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:: Week in Review

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

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Human Rights – Women-Children in Syria, Iraq

Joint Statement on Human Rights and Humanitarian Concerns Related to Conflict Affected Women and Children in Syria and Iraq

New York, 11 November 2019 – Four United Nations High-Level Advocates express their concerns about the **precarious human rights, humanitarian and security situation faced by thousands of people, mainly composed of women and children, who are being held in inhumane conditions in overcrowded camps or other settings in northern Syria and Iraq.**

"We are deeply concerned about the uncertainty of detention and security arrangements in this region including possible lack of due process, arbitrary detention, imposition of the death penalty, torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, sexual violence, among others, as well as limited access to basic humanitarian services such as food, water, medical care and other essential services. We stress that children should not be detained, except as a matter of last resort and only for the shortest possible period, in line with international, human rights and humanitarian laws including the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols."

The recent ongoing hostilities can further exacerbate the dire conditions of this highly vulnerable group and the four UN advocates express their concern at the possible consequences for the whole region. "We urge positive and cooperative action by States to ensure the full protection of human rights and ensure humanitarian needs of these civilians are met."

"Recognizing that acts of sexual violence have been used as a tactic of terror, we urge that women, boys and girls who have suffered sexual violence and/or have been trafficked or otherwise forced into marriage, sexual slavery and exploitation by UN-listed terrorist groups are not re-victimized by being punished for offences resulting from their exploitation. Survivors of sexual violence committed by UN-listed terrorist groups must be treated as victims of terrorism and should be entitled to holistic support including reparations and redress."

"States should also take all necessary measures to avoid the stigmatization of children, including those who were born of conflict-related sexual violence or children who were recruited or used by parties to conflict. States must also prevent discrimination of these children based on nationality, birth and immigration status, and should take all measures to prevent statelessness."

The four UN advocates remind States that they have the obligation to take all the necessary steps to intervene in favour of their nationals abroad, including through the safe repatriation of women and children to their countries of origin with full respect of non-refoulement. The situation of women and

children deprived of their liberty in northern Syria and Iraq must be assessed on an individual basis. Any decision regarding children should be guided by the best interests of the child as well as principles of family unity, including in the context of repatriation.

"We commend the action of States who have already facilitated the return of their citizens, acknowledging the vulnerability of women and children trapped in displacement camps. We call on States to fully implement their legal obligations by accepting those citizens who wish to return to their country of citizenship, granting due process to those who should be prosecuted and reintegrating individuals as appropriate into society. We call on States to treat all survivors of violations, specifically boys and girls, humanely and fairly, so to affirm their dignity and rights. We offer our collective support and assistance to all Member States to work towards this end."

This statement has been signed by: The United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (OSRSG-SVC), the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children in Armed Conflict (OSRSG-CAAC), the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children (OSRSG-VAC) and the Special Rapporteur on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism.

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Child Labour

Ending child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains

Report - Jointly authored by the ILO, OECD, IOM and UNICEF under the aegis of Alliance 8.7, 12 November 2019 :: 114 pages

PDF: https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---ip/---documents/publication/wcms_716930.pdf

Overview

Achieving commitments under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end child labour, forced labour and human trafficking requires that governments, business, the financial sector and civil society take strong action to address the root causes and determinants of these human rights violations. While global supply chains have the potential to generate growth, employment, skill development and technological transfer, they have also been linked to human rights violations and abuses.

Ending child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains presents research findings and recommendations on child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains the report also represents the first ever attempt to measure these human rights abuses and violations on a large scale.

Excerpt

According to the latest global estimates, there are a total of 152 million children in child labour and 25 million children and adults in forced labour in the world today. While it is possible to estimate with growing precision the total number of people in child labour and forced labour, determining how many of these people are in production and consumption linked to global supply chains remains a significant challenge. The goods and services purchased by consumers are composed of inputs from many countries around the world and are processed, assembled, packaged, transported, and consumed across borders and markets. Mapping these intricate supply chains, or, to

use a more descriptive metaphor, supply “webs”, is complex. Identifying where and to what extent child labour, forced labour and human trafficking occur along these supply chains is even more so. Tracing the origins of a final product or even its components requires capturing statistics not only in the market where the product is “consumed”, but also all along its supply chain, a task that is beyond the scope of traditional survey and national accounting methods.⁶ For example, identifying child labour at each segment of a global supply chain would require very detailed information on the sectoral composition of child labour and on the interdependencies between industries within an economy and across countries...

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Human Rights – Children

Global action on the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Government commitments to implementing child rights in the 21st century.

In 1989, world leaders made a historic commitment to the world’s children by adopting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Thirty years on, Member States are invited to renew their commitment to the full implementation of the Convention – implementing child rights in the 21st century.

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Millions of vulnerable children at risk as governments fail to renew pledges to protect their rights

ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, Save the Children International, SOS Children’s Villages International, Terre des Hommes International Federation and World Vision International.

Child rights organisations express outrage at global inaction as the UN marks the 30th anniversary of the most widely ratified international human rights treaty

(London): The lives of millions of vulnerable children are at risk because the majority of the world’s nations have failed to renew their commitment to children’s rights, six leading international child rights organisations have warned.

The agencies, represented by a coalition – Joining Forces – expressed dismay that only a handful of countries have made concrete commitments to advance children’s rights to mark the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child on 20 November.

Less than half of all countries have so far adopted the “For every child, every right” [global pledge](#) to redouble action for children, at the invitation of UNICEF and the United Nations.

Worse still, less than 50 countries have submitted national pledges and almost none of the countries with the highest rates of child poverty and deprivation have made any commitments.

“There are millions of children who have been left behind,” said Meg Gardinier, secretary general of ChildFund Alliance and chair of Joining Forces. “For all we have achieved since 1989, their suffering is a grave breach of the promises made to children 30 years ago. It is imperative that states work with renewed vigour and urgency to realize the rights of all children.”

The six agencies urged governments to make specific policy commitments for children or pledge increased investments in areas such as education, health or social protection.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified international human rights treaty in history. It has prompted substantial investment in children's health, education and safety and the adoption of laws and policies that recognise the rights of children, particularly in areas where they are vulnerable, including labour exploitation, corporal punishment, alternative care and forced and early marriage.

However, the coalition expressed grave concern that despite extraordinary advances in the last three decades, the lives of too many children remain blighted.

Andrew Morley, President and Chief Executive Officer of World Vision International, said: "Shocking numbers continue to die from preventable causes, with millions more missing school or facing heart-breaking abuse. An estimated 12 million girls under 18 are married each year. I recently met an 8-year-old girl in East Africa who had been subjected to FGM and forced marriage. Her childhood was stolen and her future devastated. We cannot stand by and allow this atrocity to keep happening."

The Joining Forces report: [A Second Revolution: 30 Years of Child Rights, and the Unfinished Agenda](#), showed commitments made three decades ago to protect the rights of children remain unfulfilled for millions. Violence still affects countless children. Discrimination based on age, gender, disability, sexual orientation and religion harms children worldwide.

Key factors include a lack of investment in critically important services. Most countries fall well short of spending the 5-6% of GDP needed to ensure universal coverage of essential health care. And foreign aid, which many lower income countries rely on, is falling short in areas such as health and education.

Another factor, the report said, is the lack of quality data. Governments tend to rely on data that reflects national averages, making it difficult to identify the needs of specific children and to monitor progress. Comprehensive data collection and disaggregation of data by gender, age, disability and locality, are increasingly important as rights violations disproportionately affect disadvantaged children.

Existing statistics show that poverty is still the single greatest determinant of outcomes for a child. Children in the poorest 20% of households are 40% more likely than average to die before their fifth birthday. Young children in the poorest families, as well as in rural and remote areas, are 2 to 3 times more likely to suffer stunted physical growth. And children worldwide are twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty.

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Rohingya – Justice

[ICC judges authorise opening of an investigation into the situation in Bangladesh/ Myanmar](#)

Press Release 13 November 2019

On 14 November 2019, Pre-Trial Chamber III of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court") authorised the Prosecutor to proceed with an investigation for the alleged crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction in the Situation in the People's Republic of Bangladesh/Republic of the Union of Myanmar ("the situation in Bangladesh/Myanmar").

ICC Pre-Trial Chamber III is composed of Judge Olga Herrera Carbuccion, Presiding, Judge Robert Fremr, and Judge Geoffrey Henderson.

This authorisation follows the [request](#) submitted on 4 July 2019 by the Prosecutor to open an investigation into alleged crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction committed against the Rohingya people from Myanmar.

