before age 18

The region will reach the second highest rates in the world in 2030 if the situation is not reversed
11/10/2019

Press release

Update on the situation of children in northeast Syria

11/10/2019

Statement

Vaccination campaign against cholera kicks off in Sudan

Joint statement by the Sudan Federal Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF

11/10/2019

[See Milestones above for detail]

Press release

Geneva Palais briefing note on children in Burkina Faso

11/10/2019

Press release

Clé de Peau Beauté announces multi-year global partnership with UNICEF

Partnership will empower girls around the world to claim their rights, advance their education, and unlock their boundless potential

10/10/2019

Press release

Batonga Foundation, TOMS and UNICEF partner to give girls in Benin new shoes

10/10/2019

Statement

Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the latest developments in Syria

10/10/2019

Press release

As measles deaths in the Democratic Republic of the Congo top 4,000, UNICEF rushes medical kits to health centers and vaccinates thousands more children

09/10/2019

Press release

UNICEF launches Cryptocurrency Fund

UN Children's agency becomes first UN Organization to hold and make transactions in cryptocurrency

08/10/2019

Press release

Youth propose climate actions in Costa Rica global conference

Regional challenge for youth-led solutions to climate change is launched ahead of COP25

07/10/2019

Press release

As cholera continues to spread, UNICEF charters 1.6 million doses of vaccines to Sudan

07/10/2019

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

Statement by UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi on awarding of Nobel Peace Prize to Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

11 Oct 2019

[Conflict, violence in Burkina Faso displaces nearly half a million people](#)

11 Oct 2019

[Watershed moment as countries step forward to tackle global statelessness](#)

11 Oct 2019

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Second life-saving evacuation of vulnerable refugees from Libya lands in Rwanda](#)

11 Oct 2019

[Hundreds of thousands in harm's way in northern Syria](#)

10 Oct 2019

[Sheikh Thani Bin Abdullah Bin Thani Al-Thani appointed UNHCR Eminent Advocate](#)

9 Oct 2019

[UNHCR and AFAD agree emergency preparedness and response cooperation](#)

8 Oct 2019

[UNHCR aids thousands of Congolese refugees returning home from Angola](#)

8 Oct 2019

[UN High Commissioner for Refugees warns of risks to the fight against statelessness](#)

7 Oct 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

["Supporting Brighter Futures": IOM Launches Report on Young Women, Girls and Labour Migration](#)

2019-10-11 16:30

Geneva – On the International Day of the Girl Child, IOM recognizes the over 18 million female international migrants under 20 years of age who have embarked on migration journeys.

[Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 76,558 in 2019; Deaths Reach 1,071](#)

2019-10-11 16:17

Geneva – IOM reports that 76,558 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 9 October, roughly a 13 per cent decrease from the 87,923 arriving during the same period last year.

[Decongestion of Greek Islands Continues as 700 Refugees and Migrants Move to Mainland](#)

2019-10-08 16:45

Athens – Another 700 vulnerable refugees and migrants were safely transported from the Greek islands to the mainland on Monday (07/10) morning as part of Greece's ongoing effort to decongest the overcrowded North-Eastern Aegean islands.

UNAIDS [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

11 October 2019

Empowering young Brazilians to talk to their peers about HIV

9 October 2019

UNAIDS and Luxembourg—working together in western and central Africa

7 October 2019

Criminalization of same-sex sexual relationships decreasing

WHO & Regional Offices [to 12 Oct 2019]

10 October 2019

News release

WHO welcomes vital new funding for the Global Fund

10 October 2019

News release

The use of non-pharmaceutical forms of Artemisia

Background

Today, the most widely used antimalarial treatments, artemisinin-based combination therapies (ACTs), are produced using the pure artemisinin compound extracted from plant *Artemisia annua*. Currently, all malaria strains globally can be treated with at least one of the ACTs recommended by WHO.

However, for those living in malaria-affected areas, ACTs are not always readily accessible. In some countries, the medicines are only available at high prices or are of sub-standard quality. These challenges have given rise to the promotion of a range of products made from *Artemisia* plant material – such as teas, tablets and capsules – as affordable and effective medicines against malaria.

Traditional herbal remedies have several limitations, especially when used to treat potentially fatal diseases such as malaria. The main limitations are related to standardization of plant cultivation, the preparation of formulations, dosages, quality assurance, and evidence of clinical safety and efficacy.

WHO position

Following an extensive evidence review on the effectiveness of non-pharmaceutical forms of *Artemisia*, conducted in 2019, WHO has issued a new position statement on this issue with a clear message:

WHO does not support the promotion or use of *Artemisia* plant material in any form for the prevention or treatment of malaria...

9 October 2019

News release

New evidence shows significant mistreatment of women during childbirth

8 October 2019

News release

WHO launches first World report on vision

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [WHO in Africa offers small research grants on the innovative use of GIS towards polio eradication...](#)

11 October 2019

:: [\[DRC\] Parents rush to get measles vaccine after recent outbreak kills thousands of children...](#)

10 October 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: [Ministries of Health from across the Caribbean meet to discuss urgent need to fund health and climate change initiatives \(10/08/2019\)](#)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 11 October 2019 News release

[Region's leaders discuss need to protect health in relation to climate change and the environment](#)

10 October 2019 News release

[Region's health leaders pledge to tackle antimicrobial resistance and strengthen tobacco control](#)

9 October 2019 News release

[Regional action to protect children from harmful impact of food marketing and promote healthy ageing](#)

8 October 2019 News release

[Health ministers endorse WHO five-year plan to make the Western Pacific the healthiest, safest region](#)

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Second Intersessional Seminar on the Prevention of Human Rights Violations

bbbPanel discussion on 'The interaction between the Human Rights Council and the United Nations Development Pillar towards preventing human rights violations'

Posted on October 8, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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

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

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

Press release

Global network of financial centres plan huge growth in sustainable finance and launches regional programme for Africa

Geneva, 10 October 2019 – Maintaining the momentum of the Secretary-General's Climate Summit last month, a global network of 30 financial centres – accounting for \$61.3 trillion in equity market capitalization and...

UNISDR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

11 Oct 2019

Critical Infrastructure including schools, health facilities and roads threatened by climate crisis

Climate change is contributing to increasing damage to critical infrastructure around the globe, according to a twelve-year survey of damages caused by small- and medium-scale disasters

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

Our world is growing older: UN DESA releases new report on ageing

10 October 2019, New York

Our world is rapidly growing older. Today, there are 703 million people aged 65 or older, a number that is projected to reach 1.5 billion by 2050. According to the latest population estimates and

projections from UN DESA's Population Division, 1 in 6 people in the world will be over the age 65 by 2050,...

UNESCO [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

[UNESCO Supports Syrian Refugees in North Lebanon to Map their Cultural Resources](#)

10 October 2019

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Announcements

[ICOMOS and partners issue new report: "Culture in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda"](#)

Written on 23 September 2019.

The Cultural Dimension of Sustainable Development is essential for the achievement of 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Building on the commitments of [#culture2015goal](#), the members of this campaign have taken the occasion of the UN SDGs Summit that takes place in New York on 24-25 September 2019, as a perfect opportunity to re-energise the campaign, now updated as [#culture2030goal](#). The new report entitled: ["Culture in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda"](#), coordinated by ICOMOS and [United Cities and Local Governments \(UCLG\)](#) with contributions from all campaign members, sends key messages on the role of culture - current and potential - in the implementation of the SDGs.

The report takes stock of the first four years of the 2030 Agenda, from the perspective of culture. It focuses on the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) submitted by State Parties to the UN for the High-level Political Forums (HLPF) in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. The report also explains the parallel developments of policy in the global conversation on culture in development, including the initiatives and actions undertaken by the networks of [#culture2030goal](#) themselves, UNESCO, the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, and other international organisations. The report also includes an analysis of the Voluntary Local Reports (VLRs, submitted by cities and local governments).