The Chamber also received the views on this request by or on behalf of hundreds of thousands of alleged victims. According to the ICC Registry, victims unanimously insist that they want an investigation by the Court and many of the consulted alleged victims 'believe that only justice and accountability can ensure that the perceived circle of violence and abuse comes to an end'. The Chamber recognised all the individuals and organisations that assisted, guided and advised alleged victims throughout this process.

The Chamber concluded that the Court may exercise jurisdiction over crimes when part of the criminal conduct takes place on the territory of a State Party. While Myanmar is not a State Party, Bangladesh ratified the ICC Rome statute in 2010. **Upon review of the available information, the Chamber accepted that there exists a reasonable basis to believe widespread and/or systematic acts of violence may have been committed that could qualify as the crimes against humanity of deportation across the Myanmar-Bangladesh border and persecution on grounds of ethnicity and/or religion against the Rohingya population.** The Chamber found no need to assess whether other crimes within the Court's jurisdiction may have been committed, even though such alleged crimes could be part of the Prosecutor's future investigation.

Noting the scale of the alleged crimes and the number of victims allegedly involved, the Chamber considered that the situation clearly reaches the gravity threshold. According to the supporting material, an estimated 600,000 to one million Rohingya were forcibly displaced from Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh as a result of the alleged coercive acts. Noting the victims' views, the Chamber agreed with the Prosecutor that there are no substantial reasons to believe that an investigation into the situation would not be in the interests of justice...

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Heritage Stewardship

[Open Society Pledges Support for African Cultural Heritage Restitution](#)

A new Open Society initiative will support efforts to return cultural inheritances that were taken from Africa to their rightful homes.

November 12, 2019 NEW YORK—The Open Society Foundations today announced a **\$15 million initiative to strengthen efforts to restore cultural objects looted from the African continent. Over four years, the initiative will support networks and organizations working to return Africa's heritage to its rightful home.**

"The legacy of colonial violence has deep implications for the ways that racism and imbalances of power are perpetuated today. This isn't just about returning pieces of art, but about restoring the very essence of these cultures," said Patrick Gaspard, president of Open Society. "We are proud to support this movement towards reconciling historical wrongs, as part of our mission to advance true justice."

... "With so much of Africa's precolonial cultural legacy housed in European museums, these artifacts are out of reach for millions on the African continent, who have a right to their own knowledge and cultural production," said Rashida Bumbray, director of Culture and Art at Open Society. "Restitution is not only about rightsizing the past, but about access to one's own heritage and a necessity to maintain this connection for future generations."

...Partnering with museums, governments, artists, academics, and civil society, the initiative will involve colleagues from across the Open Society Foundations...Grant making will put Africa's needs and priorities at the forefront and may include support for grassroots organizations, coalition building, litigation, public monitoring, and expert convenings with African scholars, cultural and creative figures, spiritual leaders, policy officials, and others.

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Development – Heritage Stewardship

Foundation Announces 2020 Launch of Five-Year Strategy at the Intersection of Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation

November 12, 2019

In January 2020 the David and Lucile Packard Foundation will launch a new five-year, \$7.5 million-per-year Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation (ALC) grantmaking strategy.

Formerly a grantmaking pilot, ALC is now a formal strategy involving the Foundation's Conservation and Science program and Population and Reproductive Health program. **ALC will continue its work supporting organizations and leaders focused on small-scale farmers in tropical forest areas. These smallholder farmers are working to protect the planet's rich biodiversity while building thriving economic futures for their communities.**

"The pilot phase confirmed that there are many creative solutions around the globe that enhance the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and rural communities while maintaining the biodiverse forests and ecosystem services that they rely on," says Walt Reid, Program Director of the Foundation's Conservation and Science program. "We are eager to dig in with more long-term investments, applying what we've learned to a targeted approach that supports both people and planet."

Moving forward, ALC will continue to support groups of people that are at the nexus of this delicate balance, namely, smallholder farmers, women, young people, and Indigenous communities. ALC will also maintain its focus on specific geographies, with a few adjustments.

...In 2012, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation's Board of Trustees launched seven years of research and exploratory grantmaking in food and agriculture. This included a three-year pilot period of investments examining agriculture and livelihoods in Indonesia, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic

of Congo, guidance from an advisory council composed of members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and issue area experts, and engagement with smallholder farmers, grantee partners, and experts in the field. The pilot period ends in 2019, and the new strategy will launch in January 2020.



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Editorial | 12 November 2019

[Global lessons from South Africa's rooibos compensation agreement](#)

Indigenous communities must be compensated for their knowledge and treated as equals in research.

Nine years. That's how long it took representatives of South Africa's rooibos tea industry to agree to compensate the Indigenous San and Khoi communities for their peoples' contribution to the development of the 500-million-rand (US\$33.6-million) industry.

It is a landmark agreement — the first such deal that applies to an entire industry — but it should not have taken so long to complete, and it could have been negotiated without some of the recriminations now being heard. Whereas the Indigenous communities and the government — which brokered the deal — are celebrating, industry isn't, and says that the agreement could threaten jobs.

Researchers whose work involves collaborating with Indigenous communities will be wondering what they can learn from this case. One important lesson is that there are more harmonious ways to work collaboratively with Indigenous communities.

One reason why the rooibos agreement was nine years in the making is that tea-industry representatives, concerned about risks to their intellectual property, contested the communities' claim that rooibos tea is based on centuries-old Indigenous knowledge of the plant. That led to a prolonged stalemate between the two sides.

San community representatives first wrote to South Africa's government in 2010 arguing that, under the law, they are entitled to a share in the tea industry's profits because it had used their traditional knowledge.

The communities felt they had a good case: the rooibos plant (*Aspalathus linearis*) is endemic to South Africa's Cederberg region, which was inhabited by San and Khoi communities long before settlers from Europe forcibly took their lands. The government commissioned a [review](#) of the historical and ethnobotanical literature, which concluded in 2014 that there is a strong probability that rooibos tea had Indigenous origins, and said that there was nothing in the literature to contradict the community's claims.

The industry had reservations about these findings, arguing that there is little published scientific evidence that explicitly states that the ancestors of today's San and Khoi communities were the first to

brew rooibos teas. It went on to commission its own [study](#), which supported its side of the argument — and added another three years to the timeline.

Two studies reviewing essentially the same historical literature and coming to different conclusions is not unusual. Records of historical events — and even records of recent ones — are often open to interpretation. But however the research is interpreted, there's a moral case to compensate long-mistreated groups. The government advised the tea industry that it needs to pay the communities, which will receive 1.5% of the 'farm gate price' — that paid by agribusinesses for unprocessed rooibos.

Research and commerce have different reasons for wanting access to traditional knowledge, but both have the ability to do so without sharing the credit or the potential benefits with those who generated it. This is what concerns the Indigenous communities the most and was the motivation, two years ago, for the San communities' production of a [code of ethics](#) for researchers. The code urges scientists to be up front about their intentions, to follow through on promises to share publication credit and, where possible, to build community capacity for Indigenous groups to do their own studies.

The ethics code and the rooibos agreement are small steps towards a bigger demand: that Indigenous people, especially those whose ancestors lost lives, land and livelihoods during more than a century of exploitation, are treated fairly and as equals.

When researchers work with communities as partners, all sides can expect to enjoy more constructive relationships and to benefit from knowledge. Industry must do the same.

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Review

[The 2019 report of The Lancet Countdown on health and climate change: ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate](#)

Nick Watts, et al

From Executive Summary

The Lancet Countdown is an international, multidisciplinary collaboration, dedicated to monitoring the evolving health profile of climate change, and providing an independent assessment of the delivery of commitments made by governments worldwide under the Paris Agreement.

The 2019 report presents an annual update of 41 indicators across five key domains: climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerability; adaptation, planning, and resilience for health; mitigation actions and health co-benefits; economics and finance; and public and political engagement. The report represents the findings and consensus of 35 leading academic institutions and UN agencies from every continent. Each year, the methods and data that underpin the Lancet Countdown's indicators are further developed and improved, with updates described at each stage of this report. The collaboration draws on the world-class expertise of climate scientists; ecologists; mathematicians; engineers; energy, food, and transport experts; economists; social and

political scientists; public health professionals; and doctors, to generate the quality and diversity of data required.