The report provides key recommendations for all parties involved in the Implementation Decade (2020-2030) of the SDGs:

- (a) culture to be from the outset in national development planning frameworks for implementing the SDGs, as well as in their reporting through the VNR process,
- (b) the need for wider consultation and participatory exercises in the elaboration of VNRs,
- (c) the need to develop a wider international community around culture and sustainable development,
- (d) the organisation of a High-Level Meeting devoted to Culture within the next HLPF cycle of reporting (2020-2023),
- (e) the design and implementation of quantitative and qualitative indicators reflecting the place of culture in sustainable development,
- (f) the importance of cultural contexts in the local implementation of the SDGs and the crucial role played by local cultural actors, institutions and organisations, (g) the need for cultural sectors to strengthen their own efforts towards the implementation of the SDGs, and (h) the commitment to

developing partnerships at all levels to strengthen the integration of the cultural dimension in the SDGs.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

08/10/2019 –

United Nations Task Force calls on Member States to end children's deprivation of liberty

[See Week in Review above for detail]

08/10/2019 –

UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme celebrates 15 years of making global trade safer from crime

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

Global Observance of World Habitat Day celebrated in Mexico City

Tuesday 8 October, 2019

UN-Habitat, Colab and OS City launch new citizen consultation through an innovative tool in Brazil, Peru and Bolivia

Monday 7 October, 2019

UN Secretary-General António Guterres Message on World Habitat Day 2019

Monday 7 October, 2019

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Employment creation

Small businesses and self-employed provide most jobs worldwide, new ILO report says

10 October 2019

A ground-breaking study reveals that seven in 10 workers are self-employed or in small businesses, a finding that has significant implications for employment and enterprise support policies world-wide.

Informality

Lima's Gamarra market: The benefits of moving to the formal economy

09 October 2019

Combating informality is key to governments' efforts to reduce inequality and social exclusion. This is particularly true in Peru where many employees work in informal conditions.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[40th ICAO Assembly drives new progress toward key economic development priorities for air transport](#)

10/10/19

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest Press Briefings

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Release

[Tokyo Typhoon Center 30th anniversary marks achievements and challenges](#)

Publish Date: 11 October 2019

Dramatic improvements in satellite technology, forecasts and early warnings have helped save hundreds of thousands of lives from tropical cyclones. But the increasing societal impacts as a result of sea level rise, more extreme weather and population shifts call for even more concerted disaster risk management in the future.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 12 Oct 2019]

http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/

News

[UPU celebrates 145 years of service to the world](#)

09.10.2019

The Universal Postal Union held a series of events commemorating its 145th anniversary on 9 October, which is also recognized as World Post Day.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 10 October 2019

[Keeping food safe from farm to fork](#)

Transport and storage are inextricable elements of food safety management. New international guidance has just been published to help ensure safety at every stop along the food chain.

By Clare Naden on 9 October 2019

ISO standard takes business collaboration to another level

ISO 44001, *Collaborative business relationship management systems – Requirements and framework*, assists companies in establishing and improving collaborative relationships, both within and between organizations.

Now, organizations can take the guidance to another level with the recently published ISO 44002, *Collaborative business relationship management systems – Guidelines on the implementation of ISO 44001*. The new standard provides in-depth knowledge and understanding of the requirements in ISO 44001 to help organizations implement it most effectively.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

27 new Affiliate Members approved at the 23rd UNWTO General Assembly

11 October 2019

UNWTO is pleased to welcome 27 new Affiliate Members to the UNWTO Affiliate Member network.

Regulation Catches up with Innovation – The Case of Short-Term Rentals

Madrid, Spain, 10 October 2019 - The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has published the first systematic overview of how both national governments and local authorities are addressing and managing new business models in the accommodation industry. The so-called "sharing economy" has experienced significant growth over recent years and is poised to outpace the growth of traditional accommodation. Drawing on case studies from around the world, "New Business Models in the Accommodation Industry" analyses existing rules and regulations for the sector.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

WIPO Assemblies Close with New Direction for Organization's Future Work

Delegates from WIPO's 192 member states closed their 2019 Assemblies meetings with agreement on the Organization's work program and related budget for the 2020-21 biennium, while WIPO's intellectual property (IP)-related treaties attracted nearly a dozen new adherents.

Oct 10, 2019 [PR/2019/837](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

2019-10-11

Statement by Dr. Cristiana Pasca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of World Migratory Bird Day

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USAID [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on International Day of the Girl

October 11, 2019

Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) celebrates the International Day of the Girl. We know today's girls are tomorrow's leaders who will help create a more peaceful and prosperous world. Wherever USAID works, we are committed to helping girls realize their full potential and be empowered, capable leaders for future generations.

DFID [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

UK aid to provide education and jobs to thousands of Syrian refugees

Minister for the Middle East, Dr Andrew Murrison MP, announces support during visit to Lebanon.

From: Department for International Development and 1 others

Updated: 12 October 2019

International Development Minister announces new UK aid to support 1.2 million people living in Cox's Bazar

Baroness Sugg pledges new UK aid for Rohingya refugees and vulnerable Bangladeshi host families during a visit to the region.

From: Department for International Development

Updated: 9 October 2019

8 October 2019 — Press release

UK aid partners with Gates Foundation to tackle global food insecurity

New funding to allow scientists to research cutting-edge technology to protect crops and produce "super crops" that will be more efficient and withstand the impacts of climate change.

ECHO [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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

Latest News

EU provides further €10 million in humanitarian aid for Mozambique

09/10/2019

The European Commission is mobilising an additional €10 million in humanitarian assistance for the many people still dealing with the consequences of the 2 unprecedented tropical cyclones that hit Mozambique in 2019. "Tropical cyclones Idai and..."

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African Union [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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AUC hosts the Opening Ceremony of the 7th Africa Forum on Visual Impairment

October 07, 2019

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Secretariat News

ASEAN accelerates pioneering actions on promoting and protecting the rights of women and children

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 8 October 2019 – ASEAN remains steadfast in responding to issues affecting the rights of women and children. Through the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC), ASEAN continues to act together to address emerging threats and challenges.

European Commission [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

Mozambique: EU channels further €10 million in humanitarian aid

10/10/2019 -

European Commission - Press release Brussels, 10 October 2019 The European Commission is mobilising an additional €10 million in humanitarian assistance for the many still dealing with the consequences of the two unprecedented tropical cyclones that hit Mozambique in 2019.

Rule of Law: European Commission refers Poland to the Court of Justice to protect judges from political control

Brussels, 10 October 2019

Today, the European Commission decided to refer Poland to the Court of Justice of the EU regarding the new disciplinary regime for Polish judges, requesting an expedited procedure.

OECD [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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10-October-2019

Tackling obesity would boost economic and social well-being

Obesity-related diseases will claim more than 90 million lives in OECD countries in the next 30 years, with life expectancy reduced by nearly 3 years. Obesity and its related conditions also reduce GDP by 3.3% in OECD countries and exact a heavy toll on personal budgets, amounting to USD 360 per capita per year, according to a new OECD report.

9-October-2019

OECD leading multilateral efforts to address tax challenges from digitalisation of the economy

Today the OECD Secretariat published a proposal to advance international negotiations to ensure large and highly profitable Multinational Enterprises, including digital companies, pay tax wherever they have significant consumer-facing activities and generate their profits.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

[Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on the Situation in Ecuador](#)

October 8, 2019

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://www.oic-oci.org/>

Selected Press Releases

[Al-Othaimeen Calls for Monitoring and Resolving Challenges Affecting Girls](#)

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr Yousef Al-Othaimeen, addressed a call to the member states and relevant organs to intensify work on monitoring and exploring the challenges affecting girls across the Muslim world, enabling them to access adequate education and good-quality care.

10/10/2019

[OIC Supports Heritage Conservation Efforts in Member States](#)

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) at its headquarters in Jeddah hosted two-day deliberations, October 7-8, to establish the OIC platform for cultural heritage protection and conservation. The workshop brought together delegates of member states and OIC agencies, along with representatives of international organizations and non-member states to discuss how to preserve heritage and archaeological sites in the Muslim world....

07/10/2019

Group of 77 [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 134: Programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019-UN Office for Partnerships, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 11 October 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 144: Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and agenda item 133: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 11 October 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr Majed Bamya, First Counsellor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 135: Proposed programme budget for 2020, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 8 October 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr Majed Bamya, First Counsellor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 136: Programme planning - Proposed](#)

[programme plan 2020, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 8 October 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms Nada Tarbush, First Secretary, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 139: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 7 October 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

9 October 2019

World Trade Report sees increasing role for services trade, need for global cooperation

The 2019 edition of the WTO's World Trade Report highlights that services have become the most dynamic component of international trade and that its role will continue to expand in the coming decades. It stresses the need to enhance cooperation in the international community to support this expansion. The report was launched during the WTO Public Forum on 9 October 2019 by Director-General Roberto Azevêdo.

DDG Wolff: Acceding countries are best champions of trading system "as a support for peace"

9 October 2019

Speaking at a session on "Trade for peace through WTO accessions" at the Public Forum on 9 October, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said the enthusiasm of newly acceding countries for using WTO membership as a peacebuilding instrument "is a reason for optimism" at a time of uncertainty for world trade. He underlined the importance of the "Trade for Peace" initiative for deepening understanding on how fragile and conflict-affected countries can use trade, the WTO and its accession process to create greater stability and promote sustainable peace.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press releases

11/10/2019

[**Future Policy Award 2019 crowns eight best policies empowering youth**](#)

Press releases

08/10/2019

[**#IPU141 Assembly in Serbia sets out to strengthen international law**](#)

International Court of Justice [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 12 Oct 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 12 Oct 2019]

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

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[**East Asia and Pacific: Growth Slows as Trade Tensions and Global Uncertainties Intensify**](#)

BANGKOK, October 10, 2019—Growth in developing East Asian and Pacific economies is expected to slow from 6.3 percent in 2018 to 5.8 percent in 2019 and to 5.7 and 5.6 percent in 2020 and 2021, respectively...

Date: October 10, 2019 Type: Press Release

[**Trade Integration Even More Important for Latin America and the Caribbean as Growth Slows**](#)

WASHINGTON, October 10, 2019 —The Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) region has entered a new phase of weak economic performance, but increased integration in international trade and global value chains...

Date: October 10, 2019 Type: Press Release

[**Global Uncertainty Continues to Slow Growth in Africa's Economies**](#)

Initiatives to empower poor people, girls and women are essential to progress WASHINGTON, October 9, 2019—Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa remained slow through 2019, hampered by persistent uncertainty in...

Date: October 09, 2019 Type: Press Release

[**Fair Competition Is Needed for the Economic Empowerment of Women in the Arab World**](#)

Female labor force participation levels in Arab countries are the lowest in the world—despite the rising educational attainment of women reaching working age. Indeed, young women across the Arab world...

Date: October 09, 2019 Type: Opinion

IMF [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Africa-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of No new digest content identified.

[African Development Bank, Government Pension Investment Fund, partner for green, social and sustainability bond markets](#)

11-Oct-2019 - The African Development Bank and Japan's Government Pension Investment Fund (GPIF) have signed a partnership to promote environmental, social and governance investments in the global capital markets. The collaboration between the Bank and GPIF will focus on channeling investments towards inclusive and sustainable growth in Africa, contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The agreement was signed 30th September 2019.

[African Development Bank partners with Senegal to host 2021 World Water Forum](#)

10-Oct-2019 - A Senegalese government delegation, led by the country's Minister of Water and Sanitation, His Excellency Serigne Mbaye Thiam, briefed the African Development Bank on Senegal's preparations to host the World Water Forum in Dakar in March 2021. Minister Thiam met with the Bank's Vice President for Agriculture, Human, and Social Development, Jennifer Blanke, and her senior management team on 8 October to discuss the Bank's participation in the event's organization and delivery.

Asian Development Bank [to 12 Oct 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]

8 Oct 2019

[Tetsushi Sonobe New Dean of Asian Development Bank Institute](#)

Mr. Tetsushi Sonobe has been appointed as the Dean of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) based in Tokyo, Japan. He will assume office on 1 April 2020.

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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Beijing, China, October 11, 2019

[AIIB International Advisory Panel Gains 2 New Members](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) International Advisory Panel (IAP) has gained two new members. The IAP was established to advise AIIB President Jin Liqun and Senior Management on developing the Bank's strategies, policies and operational approach.

At this year's meeting, the IAP provided guidance on the development of AIIB's Corporate Strategy. The addition of the two new IAP members was announced at the panel's meeting on Oct. 10. They are:

:: Mr. Scott Morris—A senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and former Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Treasury Department. Morris is a national of the United States.

:: Mr. Takatoshi Kato—Former Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund and former Executive Director for Japan at the Asian Development Bank. Kato is a national of Japan...

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

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[IFAD opens regional office in Egypt, providing rural development support to seven countries in the region](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

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 12 Oct 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://newsroom.amref.org/category/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest

October 10, 2019

[Scars that last a lifetime](#)

Child sexual abuse is more common than we think. Its devastating effects on young minds can last a lifetime. On #WorldMentalHealthDay, addressing this dire issue can be a start to saving a generation.

October 10, 2019

[West African authors elevate girls' voices through storytelling](#)

CARE International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

[15 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in North-East Syria](#)

10th Oct 2019

Civilians in north-east Syria are at risk and humanitarian aid could be cut off following the launch of a new military operation in the area, leading aid agencies are warning.

[CARE warns of mass displacement as an offensive is launched in northern Syria](#)

Amman, 10 October 2019 – As Turkey begins a new military operation in northern Syria, CARE is deeply concerned about the risk any escalation in violence will pose to civilians.

Clubhouse International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

NEWS

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News & Updates

[Panama: 68% increase in child sexual abuse and exploitation reports from 2017-2018](#)

11/10/2019

In recent years, there has been a huge increase in the number of child sexual abuse and exploitation reports to Panama authorities, according [a new ECPAT report](#). It also highlights that the enduring practice of child marriages in rural areas continues to make children vulnerable to forms of sexual exploitation. Now, ECPAT International urges authorities to collect data to assess the full scope of the problem.

Fountain House [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

October 10, 2019 9:02 AM

[Statement | Military incursion in northeast Syria: protection of civilians and humanitarian workers is vital](#)

October 10, 2019 8:54 AM

[Statement | 15 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in northeast Syria](#)

Heifer International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Children, no matter their association, are entitled to rights and protections as children](#)

As delivered by Senior Policy Adviser, Ms. Ann DeerThank you, Mr. Chair. This year, we mark the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions and the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

11-10-2019 | Statement

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Counter-terrorism activities must respect protections afforded by international humanitarian law](#)

As delivered by Mr. Christopher Harland, Deputy Permanent Observer to the United Nations and Legal Adviser, ICRC New YorkMr. Chair,Terrorism negates the fundamental principle of humanity.
10-10-2019 | Statement

Syria: Life-saving humanitarian work must be facilitated in north-east

Geneva (ICRC) – After eight years of conflict, 11.7 million people across Syria require humanitarian aid.

09-10-2019 | News release

73% of millennials in 15 countries say mental health is as important as water, food, shelter

Geneva (ICRC) – Nearly three in four millennials – 73 per cent – surveyed across 15 countries said that mental health needs are as important as water, food and shelter for victims of wars and armed violence.The data, taken from an Ipsos survey commis

07-10-2019 | News release

IFRC [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

As areas of South Sudan face famine conditions, the unity government must adhere to November deadline and immediately work to address food insecurity in the country

October 10, 2019

Press Release

IRC reacts to start of Turkish military operations in northeast Syria - concerned for welfare of millions of civilians

October 9, 2019

Press Release

Dr. Jeannie Annan Named Chief Research and Innovation Officer, Airbel Impact Lab, International Rescue Committee

October 7, 2019

IRCT [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://irct.org/>
News 07 Oct 2019

Welcome message from the Secretary-General Ms. Lisa Henry

Bringing with her a wealth of experience from humanitarian response and country initiatives and serving in difficult environments in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia for more than 25 years, Lisa Henry has the right vision to follow in the footsteps of former Secretary-General Victor Madrigal-Borloz.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

Water trucks save lives every day in drought-stricken Fuguho village, Somaliland

Published: 10 October, 2019

Palestinian Territories

Why thousands of families fear a grim winter in poverty-stricken Gaza

Published: 8 October, 2019

Landsea [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press releases

Mercy Corps Chief Executive Officer Resigns

October 10, 2019

Statement from Gisel Kordestani, Mercy Corps Board Co-Chair

PORTLAND, Ore. — “The Mercy Corps Board has accepted the resignation of CEO, Neal Keny-Guyer, who has immediately relinquished his responsibilities. We are launching a search for a new Chief Executive Officer and will announce interim leadership soon.

“The Mercy Corps Board today heard global Mercy Corps employees’ demands for accountability and responsibility after it was revealed this week that the daughter of co-founder Ellsworth Culver brought details of sexual abuse perpetrated by him to the attention of Mercy Corps in the early 1990s and again in 2018.

“Neal Keny-Guyer’s decision to step down follows the resignation of Barnes Ellis, Corporate Secretary and Senior Legal Counsel, and the resignation of Robert Newell from the Mercy Corps Board of Directors earlier this week.

“The Mercy Corps Board has initiated an independent, external review to examine the organization’s handling of Ms. Humphrey’s report to the Mercy Corps integrity hotline in 2018. That review will also examine Mercy Corps’ safeguarding policies and leadership accountability.”

Keny-Guyer's letter of resignation can be found [here](#).

Syria: 15 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in North-East Syria

Civilians in north-east Syria are at risk and humanitarian aid could be cut off following the launch of a new military operation in the area, leading aid agencies are warning. Reports from humanitarian responders on the ground say civilians are already on the move and that some vital services have been interrupted, including medical facilities and water supplies. Agencies say that some of their staff have fled with their families, while others are on lockdown.