The science of climate change describes a range of possible futures, which are largely dependent on the degree of action or inaction in the face of a warming world. The policies implemented will have far-reaching effects in determining these eventualities, with the indicators tracked here monitoring both the present-day effects of climate change, as well as the worldwide response. Understanding these decisions as a choice between one of two pathways—one that continues with the business as usual response and one that redirects to a future that remains “well below 2°C”—helps to bring the importance of recognising the effects of climate change and the necessary response to the forefront.

Evidence provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the International Energy Agency, and the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration clarifies the degree and magnitude of climate change experienced today and contextualises these two pathways.

The impacts of climate change on human health

...A child born today will experience a world that is more than four degrees warmer than the pre-industrial average, with climate change impacting human health from infancy and adolescence to adulthood and old age. Across the world, children are among the worst affected by climate change. Downward trends in global yield potential for all major crops tracked since 1960 threaten food production and food security, with infants often the worst affected by the potentially permanent effects of undernutrition (indicator 1.5.1). Children are among the most susceptible to diarrhoeal disease and experience the most severe effects of dengue fever. Trends in climate suitability for disease transmission are particularly concerning, with 9 of the 10 most suitable years for the transmission of dengue fever on record occurring since 2000 (indicator 1.4.1). Similarly, since an early 1980s baseline, the number of days suitable for *Vibrio* (a pathogen responsible for part of the burden of diarrhoeal disease) has doubled, and global suitability for coastal *Vibrio cholerae* has increased by 9.9% (indicator 1.4.1).

Through adolescence and beyond, air pollution—principally driven by fossil fuels, and exacerbated by climate change—damages the heart, lungs, and every other vital organ. These effects accumulate over time, and into adulthood, with global deaths attributable to ambient fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) remaining at 2.9 million in 2016 (indicator 3.3.2) and total global air pollution deaths reaching 7 million.

Later in life, families and livelihoods are put at risk from increases in the frequency and severity of extreme weather conditions, with women among the most vulnerable across a range of social and cultural contexts. Globally, 77% of countries experienced an increase in daily population exposure to wildfires from 2001–14 to 2015–18 (indicator 1.2.1). India and China sustained the largest increases, with an increase of over 21 million exposures in India and 17 million exposures in China over this time period. In low-income countries, almost all economic losses from extreme weather events are uninsured, placing a particularly high burden on individuals and households (indicator 4.1). Temperature rise and heatwaves are increasingly limiting the labour capacity of various populations. In 2018, 133.6 billion potential work hours were lost globally, 45 billion more than the 2000 baseline, and southern areas of the USA lost 15–20% of potential daylight work hours during the hottest month of 2018 (indicator 1.1.4).

Populations aged 65 years and older are particularly vulnerable to the health effects of climate change, and especially to extremes of heat. From 1990 to 2018, populations in every

region have become more vulnerable to heat and heatwaves, with Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean remaining the most vulnerable (indicator 1.1.1). In 2018, these vulnerable populations experienced 220 million heatwave exposures globally, breaking the previous record of 209 million set in 2015 (indicator 1.1.3). Already faced with the challenge of an ageing population, Japan had 32 million heatwave exposures affecting people aged 65 years and older in 2018, the equivalent of almost every person in this age group experiencing a heatwave. Finally, although difficult to quantify, the downstream risks of climate change, such as migration, poverty exacerbation, violent conflict, and mental illness, affect people of all ages and all nationalities.

A business as usual trajectory will result in a fundamentally altered world, with the indicators described providing a glimpse of the implications of this pathway. The life of every child born today will be profoundly affected by climate change. Without accelerated intervention, this new era will come to define the health of people at every stage of their lives.

Responding to climate change for health

The Paris Agreement has set a target of “holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C.” In a world that matches this ambition, a child born today would see the phase-out of all coal in the UK and Canada by their sixth and 11th birthday; they would see France ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars by their 21st birthday; and they would be 31 years old by the time the world reaches net-zero in 2050, with the UK’s recent commitment to reach this goal one of many to come. The changes seen in this alternate pathway could result in cleaner air, safer cities, and more nutritious food, coupled with renewed investment in health systems and vital infrastructure. This second path—which limits the global average temperature rise to “well below 2°C”—is possible, and would transform the health of a child born today for the better, right the way through their life...

...However, current progress is inadequate, and despite the beginnings of the transition described, the indicators published in the *Lancet Countdown's 2019 report* are suggestive of a world struggling to cope with warming that is occurring faster than governments are able, or willing to respond. Opportunities are being missed, with the Green Climate Fund yet to receive projects specifically focused on improving climate-related public health, despite the fact that in other forums, leaders of small island developing states are recognising the links between health and climate change (indicator 5.3). In response, the generation that will be most affected by climate change has led a wave of school strikes across the world.

Bold new approaches to policy making, research, and business are needed in order to change course. An unprecedented challenge demands an unprecedented response, and it will take the work of the 7.5 billion people currently alive to ensure that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate.

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Analysis

Health research in humanitarian crises: an urgent global imperative (11 November, 2019)

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Abstract

Globally, humanitarian crises—such as armed conflict, forced displacement, natural disasters and major disease outbreaks—affect more people today than at any point in recorded history. These crises have immense acute and long-term health impacts on hundreds of millions of people, predominantly in low and middle-income countries (LMIC), yet the evidence base that informs how humanitarian organisations respond to them is weak. Humanitarian crises are often treated as an outlier in global health. However, they are an increasingly common and widespread driver of health that should be integrated into comprehensive approaches and strategies, especially if we hope to achieve ambitious global health targets such as the Sustainable Development Goals. The academic research community can play an important role in addressing the evidence gap in humanitarian health. There are important scientific questions of high public health relevance that can only be addressed by conducting research in humanitarian settings. While working in these settings is uniquely challenging, there are effective strategies that can be employed, such as using flexible and adaptive research methodologies, partnering with non-governmental organisations and other humanitarian actors, and devoting greater attention to issues of research ethics, community engagement, local LMIC-based partners, building humanitarian research capacity and collaborating across disciplines.

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Health – Sanitation

Health, Safety and Dignity of Sanitation Workers: An Initial Assessment

World Bank Group, World Health Organization, International Labour Organization, Water Aid

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PDF: https://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/publications/health-safety-dignity-of-sanitation-workers.pdf?ua=1

Overview

Sanitation workers provide an invaluable service that many of us notice only when confronted with locked, blocked, or filthy toilets; overflowing septic tanks; or beaches contaminated with sewage. These workers are vital to the proper functioning of the sanitation systems that underpin daily life, and many more are needed to achieve the ambitious agenda of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.

Yet sanitation workers are often invisible and too often subject to conditions that expose them to the worst consequences of poor sanitation: debilitating infections, injuries, social stigma, and even death in their daily work. Workers' rights need to be recognized; workers need freedom and support to organize as a labor force; and their working conditions need to be improved and progressively formalized to safeguard health and labor rights to ensure decent working conditions, as called for by SDG 8.

The World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), International Labour Organization (ILO), and WaterAid have joined forces in the year of “no one left behind” to shed light on this neglected issue. This report, the most extensive global exploration of the topic to date, analyzes the problems, explores good practices, and sets out actions to improve the health, safety and dignity of sanitation workers.

14 November 2019 *News release*

[New report exposes horror of working conditions for millions of sanitation workers in the developing world](#)

Millions of sanitation workers in the developing world are forced to work in conditions that endanger their health and lives, and violate their dignity and human rights, according to a report released today. Sanitation workers provide an essential public service that is key to safeguarding human health. They are often the most marginalized, poor and discriminated against members of society, carrying out their jobs with no equipment, protection or legal rights.

“A fundamental principle of health is “first do no harm”. Sanitation workers make a key contribution to public health around the world – but in so doing, put their own health at risk. This is unacceptable,” said Dr Maria Neira, Director, Department of Public Health and Environment, WHO. “We must improve working conditions for these people and strengthen the sanitation workforce, so we can meet global water and sanitation targets.”

The report on the plight of sanitation workers in the developing world is jointly authored by the International Labour Organization, WaterAid, World Bank and World Health Organization to raise awareness of the de-humanizing working conditions and to push for change. It is the most extensive global study to date on the issue, and part of a growing body of work on sanitation workers...

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Access To Medicines

[WHO launches first-ever insulin prequalification programme to expand access to life-saving treatment for diabetes](#)

13 November 2019 *News release*

The World Health Organization (WHO) today announced the start of a [pilot programme to prequalify human insulin](#) to increase treatment for diabetes in low- and middle-income countries.