Statement Regarding Late Mercy Corps Co-founder Ellsworth Culver

Portland, Ore. – The details of sexual abuse allegations made against Mercy Corps' late co-founder Ellsworth Culver in The Oregonian are horrific. Had I known this information when I joined Mercy Corps as CEO in 1994, Ellsworth Culver would not have remained at the organization.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Brazil

Taking care of the mental health of Venezuelan children in Brazil

Project Update 11 Oct 2019

Syria

Northeast Syria: Turkish military operation results in displacement and hospital ...

Press Release 11 Oct 2019

Belarus

TB patients improve treatment adherence with psychological and social s...

Project Update 10 Oct 2019

Tuberculosis

TB drug delamanid must be more affordable and made available in more countries

Statement 10 Oct 2019

Palestine

The invisible mental health crisis plaguing the West Bank

Project Update 10 Oct 2019

Access to medicines

MSF demands Johnson & Johnson reduce price of lifesaving TB drug

Press Release 10 Oct 2019

Democratic Republic of Congo

Ebola response overshadows already fragile health system

Project Update 9 Oct 2019

Mental health

The Yazidi - a community without hope

exposure.co 9 Oct 2019

DRC Ebola outbreaks

Crisis update - October 2019

Crisis Update 7 Oct 2019

HIV/AIDS

Burden sharing or burden shifting? How the HIV/TB response is being derailed

Report 7 Oct 2019

HIV/AIDS

Urgent boost and reality check needed for HIV and TB funding

Press Release 6 Oct 2019

Operation Smile [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Program Schedule

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

OXFAM [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

15 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in North-East Syria

10 October 2019

Civilians at risk as violence escalates and humanitarian work is suspended.

Poverty pay and abuse of workers commonplace on farms linked to major supermarkets

10 October 2019

Poverty pay, harsh working conditions, and gender discrimination are commonplace on the farms and plantations that supply tea, fruit and vegetables to supermarkets such as Lidl, PLUS, and Whole Foods reveals new research published by Oxfam today.

Human-rights abuses commonplace in farms linked to major European supermarkets, Oxfam finds

10 October 2019

Human-rights abuses are commonplace in farms linked to major European supermarkets such as Aldi, Lidl and Tesco, new Oxfam research reveals. The organisation calls on the EU to introduce new legislation that requires companies to respect the human rights of people working in their global supply chains.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Syria | 11. Oct 2019

Syria: Thousands fleeing for their lives

Turkey's incursion in North East Syria is already triggering new displacements at a moment when we were just starting to see some people begin to recover from last year's emergency and rebuild their lives. As many as 300,000 people could reportedly be displaced by a full-blown military escalation.

Ethiopia | 11. Oct 2019

Abiy Ahmed must now work tirelessly for peace

Statement by NRC Secretary General Jan Egeland following the announcement of the Nobel Peace Prize winner for 2019.

Syria/Turkey | 10. Oct 2019

14 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in north-east Syria

Civilians at risk as violence escalates and humanitarian work is suspended.

Philippines | 07. Oct 2019

Handing over weapons: M.I.L.F. combatants commit to peace in the Bangsamoro

The ceremonial presentation of over 1,000 decommissioned M.I.L.F. combatants and their surrendered weapons marked a new milestone in the Bangsamoro's historical peace process. Experts from NORDEM continue to play key roles in the operation.

Pact [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

Oct 10, 2019

How Three Girls Defied the Odds to Join First Medical Class

The first medical class at University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda is two-thirds female. These three students defied the odds to be among those breaking down barriers in their home country.

Oct 10, 2019

"The Right Medicine": Young Woman Triumphs Over MDR-TB

Thanks to investments from the Sierra Leonean government and PIH in multidrug-resistant tuberculosis treatment, 13-year-old Cylian Kargbo survived the disease. She's become an advocate for TB patients locally.

Oct 09, 2019

Battling Mental Illness, One Home Visit at a Time

Five newly trained community health workers comment on why they feel fulfilled by connecting their neighbors, friends, and family to mental health care through clinics in rural Chiapas, Mexico.

Oct 09, 2019

Dr. Kilongo Papy Mulailwa Thanks PIHers for Supporting New Surgical Theater

Thanks to this support, we exceeded our funding goal for this project and work can begin on a new surgical theater to help Dr. Papy, the heroic general surgeon serving the 500,000 people in Kono District, keep his patients safe from infection. Dr. Papy sent along this video with his personal thanks.

Oct 09, 2019

Mental Health Care for Homeless Begins with Clean T-Shirt, Warm Meal, and a Bath

An innovative homeless outreach program in Liberia helps people connect with mental health care by building trust through the provision of basic needs.

Oct 08, 2019

The Social Worker Extraordinaire Helping Breast Cancer Patients

Oldine Deshommes, a social worker at University Hospital in Mirebalais, Haiti, talks about the barriers breast cancer patients face in accessing care, their concerns, and what she has learned from them over time.

PATH [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

PATH celebrates Global Fund's replenishment and applauds focus on innovation

October 11, 2019 by PATH

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

4 October 2019 - Congo (Kinshasa) 11 October 2019 - Nigeria

Theresa Lola runs poetry workshop for girls from conflict-affected parts of Nigeria for International Day of the Girl

10 October 2019 - Syria

Save the Children preparing to scale up its operations and warns of mass displacement of children

9 October 2019 - Yemen

Fuel shortages deepen crisis in Yemen – Save the Children

8 October 2019 - Syria

Save the Children statement following the announced withdrawal of United States troops from areas in North East Syria

7 October 2019 - Afghanistan

18 Years Of Conflict: Every single Afghan child affected by war

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

OPINION – October 10 2019

Time to act to leave no child behind

One in ten children worldwide lives without the care of a parent or at risk of losing parental care. They rank disproportionately high among those left behind. These children—neglected, abandoned, abused, orphaned or displaced—are, in many ways, invisible.

By Gitta Trauernicht, Vice-President, SOS Children's Villages International

Tostan [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

October 11, 2019

Supporting Girls and Their Future Starts with Today's Women

Article

October 10, 2019

With 245,000 Syrian Refugees, Northern Iraq Isn't Prepared for More

Article

World Vision [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

New Study Finds Young People Who Engage with Church Are Less Anxious and More Optimistic

October 11th 2019

15 aid agencies warn of humanitarian crisis in North-East Syria

October 10th 2019

The Government and World Vision, sustainable partners in improving the lives of children in Lao PDR

October 7th 2019

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | October 11, 2019

EFF to Court: Parody Book Combining Dr. Seuss and Star Trek Themes Is Fair Use

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) urged a federal appeals court today to rule that the creators of a parody book called “Oh The Places You’ll Boldly Go!”—a mash-up of Dr. Seuss and Star Trek themes—didn’t infringe copyrights in the Dr. Seuss classic “Oh The Places You’ll Go!”

Freedom House [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

Press Releases

South Africa: Freedom House Applauds US Sanctions on Gupta Family for Corruption

October 10, 2019

US Sanctions on Gupta family are a good step toward fighting corruption in South Africa.

United States: Freedom House Applauds Decision to Sanction Chinese Officials Involved in Xinjiang Abuses, Urges Stronger Measures

October 9, 2019

The US government should take additional action against human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Human Rights Watch [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

October 11, 2019

Turkey/Syria: Civilians at Risk in Syria Operation

The Turkish offensive in Northeast Syria points to urgent need for the Turkish Armed Forces, Kurdish-led forces, and all other local armed groups to make protecting civilians and respect for human rights a priority in their operations, Human Rights Watch said today.

October 11, 2019 *Dispatches*

A Bittersweet Nobel Prize for Ethiopia’s Leader

Laetitia Bader, Senior Researcher, Africa Division

Asia

October 11, 2019 *Dispatches*

#Metoo Hits Nepal’s Government

Meenakshi Ganguly

South Asia Director

Africa

October 11, 2019 *Dispatches*

World Heritage Site Attacked in Cameroon

Ilaria Allegrozzi

Senior Central Africa Researcher

Transparency International [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

7 Oct 2019

EU countries’ chance to lead on whistleblower protection

- Today's formal adoption of the EU Whistleblowing Directive creates a two-year window of opportunity for EU Member States to take the global lead on protecting whistleblowers as they transpose the directive into national law.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Speech

Leadership is crucial in this climate crisis - Mary Robinson

08 Oct 2019

"The climate crisis is a battle for our lives and, currently, we are losing." Mary Robinson speaks at the TCFD Summit in Tokyo, Japan.