The decision, announced ahead of World Diabetes Day (14 November), is part of a series of steps WHO will take to address the growing diabetes burden in all regions. About 65 million people with type 2 diabetes need insulin, but only half of them are able to access it, largely due to high prices. All people with type 1 diabetes need insulin to survive.

“Diabetes is on the rise globally, and rising faster in low-income countries,” says Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “Too many people who need insulin encounter financial hardship in accessing it, or go without it and risk their lives. WHO’s prequalification initiative for insulin is a vital step towards ensuring everyone who needs this life-saving product can access it.”

Insulin prequalification can lead to lower prices

WHO prequalification of insulin is expected to boost access by increasing the flow of quality-assured products on the international market, providing countries with greater choice and patients with lower prices.

Insulin was discovered as a treatment for diabetes almost 100 years ago and has been on WHO's List of Essential Medicines since it was published in 1977.

Despite an ample supply, insulin prices are currently a barrier to treatment in most low- and middle-income countries. Three manufacturers control most of the global market for insulin, setting prices that are prohibitive for many people and countries.

Access to insulin a challenge in many countries

Data collected by WHO in 2016-2019 from 24 countries on four continents showed that human insulin was available only in 61% of health facilities and analogue insulins in 13%. The data showed that a month's supply of insulin would cost a worker in Accra, Ghana, the equivalent of 5.5 days of pay per month, or 22% of his/her earnings.

In wealthy countries, people often have to ration insulin, which can be deadly for people who do not get the right quantity of the medicine.

"Prequalifying products from additional companies will hopefully help to level the playing field and ensure a steadier supply of quality insulin in all countries," says Dr Mariângela Simão, Assistant Director General for Medicines and Health products.

More than 420 million people live with diabetes. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death and a major cause of costly and debilitating complications such as heart attacks, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and lower limb amputations.

People with type 1 diabetes need insulin for survival and to maintain their blood glucose at levels to reduce the risk of common complications such as blindness and kidney failure. People with type 2 diabetes need insulin for controlling blood glucose levels to avoid complications when oral medicines become less effective as the illness progresses.

Insulin prequalification is one of a number of steps WHO will take in the coming year to address the diabetes burden. Plans are underway to update diabetes treatment guidelines, devise price reduction strategies for analogues and improve delivery systems and access to diagnostics. WHO also works with countries to promote healthier diets and physical activity to lower people's risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Note to editors

The WHO Prequalification of Medicines Programme contributes to accelerating and increasing access to critical medical products that are quality-assured, affordable and adapted for markets in low- and middle-income countries.

The programme does this by evaluating medical products developed by manufacturers to ensure their quality, safety and efficacy, in turn expanding the pool of available quality medicines.

Evaluating and prequalifying health products then guides international procurement agencies, such as the Global Fund, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and UNICEF, and increasingly countries to make bulk purchases of medicines vaccines, diagnostics and other critical products at lower prices.

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 67: 12 November 2019

1. Situation update

Over the last three months, there has been a steady decrease in confirmed cases of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. At the peak of the epidemic in the last week of April 2019, 120 cases were reported. In the week of 4 to 10 November 2019 only 12 cases were reported. Teams are building on this progress by enhancing efforts to thoroughly investigate all new cases and improving contact tracing in order to break the remaining transmission chains...

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 13 November 2019

:: Besides Acute Flaccid Paralysis surveillance and Environmental surveillance, how else do disease surveillance officers track the poliovirus in populated cities, hard-to-reach geographical areas and in conflict zones? Find out [here](#).

:: With the current VDPV outbreaks in the Philippines, the Government with the support of GPEI and other partners is working hard to tackle the virus. The Government has pledged US\$ 9 million in domestic resources and has to date disbursed US\$ 6.7 million, complemented by contributions from the GPEI. Read the country's latest [situation report](#) *[below]*

Summary of new viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

:: Pakistan— two WPV1 cases, three WPV1-positive environmental samples, seven cVDPV2 cases and nine cVDPV2 positive environmental samples;

:: Nigeria – one cVDPV2 case;

:: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo)- eight cVDPV2 cases;

:: Angola— three cVDPV2 cases;

:: Chad— two cVDPV2 community contacts;

:: Côte d'Ivoire- one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record, 15 November 2019, vol. 94, 46 (pp. 525–540)

:: Progress towards poliomyelitis eradication – Pakistan, January 2018–September 2019

:: Update on vaccine-derived polioviruses – worldwide, January 2018–June 2019

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Philippines

Situation Report 9 – Polio Outbreak

WHO-UNICEF 9 November 2019

Highlights

- 4th confirmed poliovirus type 2 case is a three-year old female from Maguindanao. Virus was found to be genetically linked to other 2 cases from Mindanao. Outbreak immunization for 18,268 children 0-59 months in the area was conducted on 4-8 November: 16,295 children (89.2%) vaccinated thus far.
- Synchronized polio vaccination campaigns on 14-27 October covered 1,628,717 children under 5: 95.5% of the target. Preparations ongoing for the next round on 25 November-7 December in National Capital Region (NCR) and all provinces of Mindanao targeting 4,388,281 children 0-59 months.
- Current polio outbreak resulting from persistently low routine immunization coverage, and poor sanitation and hygiene.
- Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) is considered a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).

... Risk assessment

The risk for further polio transmission in the country continues to be assessed as high at the national level, because of chronically suboptimal immunisation coverage, sub-optimal performance of AFP surveillance, and poor sanitation and hygiene conditions.

The regional risk of potential spread across international borders is assessed as moderate considering the large number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW). Although many OFW work globally, the risk of international spread is still considered low, but not negligible, further influenced by dynamic migratory patterns (particularly the USA).

... Immunization response

The first of three rounds of scheduled mass vaccination campaigns has been successfully implemented in polio affected areas. Between 14 and 27 October 2019, a total of 1,628,717 children under 5 were vaccinated out of a targeted 1,703,639 in NCR, Davao del Sur, Davao City and Lanao del Sur. Both NCR and Davao City have reported reaching the target of 95% children vaccinated...

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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 16 Nov 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 67: 12 November 2019

Mozambique floods - No new digest announcements identified

Nigeria - No new digest announcements identified

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*
South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*
Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 16 Nov 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*
Iran floods 2019 - *No new digest announcements identified*
Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*
Libya - *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 16 Nov 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

:: Humanitarian Update Syrian Arab Republic - Issue 06 |14 November 2019

Response Efforts Increase in North-east Syria

The UN and its partners are working to address the needs of hundreds of thousands of people recently impacted by last month's military escalation in north-east Syria.

Since Turkey's military offensive began on 9 October, more than 190,000 women, children and men have been displaced. As of 12 November, more than 74,000 people remain displaced, including from Al-Hasakeh (48,134), Ar-Raqqa (19,471) and Aleppo (6,776) governorates. More than 14,000 people have reportedly fled to Iraq.

The fighting has seen civilian casualties in both Syria and Turkey, damage to and closure of critical infrastructure, including health and water treatment facilities, as well as significant forced displacement. At least 92 civilians have been killed in north-west and north-east Syria during these latest hostilities, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Of particular concern are threats to civilians and critical infrastructure, forced displacement of civilians within or outside Syria, the potential negative impact on essential services and livelihoods, as well as the obstruction of access for humanitarian assistance and protection services...

Yemen - No new digest announcements identified

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Editor's Note:

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

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

:: 13 Nov 2019 Southern Africa: 12 million people are food insecure

:: 12 November 2019 Southern Africa Humanitarian Snapshot (November 2019)

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 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

14 November 2019

SC/14020

Mandate Renewal for Cross-Border Assistance Mechanism Critical to Help Millions of Syrian Civilians, Top Official Tells Security Council

More than eight years into Syria's complex and evolving conflict and despite an uptick in air and ground strikes, a growing number of people — including millions in hard-to-reach areas — receive food, medicine and other aid through a closely monitored cross-border assistance mechanism, whose mandate renewal remains crucial to ward off an even worse humanitarian crisis, the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator told the Security Council today.

13 November 2019
DEV/3426-SAG/507

[Just Over \\$516 Million Pledged at Conference, as Member States Substantially Increase Financial Commitments to Development Activities](#)

Some 16 countries pledged a total of \$516 million at today's 2019 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, representing a considerable increase over 2018 which saw \$425.69 million promised.

12 November 2019
SG/SM/19854-SAG/506

[Secretary-General, at UNESCO General Conference, Welcomes Efforts to Form Global Normative Instrument on Ethics of Artificial Intelligence](#)

11 November 2019
SG/SM/19852

[Amid Widening Fault Lines, Broken Relations among Great Powers, World 'in Turmoil', Secretary-General Tells Paris Peace Forum, Calling for New Social Contract](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 16 Nov 2019]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

[UN expert welcomes ruling on labelling of Israeli settlements products by European Court of Justice](#)

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

[Qatar needs urgent paradigm shift to protect people from arbitrary detention, UN experts conclude](#)

[Media statement by Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia on the partial lifting of judicial restriction of Kem Sokha by Cambodian court](#)

[UN women's rights experts issue findings on Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, and Seychelles](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

11 November 2019

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

11 November, 2019

[Joint Statement on Human Rights and Humanitarian Concerns Related to Conflict Affected Women and Children in Syria and Iraq](#)

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

11 November, 2019

[Joint Statement on Human Rights and Humanitarian Concerns Related to Conflict Affected Women and Children in Syria and Iraq](#)

11 November, 2019

[United Nations officials welcome the signing of an Action Plan to fight sexual violence by the Congolese National Police](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest news

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

11 November 2019

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

11 November 2019

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest news

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

11 November 2019

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

[Time for world leaders to honour 25-year-old promises and renew their commitments on women's rights, say human rights experts](#)

11 November 2019

UN OCHA [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

14 November 2019

[Humanitarian funds release US\\$18.7 million for life-saving floods response in Somalia \[EN/SO\]](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Reports

Press release_ 11/11/2019

[One child dies of pneumonia every 39 seconds, agencies warn](#)

Pneumonia – a preventable disease – kills more children than any other infection

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

US\$1.35 billion needed to help Venezuelan refugees and migrants and host countries

Joint UNHCR-IOM Press Release

13 November 2019

People displaced in eastern DRC face widespread human rights violations

12 November 2019

UNHCR and Turkey discuss voluntary repatriation of Syrian refugees

11 November 2019

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

IOM Provides Over 1 Million Health Consultations in Yemen Since Start of 2019

2019-11-15 17:39

Sana'a – With more than four years of conflict pushing the public sector to a breaking point, people in Yemen are struggling to access health care. As part of its emergency lifesaving services and support to the health sector to ensure it continues to function, the International...

Mediterranean Migrant Arrivals Reach 91,568 in 2019; Deaths Reach 1,091

2019-11-15 17:08

Geneva – IOM reports that 91,568 migrants and refugees have entered Europe by sea through 13 November, roughly an 11 per cent decrease from the 103,347 arriving during the same period last year.

Statement by the Principals of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Network on Migration

2019-11-15 17:00

New York – The Principals of the Executive Committee of the United Nations Network on Migration met yesterday (14/11) in New York to discuss United Nations system-wide assistance to Member States in their implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular...

Joint IOM - UNHCR Press Release - USD 1.35 billion Needed to Help Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants and Host Countries

2019-11-13 09:05

Geneva –The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) yesterday (13/11) launched a USD 1.35 billion regional plan to respond to the increasing humanitarian needs of Venezuelan refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean, and...

Joint Statement ILO, OECD, IOM and UNICEF - Child Labour and Human Trafficking Remain Important Concerns in Global Supply Chains

2019-11-12 14:11

New information on child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains is revealed in a report compiled by the ILO, OECD, IOM and UNICEF – members of the Alliance 8.7 partnership on child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and...

UNAIDS [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

14 November 2019

Pace of decline in new adult HIV infections remains short of ambition

The co-conveners of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, UNAIDS and the United Nations Population Fund, have launched a new report on progress made in reducing new HIV infections across 28 countries that have been particularly affected by HIV. The report was launched at the High-Level Meeting of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, held on 12 November on the sidelines of the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25.

Together, the 28 countries account for 75% of all new HIV infections globally—1.2 million of the 1.7 million new HIV infections among adults in 2018. The report, Implementation of the HIV prevention 2020 road map, shows that among the coalition countries new HIV infections among adults declined on average by 17% since 2010, slightly higher than the global decline of 13%, but far short of the 60% decline needed in 2018 to meet global HIV prevention targets...

13 November 2019

UNAIDS Executive Director holds first face-to-face meeting with key donors

12 November 2019

Statement of commitment to step up action towards ending AIDS, eliminate social injustice and reach the women and girls being left behind

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), where 179 governments adopted a landmark Programme of Action. The Programme of Action unequivocally affirmed reproductive rights as human rights, fundamental to the empowerment of women and girls and to achieving gender equality and sustainable development more broadly.

From 12 to 14 November, the governments of Kenya and Denmark, together with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), are co-convening the Nairobi Summit to mobilize the political will and financial commitments needed to finally and fully implement the Programme of Action...

12 November 2019

The power of transgender visibility in Jamaica

12 November 2019

HIV-related discrimination far too high

WHO & Regional Offices [to 16 Nov 2019]

14 November 2019 *News release*

New report exposes horror of working conditions for millions of sanitation workers in the developing world

14 November 2019 *News release*

[Mosquito sterilization offers new opportunity to control chikungunya, dengue, and Zika](#)

13 November 2019 *News release*

[WHO launches first-ever insulin prequalification programme to expand access to life-saving treatment for diabetes](#)

12 November 2019 *News release*

[WHO prequalifies Ebola vaccine, paving the way for its use in high-risk countries](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Democratic Republic of the Congo accelerates training of emergency medical units for...](#)

14 November 2019 To efficiently provide treatment to people needing urgent medical care during epidemic situations, the Ministry of Health in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are this week training inaugural members of the country's first national emergency medical units for epidemics.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: [Dengue in the Americas reaches highest number of cases recorded \(11/13/2019\)](#)

:: [United Nations calls for urgent action to curb the rise in hunger and obesity in Latin America and the Caribbean \(11/11/2019\)](#)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 14 November 2019 Statement [To tackle diabetes, strengthen primary health care and empower families](#)

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Floods across Europe affect thousands 15-11-2019](#)

:: [Rapid HIV testing saves lives – it's time to make the switch 11-11-2019](#)

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [WHO remains vigilant in the detection, prevention and control of communicable diseases in Yemen](#)
13 November 2019

:: [US Department of State's contribution boosts primary and referral health services for Syrian refugees in Iraq](#) 13 November 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 16 Nov 2019]

14/11/19

[A new OIE Sub Regional Representation for Middle East opens in United Arab Emirates](#)

On the occasion of the 15th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for the Middle East, the OIE officially opens its Sub Regional Representation for Middle East in United Arab Emirates. This new office will strengthen the region's cooperation with the OIE and among its Members thereby addressing their main concerns, such as the control of transboundary animal diseases, including zoonoses, and animal welfare in particular in the context of trade purposes.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

14 November 2019

Press Release

Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 ends with a clear path forward to transform the world for women and girls

The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 concluded today in the Kenyan capital, with partners making bold commitments to transform the world by ending all maternal deaths, unmet need for family planning and gender-based violence...

12 November 2019

Press Release

Private sector partners commit billions to help advance ICPD agenda

Private sector organizations including the Ford Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, Philips, World Vision and many others announced today at the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 they will mobilize some \$8 billion in combined new...

12 November 2019

Press Release

New study shows ending maternal deaths, gender-based violence and unmet family planning needs is affordable, within reach

The price tag to achieve three world-transforming results in the next decade – ending preventable maternal deaths, eliminating gender-based violence and harmful practices, and meeting the family planning needs of women...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

UNDP: In Africa, Meeting the Aspirations of Citizens Critical to Achieving Development Goals

The head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Achim Steiner, called for stronger partnerships between governments in Africa and the United Nations to achieve the Sustainable Development...

Posted on November 12, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

[14 Nov | New report offers details on how to maximize efforts to achieve both climate action and the Sustainable Development Goals](#)

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

15 Nov 2019 *Press release*

[African Ministers of the environment agree to accelerate action through effective mechanisms for sustainable development](#)

Durban, 15 November 2019 – In a ministerial declaration issued today at the closing of the 17th Ordinary Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN), African governments agreed to make...

13 Nov 2019 *Press release*

[Countries commit to protect the ozone layer and climate under the Montreal Protocol](#)

Rome, 13 November 2019 – Delegates representing 171 parties to the Montreal Protocol concluded their 31st Meeting of the Parties in Rome, Italy, last week, agreeing to a number of key decisions, including actions...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

15 Nov 2019

[Bangladesh declares climate change a “planetary emergency”](#)

Bangladesh declared climate change to be a “planetary emergency” and called on the world to work “on a war footing” to combat it and reduce its impacts.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Announcements

ICOMOS and the Organization of World Heritage Cities renew their Memorandum of Understanding

Written on 15 November 2019.