Evidence Aid [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest news

Gavi congratulates Global Fund on successful replenishment

10 October 2019

Global Fund [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News & Stories

Updates

Sixth Replenishment Conference Pledges

11 October 2019

Feature Story

US\$14 Billion to Step Up the Fight Against the Epidemics

10 October 2019

News

Global Fund Donors Pledge US\$14 Billion in Fight to End Epidemics

10 October 2019

[See Milestones above for detail]

News

Private Sector Partners Step Up the Fight to End AIDS, TB and Malaria

09 October 2019

News

Denmark Increases Pledge in Fight Against Epidemics

07 October 2019

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

No new digest content identified.

InterAction [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest Updates

Global Development Practice

International Day of the Girl Child

While conducting a training in Laos recently, I asked a room of participants to raise their hands if their mother went to primary school.

Morgan Martinez

Oct 11, 2019

Humanitarian Practice

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction: #BuildToLast

Patrick Makles

Oct 12, 2019

Crises & Countries in Conflict

InterAction Members Respond to the Crisis on the Turkish-Syrian Border

InterAction

Oct 11, 2019

Crises & Countries in Conflict

InterAction CEO: Conflict on the Turkish-Syrian Border Must End Through Peaceful Political Process

Sam Worthington
Oct 10, 2019

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News, Publications

Breaking the political resource curse in natural gas management in Mozambique

Impact evaluation Brief 3ie 2019 This brief presents findings of an impact evaluation on providing information to local leaders and communities about the discovery of natural gas, and the implications for provincial government revenues and job creation.

How effective are transparency and accountability initiatives? An overview of new evidence

Working paper Brief 3ie 2019

This brief synthesizes main findings and key lessons from seven impact evaluations implemented across Ecuador, Ghana, India, Mozambique, Peru and Tanzania.

Impacts of community environmental monitoring in the Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazon

Impact evaluation Brief 3ie 2019 This brief is based on the finding of an impact evaluation on a technology-enabled community intervention to enhance local communities' detection, monitoring and reporting capabilities, and their ability to stake socio-environmental claims that result in adequate compensation.

CHS Alliance [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

New website no longer posts press releases or announcements.

Development Initiatives [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

New

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Event

ALNAP 32nd Annual Meeting

15 – 16 October 2019

Relevant for whom? Responding to diverse perspectives and priorities in humanitarian action

Berlin, Germany

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

Mapping Girls' Right to Education

GEM Report UNESCO

11 October 2019

UNESCO's Her Education Rights Atlas (HER Atlas) is designed to measure the degree of protection of girls' and women's education rights in national legal frameworks.

UNHCR urges more support to boost refugee access to tertiary education

UNHCR

3 October 2019

Only three per cent of refugees have access to higher education, according to UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. In its "Refugee Student Voices: Refugee Students In Higher Education" report released this week, UNHCR is calling for critical support to scale up existing programs and to help secure futures.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://www.spherestandards.org/news-and-events/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

Brookings

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

Accessed 12 Oct 2019

Latest Research

Southeast Asia

Don't make us choose: Southeast Asia in the throes of US-China rivalry

Jonathan Stromseth

October 2019

Report

Revisiting the budget outlook: An update after the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019

Alan J. Auerbach and William G. Gale

Thursday, October 10, 2019

U.S. Politics & Government

Will America embrace national service?

John Bridgeland and John J. Dilulio

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Report

Supporting small informal businesses to improve the quality of jobs in Africa

Ahmadou Aly Mbaye

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

October 11, 2019

What Is "Country Ownership"? A Formal Exploration of the Aid Relationship

This paper illustrates the tradeoff between country ownership and funders' priorities with a formal model in which aid is governed by a contract to produce a jointly desired outcome. The model generalizes the Principal-Agent approaches for studying aid which treat countries as having multiple objectives.

William Savedoff

October 11, 2019

ABCs of the IFIs: The World Bank

The World Bank is a multilateral organization that provides financial and technical assistance to developing countries. As the World Bank's largest shareholder, the United States maintains a unique influence in shaping its agenda and has a vested interest in ensuring the institution is well managed and appropriately resourced. The US Congress has an important role both in funding US contributions to the World Bank and in overseeing US participation in the institution. Past congressional decisions tied to US funding have led to changes in World Bank policies and institutional reforms.

[Scott Morris](#) , [Erin Collinson](#) and [Alysha Gardner](#)

October 11, 2019

ABCs of the IFIs: The African Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development

The African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) are among the international financial institutions seeking pledges from donor countries as part of upcoming replenishment cycles in 2019 and 2020.

[Scott Morris](#) , [Erin Collinson](#) and [Alysha Gardner](#)

October 9, 2019

Five Principles for Use of Aid in Subsidies to the Private Sector

There is a significant and ongoing ramp-up in support for explicitly subsidized official development finance to the private sector around the world, but its role remains poorly defined. Lessons from the aid effectiveness literature as a whole and principles on effective use of aid suggest the need for approaches that do not merely finance the marginal private investment.

[Charles Kenny](#)

CSIS [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Can Digital Health Help Stop the Next Epidemic?

October 11, 2019 The convergence of digital technologies with health systems, or "digital health," has major health security implications. We outline recommendations for policymakers to ensure the necessary data are available in the right place, at the right time, and to the right people.

Report

United States-DPRK Relations: Is Normalization Possible?

October 11, 2019 This report, written by a Russian Korea expert with a deep knowledge of North Korean political dynamics and strategic culture, brings a fresh approach to Washington's North Korea problem that has bedeviled U.S. policymakers for decades.

Report

The Role of the AfDB and the Future of Africa

October 10, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#) CSIS is in the process of conducting an exercise to evaluate the comparative advantages of multilateral development banks (MDBs) and to provide ideas of strategic priorities for these institutions.

Report

Defense Acquisition Trends 2019: Topline DoD Trends

October 10, 2019 | [Rhys McCormick](#) This report from the CSIS Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group presents analysis of the FY 2018 topline DoD contracting trends, focusing on the defense acquisition system's response to the 2018 National Defense Strategy and new administration priorities.

Report

U.S. Military Forces in FY 2020: Marine Corps

October 10, 2019 | [Mark F. Cancian](#) The Marine Corps is developing capabilities for great power conflict after decades of counterinsurgency. In the third white paper in a series on U.S. forces, CSIS's Mark Cancian analyzes the Marine Corps' force structure, strategic reorientation, and long-term challenges.

Report

Dry Hills, Full Ponds: Climate Change, Resilience, and Agriculture in Nepal

October 9, 2019 | [Christian Man](#) Climate change is destabilizing agricultural livelihoods throughout the global South. This report on adaptation in Nepal explores how U.S. agencies and policies might better achieve inclusivity in resilience building initiatives.

Report

U.S.-India Maritime Security Cooperation

October 8, 2019 This joint CSIS – Delhi Policy Group White Paper assesses pathways and impediments to expanding maritime security and defense cooperation between the United States and India and concludes with specific policy recommendations for each nation.

ODI [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

When rising temperatures do not lead to rising tempers: climate and insecurity in northern Niger

Working and discussion papers | October 2019 | Aoife McCullough, Leigh Mayhew and Sarah Opitz-Stapleton with Agali Abouka and Djibrilla Mohamed Botto

This paper explores the complex and tangled links between climate variability/change and the proliferation of armed networks operating in northern Niger.

The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework: progress in four East African countries

Working and discussion papers | September 2019 | Sorcha O'Callaghan, Nicholas Crawford, Kerrie Holloway, Christy Lowe, Alemu Asfaw Nigusie, Freddie Carver and Farah Manji

Four case studies assessing progress made under the 'new way of working' for refugees in Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda.

Failing to reach the poorest: subnational financing inequalities and health and education outcomes

Research reports and studies | September 2019 | Amy Dodd, Marcus Manuel, Zach Christensen

This report assesses how well subnational financing targets the worst health and education outcomes in all 82 low- and middle-income countries.

The Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework: responsibility-sharing and self-reliance in East Africa

Working and discussion papers | September 2019 | Nicholas Crawford, Sorcha O'Callaghan

Is the 'new way of working' for refugees actually working? This paper assesses progress under the CRRF in four East African countries.

Civil society engagement in tax reform

Research reports and studies | September 2019 | Samuel Sharp, Stephanie Sweet and Alina Rocha Menocal

This project seeks to develop understanding of the role that civil society organisations can play in domestic efforts to strengthen tax systems.

Strengthening taxation and tax auditing of the mining sector: lessons learnt from four West African countries

Briefing papers | September 2019 | Gundula Löffler, Tove Strauss and Bryn Welham

This paper aims to improve revenue governance of extractive sectors

'Leave no one behind' index 2019

Briefing papers | September 2019 | Soumya Chattopadhyay, Stephanie Manea

Reviewing the readiness of 159 countries to 'leave no one behind'.

Linking financial services and social protection for resilience: lessons from Kenya

Briefing papers | September 2019 | Cecilia Costella, Lena Weingartner

This brief examines the links between cash-based assistance and financial inclusion interventions to build resilience to climate-related shocks.

Climate change, conflict and security scan: analysis of current thinking August–November 2018

Research reports and studies | September 2019 | Katie Peters, Leigh Mayhew

In the second of ODI's climate change, conflict and security scans, we summarise the latest developments on the intersection of climate and conflict risk.

Financing the end of extreme poverty: 2019 update

Briefing papers | September 2019 | Marcus Manuel, Stephanie Manea, Emma Samman and Martin Evans

Attaining the global target of ending extreme poverty by 2030

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

We're an open and independent new initiative providing data, analysis and intelligence on how to make research systems more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive.

News and Events

RoRI launches to enable more strategic, open, diverse, and inclusive research

[undated]

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Research on Research Institute (RoRI) – an international consortium of research funders, academic institutions, and technologists working to champion the latest approaches to research on research.

Co-founded by the Wellcome Trust, the universities of Sheffield and Leiden, and Digital Science, the RoRI consortium will undertake transformative and translational research on research (also known as meta-research, science of science or meta-science). By analysing research systems and experimenting with decision and evaluation data, tools and frameworks, we aim to advance more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive research.

In support of its overall vision for transformative and translational research on research, RoRI has five objectives:

- :: To support, expand and build capacity for interdisciplinary, mixed-methods research on research (RoR) in the UK and internationally;
- :: To connect academic capabilities to the data and analytical resources of Wellcome, Digital Science and RoRI's wider consortium of strategic partners;
- :: To co-design, experiment and apply new tools, indicators, funding modes, prioritisation and evaluation frameworks;
- :: To critically evaluate RoR methods and support engagement with data and evidence about research systems by decision makers and society;
- :: To create an independent space for learning, networking and collaboration between researchers, policymakers, funders & technologists.

RoRI will be based for an initial two-year incubation phase at Wellcome's offices in London. To date, eleven strategic partners have expressed their interest in becoming part of the RoRI consortium, including private foundations, academic research institutions, and public funding agencies from eight countries – Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, India, Netherlands, Switzerland, and the USA – and one pan-African partner, the African Academy of Sciences.

Together, the consortium will codesign projects and share data to inform comparative analysis of research systems and cultures, and develop, test and apply novel approaches to decision-making, prioritisation, allocation and evaluation....

RoRI Working Paper No.1

Supporting priority setting in science using research funding landscapes

posted on 29.09.2019,

RoRI Institute :: Ludo Waltman Ismael Rafols Nees Jan van Eck Alfredo Yegros Yegros

In this working paper, we describe how to map research funding landscapes in order to support research funders in setting priorities. Based on data on scientific publications, a funding landscape highlights the research fields that are supported by different funders. The funding landscape described here has been created using data from the Dimensions database. It is presented using a freely available web-based tool that provides an interactive visualization of the landscape. We demonstrate the use of the tool through a case study in which we analyze funding of mental health research.

Urban Institute [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

October 16, 2019

States Seek Greater Control, Cost-Savings by Converting to State-based Marketplaces

This report documents the decisions of six states to transition from the federally run health insurance marketplace (HealthCare.gov) to a state-run platform. Through a review of state laws and interviews

with officials, insurers, consumer advocates, and consumer assisters, researchers assess states' reasons for moving to a state-run platform, risks associated with the transition, and potential long-term benefits for state health

[Sabrina Corlette](#), [Kevin Lucia](#), [Katie Keith](#), [Olivia Hoppe](#)

October 16, 2019

Brief

Parents' Access to Work-Family Supports

Three work-family supports—paid leave, workplace flexibility and control, and support for child care—are crucial to the ability of parents to effectively manage work and family. This research used national survey data to examine patterns in working parents' access to these supports; variations in access by parental characteristics like socioeconomic advantage; and the need for these work-family supports among

[Shirley Adelstein](#), [H. Elizabeth Peters](#)

October 11, 2019

Research Report

Employers, Work-Family Supports, and Low-Wage Workers

Employers shape the work conditions that parents face, and they play a central role in policy debates about how to address work-family pressures. To better understand employer perspectives on these issues, this report presents findings from interviews with 16 organizations that represent or directly work with employers. Focusing on three policy areas central to parents' ability to manage work and family—paid leave,

[Alexandra Stanczyk](#), [Shirley Adelstein](#), [Eleanor Lauderback](#), [Gina Adams](#)

October 11, 2019

Research Report

Explaining the Black-White Homeownership Gap: A Closer Look at Disparities across Local Markets

The gap in the homeownership rate between black and white households is the highest it has been in 50 years. This brief examines key variables that explain the black/white homeownership gap, and estimates the role that income, education, credit score, and marital status play both nationally and locally in 105 MSAs with large black populations. The researchers determine that roughly 17 percent of the homeownership gap remains

[Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Michael Neal](#), [Laurie Goodman](#), [Caitlin Young](#)

October 10, 2019

Research Report

Implementing Gunshot Detection Technology: Recommendations for Law Enforcement and Municipal Partners

This practitioner guide synthesizes findings from a three-city evaluation of gunshot detection technology (GDT) to guide law enforcement and government officials in decisions to invest in, continue, or expand the technology in efforts to reduce violent crime. The evaluation finds that GDT is most effective when law enforcement agencies thoroughly incorporate the technology into day-to-day procedures and operations and when the

[Nancy G. La Vigne](#), [Paige Thompson](#), [Daniel Lawrence](#), [Margaret Goff](#)

October 10, 2019

Brief

Bridging Research and Practice: A Handbook for Implementing Research-Informed Practices in Juvenile Probation

This handbook outlines strategies to help juvenile probation practitioners align policy and practice with research to promote better outcomes for their agencies and youth. It addresses key implementation tasks that can help probation

[Samantha Harvell](#), [Teresa Derrick-Mills](#), [Chloe Warnberg](#), [Megan Russo](#), [Constance Hull](#), [Andreea Matei](#), [Mary K. Winkler](#), [Hanna Love](#), [Janeen Buck Willison](#), [Akiva Liberman](#)

October 9, 2019

Research Report

Bridging Research and Practice: Synthesizing the Literature on Implementing Change in Justice Agencies

This report uses an implementation science lens to synthesize findings across published literature on a wide range of justice interventions that can inform juvenile probation management and practices, identifying successful strategies for promoting organizational change, leading a change effort, and aligning staff competencies with research-informed practice. The report also offers considerations for improving the quality of

[Teresa Derrick-Mills](#), [Samantha Harvell](#), [Chloe Warnberg](#), [Hanna Love](#), [Mary K. Winkler](#), [Megan Russo](#), [Marcus Gaddy](#), [Janeen Buck Willison](#), [Akiva Liberman](#), [Constance Hull](#)

October 9, 2019

Research Report

Are States Betting on Sin? The Murky Future of State Taxation

“Sin taxes” are often viewed as budget saviors, though they play a rather small role in state budgets. Although states raise revenue from sin taxes, policymakers should be mindful of these taxes’ limitations. Absent policy changes (such as increased tax rates), long-term growth for sin tax revenue has often been weak and limited. Moreover, greater dependence on sin tax revenues can lead to odd incentives: part of the reason for

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

October 8, 2019

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Media

News 10 Oct 2019

Unprecedented Global Alliance for Smart City Technology Launched to Counter Growing Tensions

The \$10 Trillion Question: How to End a Lost Decade of Global Productivity

News 08 Oct 2019

Global Trade Deal Needed Urgently to Ban Subsidies Threatening Fish Stocks

News 08 Oct 2019

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 12 Oct 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.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Statement

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 12 Oct 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 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 12 Oct 2019]

<http://news.getty.edu/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Stories

Nansen Refugee Award honours Kyrgyz lawyer for work with stateless people

The 2019 winner of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award is Azizbek Ashurov, a lawyer whose work has supported the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic in becoming the first country in the world to end statelessness.

October 8, 2019

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

News

Institute Oct 07 2019

William Kaelin, Jr. Awarded 2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute announced today that William G. Kaelin, Jr., a Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Investigator at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Sir Peter J. Ratcliffe of Oxford University, and Gregg L. Semenza of Johns Hopkins University are the recipients of

the 2019 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries of how cells sense and adapt to oxygen availability.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

October 11, 2019 *News Release*

Health Policy Resources for Covering the Democratic Presidential Primary Debates

A collection of key health policy resources for journalists covering the Democratic presidential primary debates.