ICOMOS and the Organization of World Heritage Cities (OWHC) have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding during ICOMOS 2019 Annual General Assembly in Marrakesh, Morocco.

In particular ICOMOS and OWCH will work on, through CIVVIH, the theme of preservation and development of world heritage cities, and through other ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, working groups, and focal points for example on themes related to cruise tourism, sustainable development, climate change, risk prevention, reconstruction following disasters. Part of this collaboration also includes the mutual promotion of the International Day for Monuments and Sites (April 18), the Solidarity Day of World Heritage Cities (September 8) and Urban October (UN-Habitat).

The MoU, which was first signed in 2013, has the main objective of establishing a framework to foster cooperation between OWHC and ICOMOS in various areas including in the research and development of improved approaches to the conservation and management of World Heritage Cities, and in particular:

- :: The development of strategies to better face crises, challenges and the complex pressures experienced by historic cities throughout the world.
- :: Coordinate and exchange to enhance work of shared interest, as appropriate, in relation to the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.
- :: Develop a joint project to analyze urban world heritage case studies.
- :: Participation of ICOMOS in the OWHC World Congress Scientific Committee to further strengthen the scientific component of this event.
- :: Joint participation as jury members of the OWHC's Jean-Paul L'Allier Prize for Heritage.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

15/11/2019 –

Statement by the United Nations Network on Migration

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 16 Nov 2019]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

First International Forum on Urban-Rural Linkages (IFURL 2019)

Wednesday 13 November, 2019

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

World Toilet Day

New report highlights dire working conditions of sanitation workers in some developing countries

14 November 2019

Countless sanitation workers in the developing world work in conditions that endanger their lives and health, and violate their dignity and rights.

International Labour Standards

Convention No 1: A landmark for Workers' Rights

13 November 2019

100 years ago the first International Labour Conference adopted the first International Labour Standard – on working time. As the ILO celebrates this landmark moment, ILO Working Time specialist, Jon Messenger, looks back at the history of the Convention and its impact.

Child Labour

Child labour and human trafficking remain important concerns in global supply chains

12 November 2019

New estimates of child labour, forced labour and human trafficking in global supply chains are revealed in a report compiled by the ILO, OECD, IOM and UNICEF – members of the Alliance 8.7 partnership on child labour, forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking.

[See Week in Review for more detail]

Blog

Tech's persistent gender gap

12 November 2019

Tech's persistent gender gap is well documented, but it might surprise you to learn that the gulf transcends national wealth and development lines.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest Press Briefings

IMO pushes forward with work to meet ship emission reduction targets

15/11/2019 IMO Intersessional Working Group on Reduction of GHG Emissions from Ships pushes forward with work to help achieve the ambitious targets set out in the initial IMO strategy on reduction of GHG emissions from ships.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

UPU to expand access to digital financial services

12.11.2019 - The Universal Postal Union (UPU) will launch new digital financial services projects with postal operators in eight countries through its Financial Inclusion Technical Assistance Facility (FITAF).

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

UNIDO, Ethiopia and China agree to strengthen cooperation on agri-business development

ADDIS ABABA, 14 November 2019 – Ethiopia, China and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have agreed today to further strengthen collaboration on improving the agricultural system in Ethiopia, in particular the livestock value chain development. This agreement will support Ethiopia in creating a modern and a highly productive agriculture system and promote trade.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

By Liz Gasiorowski on 14 November 2019

Calculating the value of the environment with new ISO standard

How does an organization value the dependencies it has on the environment? There's a lot of information on what makes smarter sustainable strategies, but very little data. Now a new ISO standard provides the answers... [ISO 14007](#) will enable organizations to determine and communicate the costs and benefits associated with their environmental aspects, impacts and dependencies on natural resources. It tells organizations how to carry out cost-benefit analyses for different environmental options...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

World Intellectual Property Report 2019 – Local Hotspots, Global Networks: Innovative Activity Is Increasingly Collaborative and International

The 2019 edition of WIPO's World Intellectual Property Report analyzed millions of patent and scientific publication records across several decades to conclude that innovative activity has grown increasingly

collaborative and transnational, while originating in a few large clusters located in a small number of countries.

Nov 12, 2019 [PR/2019/839](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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USAID [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[USAID Announces \\$2.5 Million in Global Research Partnerships](#)

November 15, 2019

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced \$2.5 million dollars to support global research partnerships that will promote advancements across the full spectrum of discovery, from building new knowledge to piloting and scaling game-changing breakthroughs. The Agency selected a total of 32 research projects for funding through the Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) program managed by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The lead researcher for each project carried out overseas will work in tandem with a U.S. Government-funded researcher. By increasing international scientific cooperation, the United States can accelerate progress on the Journey to Self-Reliance.

DFID [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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

Latest News

[EU commits additional €35 million for Africa's Sahel region](#)

13/11/2019

A rise in the number and spread of conflicts in countries across Africa's Sahel region is putting further strains on already fragile communities. To help those most in need, the European Commission is stepping up its support with a further €35...

[The EU provides humanitarian aid to people caught up in Sudan crisis](#)

11/11/2019

The European Commission is mobilising €55 million to help vulnerable people caught in humanitarian crises in Sudan. The announcement comes as at least 8 million people in Sudan are in need of humanitarian assistance, with 6.3 million not having...

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African Union [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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Regional Workshop addresses the barriers hinder women's participation election

November 15, 2019

Regional Workshop addresses the barriers hinder women's participation in electoral and other political processes

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Secretariat News

EU to support sustainable use of peatland and haze mitigation in ASEAN

JAKARTA, 15 November 2019 - To support ASEAN's endeavours in combating transboundary haze pollution and peatland fires, the European Union (EU) launched the civil society component of the EUR 24 million programme to support Sustainable Use of Peatland and Haze Mitigation in ASEAN (SUPA). The overall programme is funded with EUR 20 million contributions from [...]

European Commission [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

Press release 13 November 2019

Humanitarian aid: EU announces additional €35 million for Africa's Sahel region

A rise in the number and spread of conflicts in countries across Africa's Sahel region is putting further strains on already fragile communities. To help those most in need, the European Commission is stepping up its support with a further €35 million in humanitarian aid.

Speech 12 November 2019

Speech by President-elect Ursula von der Leyen at the 2019 Paris Peace Forum

Press release 11 November 2019

Vaccine against Ebola: Commission grants first-ever market authorisation

Press release 11 November 2019

Humanitarian Aid: EU allocates €55 million in Sudan

The European Commission is mobilising €55 million to help vulnerable people caught in humanitarian crises in Sudan.

Press release 11 November 2019

EU Charter of Fundamental Rights marks its 10th anniversary

To mark the 10th anniversary of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, the European Commission, together with the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the EU and the EU's agency for Fundamental Rights, is holding a conference tomorrow, with the aim of looking at how to improve the use of the Charter.

OECD [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

15-November-2019

OECD conference – Building Resilience in Vulnerable Children, 19 November 2019, Paris – open to media

Over the past three decades, growing inequalities in OECD countries have exacerbated the challenges faced by society's most vulnerable groups. Children in particular are suffering the consequences.

14-November-2019

Trust in OECD governments back at pre-crisis levels as governments seek to be more open and engaged

Trust in governments has recovered to pre-crisis levels and satisfaction with public services has improved, as public sector reforms aimed at making governments more open, accountable and engaged start to bear fruit, according to a new OECD report.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Group of 77 [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

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 140: Human resources management, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the UN General Assembly (New York, 13 November 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 items 138: Pattern of conferences and 141: Joint Inspection Unit, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the UN General Assembly (New York, 13 November 2019)

Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 146: Administration of justice at 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 November 2019)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 135: Proposed programme budget for 2020: Subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, at the main part of the seventy-second session of the Fifth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 11 November 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 132: Financial reports and audited financial statements and reports of the Board of Auditors, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 11 November 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

12 November 2019

[**Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2019-2022: the monitoring tool goes live**](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

13 November 2019

[**DDG Wolff: "There is a proven correlation between peace and open trade"**](#)

13 November 2019

In a speech delivered to the 2019 Paris Peace Forum on 13 November, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said trade is an essential foundation for economic stability which in turn makes peace more possible and the expansion of trade more achievable. He warned that failing to address the current challenges to the multilateral trading system, including the need to reach new enforceable trade agreements and repairing the WTO's dispute settlement system, poses "unacceptable risks."