October 11, 2019 *News Release*

Medicare Part D Beneficiaries Who Reach the Catastrophic Coverage Limit Can Expect to Pay More Out-of-Pocket for Their Prescription Drugs Next Year

Medicare Part D enrollees with relatively high out-of-pocket expenses can expect see their costs rise in 2020, according to a new KFF analysis. This is mainly due to an increase in how much enrollees will pay out of pocket for their prescription drugs in the Part D benefit coverage gap...

Kellogg Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases

10 October 2019

Princess Zahra Aga Khan receives prestigious Asia Society Texas Center's Huffington Award

MacArthur Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://mellon.org/>

News & Blog

Grantee News

Philadanco Gets \$420k Grant to Help Lay Groundwork for Joan Myers Brown's Succession

October 10, 2019

Mellon News

Harvard Awards W. E. B. Du Bois Medals to Elizabeth Alexander and Others

October 8, 2019

The medal recognizes individuals who have made “significant contributions” to African and African American history and culture, according to a press release. The honorees will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Oct. 22 in Sanders Theatre.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press release October 08, 2019

Open Society Announces \$15 Million to Support NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

The Open Society Foundations announced a \$15 million grant to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

State of Childhood Obesity: Helping All Children Grow up Healthy

[Undated]

A first-ever report includes the best available data on national and state childhood obesity rates, policies that can help address the epidemic, and features and stories about local communities taking action.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 12 Oct 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).

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Q&A | 9 September 2019

What are drug-resistant infections?

The overuse of antibiotics is causing one of the most urgent global health problems. In this Q&A we explain what drug-resistant infections are, who is affected and what we can do to stem the rise and spread of drug-resistant infections.

Opinion | 7 October 2019

We hail individual geniuses, but success in science comes through collaboration

Jeremy Farrar, Director Wellcome

The Nobel prizes give a human face to science. But does celebrating individuals risk undermining what's achieved through a collaborative research culture?

News | 7 October 2019

Nobel prize awarded to Wellcome-funded researcher

Professor Sir Peter Ratcliffe, a researcher at the University of Oxford and the Francis Crick Institute, has been awarded a Nobel prize in physiology or medicine.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 12 Oct 2019]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 12 Oct 2019]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control

October 2019 Volume 47, Issue 10, p1161-1282

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

October 2019 Volume 57, Issue 4, p429-584

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

November 2019 109(11)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 101, Issue 4, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

1 October 2019 Vol: 171, Issue 7

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 370 - August 2019

<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

October 2019 - Volume 4 - Suppl 9

https://gh.bmjjournals.org/content/4/Suppl_9

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

Debate

| 10 October 2019

[Why research ethics should add retrospective review](#)

Authors: Angus Dawson, Sapfo Lignou, Chesmal Siriwardhana and Dónal P. O'Mathúna

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 12 Oct 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

October 2019 - Volume 9 - 10

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 10, October 2019, 645-728

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/10/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 5 Pages: 613-771 September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

September 2019 Volume 41, Issue 9, p1643-1898

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 5, October 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/16/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 12 Oct 2019]

Research

| 10 October 2019

"With every passing day I feel like a candle, melting little by little." experiences of long-term displacement amongst Syrian refugees in Shatila, Lebanon

Authors: Hanadi Syam, Emilie Venables, Bernard Sousse, Nathalie Severy, Luz Saavedra and Francois Kazour

Long term displacement and exposure to challenging living conditions can influence family dynamics; gender roles; violence at home and in the community and mental well-being. This qualitative study explores these issues as perceived by Syrian refugees who have been living in Shatila, a Palestinian camp in South Beirut, Lebanon, for at least 2 years.

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 84 September 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/84/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 7, Issue 3, September 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/7/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

October 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

Volume 19, Issue 3 Pages: 123-185 September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 7, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

Volume 37, Issue 6 Pages: 717-855 November 2019

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

ARTICLES

[Payment by results in international development: Evidence from the first decade](#)

Paul Clist

Pages: 719-734

First Published: 05 October 2018

[The microfinance promise—can it be kept? A macro perspective](#)

Nargiza Alimukhamedova

Pages: 812-842

First Published: 17 November 2018

[Protecting the economic health of the poor in India: Are health mutuals the right medicine?](#)

Sunit Kumar Madhur, Somen Saha

Pages: 843-853

First Published: 06 June 2018

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 14, Issue 7, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 13 - Issue 4 - August 2019

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

Brief Report

[The Imbalance in Medical Demand and Supply for Pediatric Victims in an Earthquake](#)

Chiaki Toida, Ichiro Takeuchi, Takeru Abe, Jun Hattori, Kyoko Hattori, Kohei Takahashi, Munehito Uchiyama, Hideki Honda, Yoshihide Nakagawa, Kiyoshi Matsuda, Yasushi Asari, Naoto Morimura

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 21 December 2018, pp. 672-676

[Vaccination Data When the Outbreak Happens: A Qualitative Evaluation of Oregon's Rapid Response Tool](#)

Andrew W. Osborn, Lee R. Peters

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 03 January 2019, pp. 682-685

Original Research

[Evaluation of the Efficacy of Psychological Interventions in Promoting Preparedness to Armed Conflicts – A Randomized Controlled Study](#)

Moran Bodas, Maya Siman-Tov, Shulamith Kreitler, Kobi Peleg

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 17 December 2018, pp. 713-723

Disasters

Volume 43, Issue 4 Pages: 709-954 October 2019
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 20 Issue 10 4 October 2019
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

Emergency Medicine Journal

<https://bmcemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 12 Oct 2019]
[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 25, Number 10—October 2019
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 28 September 2019
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/28/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 147 - 2019
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 41, Issue 5 September–October 2019
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>
Engagement, Indirect Benefits, and Randomization
[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Summer 2019 (Issue 33.2) June 2019
<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/summer-2019-issue-33-2/>
[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health
Volume 29, Issue 5, October 2019
<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/29/5>
[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75
Volume 87 August 2019
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/87/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security
Volume 11, Issue 5, October 2019
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/5>
[Reviewed earlier]

Forced Migration Review (FMR)
FMR 61 June 2019
<https://www.fmreview.org/ethics>
the ETHICS issue
[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies
Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Genome Medicine
<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 12 Oct 2019]
[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage
Volume 11, Issue 3, September 2019
<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/11/3>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action
Volume 11, 2018 – Issue 1
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/11/1?nav=tocList>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 7, No. 3 September 01, 2019

<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 12

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>

Article

[From political to personal violence: Links between conflict and non-partner physical violence in post-conflict Liberia](#)

Jocelyn Kelly, Elizabeth Colantuoni, Courtland Robinson & Michele R. Decker

Pages: 1639-1652

Published online: 17 Aug 2019

Article

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Sacrificing Women and Immigrants on the Altar of Regressive Politics

Dina Francesca Haynes

ABSTRACT:

Regressive regimes are on the rise, implementing laws and policies designed to have a chilling effect on their opposition. They focus much of their ire on women and immigrants, creating fear-based narratives to justify militarizing the interior, fortifying the border, reducing civil liberties in the name of national security, and, less overtly, perpetuating patriarchal systems of power. Controlling women and immigrants is central to nativist political agendas. The focus on immigrants and women is purposeful, designed to provide the latitude that the Constitution and international law may grant to political leaders allegedly operating within the arenas of sovereign authority and foreign affairs.

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Special Feature: Making humanitarian action work for women and girls

by HPN May 2019

The theme of this edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Women Deliver, is making humanitarian action work for women and girls. Despite gains, including commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit, there is still much to be done to address the gendered impacts of humanitarian crises and improve gender-sensitive humanitarian action.

In the lead article, Jacqueline Paul advocates for feminist humanitarian action based on evidence that improvements in women's socio-economic status can reduce excess mortality among women after shocks. Jean Kemitare, Juliet Were and Jennate Eoomkham look at the role of local women's rights organisations in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls, and Marcy Hersh and Diana Abou Abbas highlight opportunities for more concrete action on sexual and reproductive health in emergencies.

Citing experience from Vanuatu, Jane Newnham explains how women will choose to use contraceptives even during a humanitarian response, when services and counselling are delivered in an appropriate and responsive way. Drawing on experience in Bangladesh, Tamara Fetters and colleagues challenge the belief that abortion is a non-essential service, or too complicated for humanitarian actors to provide. Darcy Ataman, Shannon Johnson, Justin Cikuru and Jaime Cundy reflect on an innovative programme using music therapy to help survivors of trauma.

Emilie Rees Smith, Emma Symonds and Lauryn Oates highlight lessons from the STAGE education programme in Afghanistan, and Degan Ali and Deqa Saleh outline how African Development Solutions is helping women and girls take on leadership and decision-making roles in Somalia. Fiona Samuels and Taveeshi Gupta explore patterns of suicide among young people in Vietnam, with a particular focus on girls, and Subhashni Raj, Brigitte Laboukly and Shantony Moli illustrate the importance of a gendered approach to community-based disaster risk reduction in the South-West Pacific. Nicola Jones, Workneh Yadete and Kate Pincock draw on research in Ethiopia to explore the gender- and age-specific vulnerabilities of adolescents. The edition ends with an article by Julie Rialet-Cislahi on how humanitarian responses can better address child marriage.

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The human body at cellular resolution: the NIH Human Biomolecular Atlas Program

HuBMAP supports technology development, data acquisition, and spatial analyses to generate comprehensive molecular and cellular three-dimensional tissue maps.

Michael P. Snyder, Shin Lin[...] & James Anderson

Abstract

Transformative technologies are enabling the construction of three-dimensional maps of tissues with unprecedented spatial and molecular resolution. Over the next seven years, the NIH Common Fund Human Biomolecular Atlas Program (HuBMAP) intends to develop a widely accessible framework for comprehensively mapping the human body at single-cell resolution by supporting technology development, data acquisition, and detailed spatial mapping. HuBMAP will integrate its efforts with other funding agencies, programs, consortia, and the biomedical research community at large towards the shared vision of a comprehensive, accessible three-dimensional molecular and cellular atlas of the human body, in health and under various disease conditions.

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Raising the bar for clinical research

Nature Medicine is taking a comprehensive approach for reporting clinical studies with the aim to increase transparency, promote rigorous reporting standards and engage with the community to meet the challenges of contemporary medicine.

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Reporting guidelines for clinical trials evaluating artificial intelligence interventions are needed

As artificial intelligence moves into the realm of clinical trials, consideration is needed on whether the current CONSORT and SPIRIT reporting statements are sufficient to ensure transparency.

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Zika Virus Infection — After the Pandemic

Didier Musso, M.D., Albert I. Ko, M.D., and David Baud, M.D., Ph.D.

Zika virus (ZIKV) was discovered in Africa in 1947 and was first detected in Asia in 1966, yet its potential effect on public health was not recognized until the virus caused outbreaks in the Pacific from 2007 to 2015 and began spreading throughout the Americas in 2015.^{1,2} The ability of ZIKV to cause congenital defects in fetuses and infants, as exemplified by the microcephaly epidemic in Brazil, is an unprecedented feature in a mosquito-borne viral infection.²⁻⁴ Although transmission of ZIKV has declined in the Americas, outbreaks and infection clusters continue to occur in some regions, such as India and Southeast Asia, where there are large populations of women of childbearing age who are susceptible to the virus.⁵ We review the body of information that was acquired during the pandemic and discuss the epidemiologic trends, current knowledge about the transmission and natural history of ZIKV infection and its sequelae, and the principles of diagnosis and clinical management.

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[Knowledge gaps in the construction of rural healthy homes: A research agenda for improved low-cost housing in hot-humid Africa](#)

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[Conducting human challenge studies in LMICs: A survey of researchers and ethics committee members in Thailand](#)

Jaranit Kaewkungwal, Pornpimon Adams, Jetsumon Sattabongkot, Reidar K. Lie, David Wendler
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Abstract

Questions have been raised over the acceptability of conducting human challenge studies in low and middle income countries (LMICs). Most of these concerns are based on theoretical considerations and there exists little data on the attitudes of stakeholders in these countries. This study examines the view of researchers and REC members in Thailand regarding the design and conduct of challenge studies in the country. A questionnaire was developed based on ethical frameworks for human challenge studies. The target respondents included those who had experience with health-related research at universities, non-university hospitals, and research institutes. A total of 240 respondents completed the on-line survey. In general, the respondents felt that the ethical issues raised by human challenge studies in LMICS do not differ significantly from those in high income countries, including: scientific rationale, safety, appropriate risks, and robust informed consent process. In contrast, issues that have been described as important for human challenge studies in LMICs were rated as having lower importance, including: a publicly available rationale, national priority, and community engagement. Responses did not vary significantly between researchers in different fields, nor between researchers and REC members. These findings provide an important perspective for assessing existing frameworks for human challenges studies in LMICs.

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[Evidence for sharp increase in the economic damages of extreme natural disasters](#)

Matteo Coronese, Francesco Lamperti, Klaus Keller, Francesca Chiaramonte, and Andrea Roventini
PNAS first published October 7, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1907826116>

Significance

Observations indicate that climate change has driven an increase in the intensity of natural disasters. This, in turn, may drive an increase in economic damages. Whether these trends are real is an open and highly policy-relevant question. Based on decades of data, we provide robust evidence of mounting economic impacts, mostly driven by changes in the right tail of the damage distribution—that is, by major disasters. This points to a growing need for climate risk management.

[Quantifying the future lethality of terror organizations](#)

Yang Yang, Adam R. Pah, and Brian Uzzi

PNAS first published October 7, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1901975116>

Significance

We develop and test a model that predicts the future lethality of a terror group. The model significantly increases the level of explained variance over existing models and presents early-warning signal predictions. Our early-warning model predicts the future lethality of a group using only a handful of events that occur soon after it emerges. Using the first 10 to 20 attacks or the first 10 to 20% of a group's lifetime, our early-warning model provides about 60% of the explanatory power as would having a group's complete lifetime data, which is a basis for improved counter insurgency resources.

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EDITORIAL

Responsible genetic genealogy

Thomas F. Callaghan

Summary

The scientific development of forensic genetic genealogy (FGG), which couples genetic analysis with investigation of publicly available genealogy information, has successfully transformed law enforcement investigations by solving more than 50 cases over the last 18 months in the United States. However, use of FGG by law enforcement has preceded widespread development of best practices to protect the genetic privacy of private citizens who have voluntarily submitted samples to genealogy databases. Absent best practices, use of FGG could lead to compromised cases, diminished use, or the loss of this new investigative tool. Public support for FGG could be jeopardized and confidence in forensic DNA analysis could be undermined. As the custodian of a national law enforcement DNA database (CODIS), the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is looked to by many in the law enforcement and forensic DNA communities for guidance, and its efforts often influence the global community. The emergence of FGG suggests that further discussions on privacy, genomics, and the use of genealogy by law enforcement would be beneficial. Accordingly, the FBI seeks to engage the scientific and bioethics communities in such a dialogue.

Perspectives

Societal burdens of nature loss

By Patricia Balvanera

Science 11 Oct 2019 : 184-185 Restricted Access

Interdisciplinary science and international policy collaborate to stem inequities

Summary

The rapid decline of biodiversity predicts dire consequences for human society, according to the recent Global Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (1). The report notes that up to a million species are threatened with extinction (2) and that many benefits humans obtain from nature have decreased over the last 50 years, a decline likely continue until at least 2050. If transformative changes are to be implemented, scientists and policy-makers must address questions about the deterioration of nature and the locations that bear the greatest resulting burdens. On page 255 of this issue, Chaplin-Kramer et al. (3) address these questions by presenting global models of the current status and future trends of three key contributions from nature.

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Global modeling of nature's contributions to people

By Rebecca Chaplin-Kramer, Richard P. Sharp, Charlotte Weil, Elena M. Bennett, Unai Pascual, Katie K. Arkema, Kate A. Brauman, Benjamin P. Bryant, Anne D. Guerry, Nick M. Haddad, Maike Hamann, Perrine Hamel, Justin A. Johnson, Lisa Mandle, Henrique M. Pereira, Stephen Polasky, Mary Ruckelshaus, M. Rebecca Shaw, Jessica M. Silver, Adrian L. Vogl, Gretchen C. Daily
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Projections to 2050 show up to 5 billion people at risk of water pollution, coastal storms, and deficient crop pollination.

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Parent psychology and the decision to delay childhood vaccination

Timothy Callaghan, Matthew Motta, Steven Sylvester, Kristin Lunz Trujillo, Christine Crudo Blackburn

The study of vaccine hesitancy identifies parental decisions to delay childhood vaccinations as an important public health issue, with consequences for immunization rates, the pursuit of nonmedical exemptions in states, and disease outbreaks. While prior work has explored the demographic and social underpinnings of parental decisions to delay childhood vaccinations, little is known about how the psychological dispositions of parents are associated with this choice. We analyze public opinion data to assess the role of psychological factors in reported parental decisions to delay childhood vaccination.

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Collective self-experimentation in patient-led research: How online health communities foster innovation

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