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press releases

11/11/2019

[**Regional parliamentary consultations to focus on the predicament of refugees**](#)

International Court of Justice [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 16 Nov 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release 14 November 2019

ICC hosts Seventh International Meetings of the Defence

Press Release 13 November 2019

ICC judges authorise opening of an investigation into the situation in Bangladesh/Myanmar

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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World Bank [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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Informing Durable Solutions for Internal Displacement

With nearly 71 million refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs), and asylum-seekers as of 2018, forced displacement is a developing world crisis. However, evidence-based planning for IDPs is challenging...

Date: November 14, 2019 Type: Publication

IMF [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 16 Nov 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.

2019 Africa Investment Forum: African Development Bank, EU reaffirm partnership, ambition to de-risk business environment, create jobs in Africa

14-Nov-2019 - The African Development Bank and the European Union shook hands on a renewed commitment to unlock hundreds of millions in financing for African infrastructure and development needs. Collaboration between the two institutions would focus on de-risking the business environment in Africa, providing equity, guarantees and other types of non-grant support, African Development Bank President Akinwumi and European Union Commissioner Neven Mimica said at a news conference held Monday, on the sidelines of the Africa Investment Forum.

Africa Investment Forum 2019: Unveiling the Boardroom: \$67.6 billion dollars of deals tabled, \$40.1 billion investor interest secured

13-Nov-2019 - It was deals that brought participants to the 2019 Africa Investment Forum and they were not disappointed. The second Forum ended on a high note Wednesday, with 56 boardroom deals valued at \$67.6 billion tabled - a 44% increase from last year. Fifty-two deals worth \$40.1 billion secured investor interest compared with \$37.8 billion dollars last year. During the 2018 edition of the Forum, 61 transactions valued at \$46.9 billion were tabled for discussions in boardroom sessions and 49 deals worth \$38.7 billion, secured investment interest.

Africa Investment Forum 2019: Billion dollar boost for African female entrepreneurs

12-Nov-2019 - The European Investment Bank (EIB) has announced a \$1.1 billion lending programme to help women entrepreneurs on the continent. EIB Vice President, Ambroise Fayolle, also revealed that the bank has signed three further agreements to boost sustainable development on the continent. But the major deal is what the EIB has dubbed SheInvest. The EIB expects the gender-lending initiative to allow women to play a more active role in economies.

Asian Development Bank [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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14 Nov 2019

ADB President Confirms Support for Expanded Agenda of Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation at 18th Ministerial Conference

Ministers and senior government officials from 11 countries in Central and West Asia gathered in Tashkent today for the 18th CAREC Ministerial Conference. The high-level strategy and policy body serves as a regional platform to...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

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Mumbai, India, Nov. 15, 2019

AIIB Investment in India nears USD3 Billion

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has ramped up its investments in India with total in-country financing now standing at USD2.9 billion.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

15 NOV

IFAD calls on governments in Asia and Pacific region to invest in their rural youth

13 NOV

Call for proposals: Promoting sustainable technologies and marketing strategies to increase incomes and reduce food losses in small fish systems

Islamic Development Bank [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Senegal

Transformers Summit 2019: IsDB to host the Summit this December in Dakar, Senegal

The Islamic Development Bank will host Transformers Summit 2019 in partnership with the Government of Senegal to explore the future of the world's cities. Macky Sall, Youssou N'Dour and Forest Whitaker to join world's top entrepreneurs changing the future of inclusive, safe and resilient cities at this year's Transformers Summit in Dakar. Register to attend: <https://isdb-transformers.org>
13 November 2019

IsDB announces plans to launch first green bond

11 November 2019

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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 16 Nov 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest

No new digest content identified.

CARE International [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

NEWS

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News & Updates

[Religious leaders need to step up their stance against sexual exploitation of children](#)

14/11/2019

At last year's Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities meeting, ECPAT urged religious leaders to work with their communities to increase their efforts in ending child sexual exploitation, and they agreed to do so. A year has passed and the problem has instead gotten worse. At the Vatican's Promoting Digital Child Dignity Congress this year, we are no longer asking religious leaders to talk about the issue, but to act.

[ECPAT International's Annual Report July 2018 – June 2019](#)

Fountain House [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://www.heifer.org/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 16 Nov 2019]
<http://www.helpage.org/newsroom/press-room/press-releases/>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 16 Nov 2019]
<https://www.icrc.org/en/whats-new>
Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports
Rules for the ages? London debate sets out challenges facing IHL
For 70 years international humanitarian law (IHL) has sought to limit the consequences of war and protect people in conflict zones.
15-11-2019 | Article

Peacekeeping Operations: ICRC Statement to the United Nations, 2019
Delivered by Ms.
14-11-2019 | Statement

Syria: Fears for civilian population as key water plant remains out of action
The Allouk pumping station, which usually serves more than 400,000 people in and around Hasakeh, has not been functional since October 30.
08-11-2019 | News release

IFRC [to 16 Nov 2019]
<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>
Selected Press Releases, Announcements
No new digest content identified.

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 16 Nov 2019]
<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/stories-and-news/>
No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 16 Nov 2019]
<http://www.rescue.org/press-release-index>
Media highlights
No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 16 Nov 2019]
<https://irct.org/>

News

News 14 Nov 2019

Israeli doctors must take a stand against torture

Today, the IRCT and Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), [in a joint letter](#), called on the Israeli Ministry of Health to ensure that hospital doctors follow their ethical obligations to avoid any involvement in torture by the Israeli security forces and document any signs that their patients have been tortured.

News 11 Nov 2019

Providing lifesaving rehabilitation services for torture survivors in conflict-ridden province in DRC

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

Resurgent hostilities open psychological scars for already besieged Gazans

Published: 14 November, 2019

How Islamic Relief has helped thousands of people hit by Cyclone Bulbul

Published: 13 November, 2019

Malaria and malnutrition stalk central Somalia as more families flee floods

Published: 13 November, 2019

Landsea [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Statements and Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Operation Smile [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Latest News

A just peace for Palestinians and Israelis is possible if lessons are learnt

14 November 2019

With a new US-led peace initiative looming, it is critical to look back over the last 26 years and the legacy of the Oslo Accords to bring insight and understanding and to learn vital lessons from the past.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

Central African Republic | 15. Nov 219

57,000 people affected by severe flooding in Central African Republic

More than 10,000 homes have been destroyed and already impoverished neighbourhoods are under water due to flooding caused by heavy rain in Central African Republic. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is calling for urgent funding to scale up the emergency response and help those affected.

Somalia | 14. Nov 2019

Saving lives in one of the world's most dangerous countries

Millions in Somalia need humanitarian aid because of extreme weather conditions and conflict.

However, relief work is difficult and dangerous in a country that has been ravaged by armed conflict for almost 30 years.

Pact [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

Nov 14, 2019

Patients, Clinicians in Liberia See Success in Diabetes Control

PIH's approach to diabetes care for patients in Liberia hinges on a combination of building capacity at health facilities, health education, access to medication, lifestyle changes, and support groups. Read

Nov 14, 2019

After Long Uncertainty, Teen With Diabetes Finds Care at Malawi Clinic

A growing program is providing personal, specialized care to people with type 1 diabetes, sickle cell, heart problems, and more, in Neno District. [Read More](#)

Nov 13, 2019

[Stopping Severe Malnutrition in Sierra Leone](#)

In Sierra Leone, where extreme poverty means nearly half of families don't have enough food, children are particularly vulnerable to malnutrition. PIH began reaching more kids in need by establishing an innovative program to prevent severe malnutrition. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[PATH and partners receive award for development of world's first malaria vaccine](#)

November 13, 2019 by PATH

Pilot introduction of RTS,S/AS01 has now started in selected areas of three African countries

November 13, 2019, WASHINGTON, D.C. – PATH and partners today received the Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC) 2019 Innovating for Impact Partnership Award, for the development and phased introduction of RTS,S/AS01, the world's first malaria vaccine. The vaccine was introduced by ministries of health in areas of Ghana, Kenya, and Malawi in 2019 as part of a pilot program coordinated by the World Health Organization (WHO)...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

15 November 2019 - South Sudan

[South Sudan: More than 200,000 children forced to flee their homes following flooding](#)

14 November 2019 - Israel, occupied Palestinian territory

[Schools closed in Gaza and Israel as eight Palestinian children are killed](#)

14 November 2019 - Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand

[Movement on international justice a "glimmer of hope" for Rohingya children](#)

14 November 2019 - United Kingdom

[Millions of vulnerable children at risk as governments fail to renew pledges to protect their rights](#)

13 November 2019 - Israel, occupied Palestinian territory

[Three Palestinian children killed and one Israeli child injured following escalations in Gaza and Southern Israel](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Statement – November 15 2019

Millions of vulnerable children at risk as governments fail to renew pledges to protect their rights

Child rights organisations express outrage at global inaction as the UN marks the 30th anniversary of the most widely ratified international human rights treaty.

Iraq – November 13 2019

Mental health counselors help Iraqi children heal

Tostan [to 16 Nov 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 16 Nov 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Millions of vulnerable children at risk as governments fail to renew pledges to protect their rights

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | November 12, 2019

Federal Court Rules Suspicionless Searches of Travelers' Phones and Laptops Unconstitutional

BOSTON—In a major victory for privacy rights at the border, a federal court in Boston [ruled](#) today that suspicionless searches of travelers' electronic devices by federal agents at airports and other U.S. ports of entry are unconstitutional. The ruling came in a lawsuit, [Alasaad v. McAleenan](#), filed by...

Press Release | November 12, 2019

EFF Sues DHS to Obtain Information About the Agency's Use of Rapid DNA Testing on Migrant Families at the Border

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) sued the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) today to obtain information that will shine a light on the agency's use of [Rapid DNA technology](#) on migrant families at the border to verify biological parent-child relationships. In a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) complaint filed...

Freedom House [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

News

Press Releases

Turkey: US Officials Should Press for the Protection of Freedom of Expression

November 13, 2019

US officials should advocate for freedom of expression in Turkey during Erdoğan's visit to Washington, DC.

Human Rights Watch [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

November 15, 2019

Brazil's Amazon—and Its Defenders—Are Under Attack From Illegal Loggers

Three-quarters of the original rainforest in the northeastern Brazilian state of Maranhão is gone, replaced mostly by cattle ranches. One of the few remaining pristine patches lies within the Araribóia indigenous territory, an area larger than the U.S. state of Rhode Island that is the home to more than 10,000 Tenetehara and about 80 isolated Awá indigenous people.

[Watch the Video: Rainforest Mafias](#)

[Special Feature](#)

Middle East/North Africa

November 15, 2019 News Release

Lebanon: Defamation Laws Used to Silence Critics

Europe/Central Asia

November 15, 2019 Dispatches

Protests Erupt in Georgia over Failed Electoral Reforms

Giorgi Gogia

Associate Director, Europe and Central Asia Division

Africa

November 15, 2019 News Release

Nigeria: Despite Court Order, Activist Still Held

Transparency International [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

11 Nov 2019

Proposed amnesty law in Lebanon would weaken accountability and reduce state revenues

- The proposed general amnesty law in Lebanon contradicts the state's commitment to curb corruption, tax evasion, money laundering and illicit enrichment.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

Universal Children's Day

November 19, 2018 by ChildFund Alliance

Statement by ChildFund Alliance Secretary General Meg Gardinier

New York, NY (November 20, 2018) – In recognition of Universal Children's Day, ChildFund Alliance is reaffirming its commitment to protect and advocate for the safety and well-being of children throughout the world.

An estimated one billion children, more than half of the world's children, experience some form of emotional, physical or sexual violence and exploitation every year. On Universal Children's Day, ChildFund Alliance aims to bring added attention to the importance of preventing violence at all levels, improving child welfare worldwide, and promoting and celebrating children's rights....

CONCORD [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Opinion

German leadership is critical to ending EIB support for fossil fuels

13 Nov 2019

Evidence Aid [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest news

Pakistan becomes first country to introduce new typhoid vaccine into routine immunisation program

15 November 2019

Gavi-supported introduction of new and improved typhoid conjugate vaccine to offer protection against increasingly drug-resistant disease.

New partnership launched to increase uptake of life-saving vaccines in Rwanda

12 November 2019

Gavi, the Government of Rwanda and Girl Effect launch a 13-month partnership that will use innovative behaviour change communications to address gender related barriers to vaccine uptake.

Gavi welcomes European Commission approval of first Ebola vaccine

12 November 2019

The European Commission has granted conditional marketing authorisation to the Ervebo Ebola vaccine in European Union member states.

Global Fund [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News & Stories

News

Global Fund Board Steps Up Efforts to Expand Impact Against HIV, TB and Malaria

15 November 2019

... At the Board's 42nd meeting, coming one month after a successful Sixth Replenishment that secured pledges of over US\$14 billion for 2020-2022, Board members expressed appreciation for the collective efforts that led to such a strong mobilization of resources, calling it a compelling affirmation of commitment toward achieving greater social justice all over the world.

... The Board approved a decision that translates pledges made at the Replenishment Conference into funding for country allocations for the 2020-2022 period, as well as certain catalytic investments that can further enhance impact in priority areas. The Global Fund plans to finalize the allocation and inform countries in December 2019.

The Board also approved a decision to advance the development of wambo.org, an innovative online tool that gives in-country procurement teams the power to search, compare and purchase quality-assured products used by health programs. The Board's decision allows wambo.org to be made available for non-Global Fund-financed orders by governments and nongovernment development organizations on a variety of products...

Updates

Donor Pledges and Contributions

12 November 2019

The Pledges and Contributions Report, a spreadsheet with a complete view of each donor's pledges and contributions, is fully updated with Sixth Replenishment pledges and the dozens of new donors: Pledges and Contributions Report [Excel](#) | [PDF](#)

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

Opportunity for Evaluation of Diagnostic Products

11 November 2019

The Global Fund and Unitaid are inviting manufacturers of diagnostic products to submit an Expression of Interest to have their products evaluated by the Expert Review Panel for Diagnostics (EPRD).

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

11/13/2019 + Blog

Research's Role in Disease Elimination: My Experience at TFGH, Alumni Blog

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

1st Global Refugee Forum

December 17, 2019 (All day) to December 18, 2019 (All day)

Geneva, Switzerland

InterAction [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest Updates

Risk Management & Regulatory Issues

De-risking: A Product of Avoidance

Princess Bazley-Bethea, Selena Bridges

Nov 15, 2019

Over the past several months, InterActions's Together Project Members and Partners, including Islamic Relief-USA, Helping Hand for Relief and Development, Feed the Children, and Charity & Security Network have met with Members of Congress to discuss two topics of increasing concern for non-governmental organizations (NGOs):

:: Disinformation campaigns: online attacks and campaigns that spread false information targeting an NGO.

: Bank de-risking: financial access barriers faced by NGOs working abroad that place limits on humanitarian aid.

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News, Publications

Request for proposals: development of innovative, interactive digital platform for producing and displaying evidence gap maps

Posted on: 15 November 2019 Jobs

3ie is inviting proposals from qualified, experienced digital developers who can create new, advanced and interactive evidence gap map platform. Eligible companies or organisations should submit a technical proposal and a financial proposal as detailed in the terms of reference. The deadline for submitting proposals is 5 December 2019.

[Read full request for proposals](#)

How education about maternal health risk can change the gender gap in the demand for family planning in Zambia

Impact evaluation 3ie 2019 This report seeks to evaluate the impact of an intervention targeted at married men in Lusaka, Zambia.

CHS Alliance [to 16 Nov 2019]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

New website no longer posts press releases or announcements.

Development Initiatives [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

Website not responding at inquiry

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

[Abidjan Principles on the right to education awarded support by the Paris Peace Forum 2019 as one of the most promising governance projects](#)

Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

14 November 2019

The Paris Peace Forum announced yesterday that the Abidjan Principles on the right to education were selected as one of the ten 'most promising governance projects' that will be awarded support to scale-up. The Abidjan Principles were selected among 716 projects from 115 countries that applied in the call for projects.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Start Network [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News and Blog

[REPORT INTO START NETWORK ANTICIPATION TOOLS ADVISES FOR LOCALISED APPROACH](#)

by Helen James 14 Nov 19

Start Network's new paper "[Putting People at the Centre of Early Action](#)" launched today says that going forward, enabling communities to act ahead of a potential disaster will require a focus on localisation, putting at-risk people at the centre of the process to mainstream early humanitarian action.

Brookings

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

Accessed 16 Nov 2019

Latest Research

Technology & Innovation

[Fighting deepfakes when detection fails](#)

[Alex Engler](#)

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Technology & Innovation

[Risks and remedies for artificial intelligence in health care](#)

[W. Nicholson Price II](#)

Thursday, November 14, 2019

Economic Development

[Small and mid-sized legacy communities: Trends, assets, and principles for action](#)

[Alan Berube](#)

November 14, 2019

Japan

[Reinventing the trading nation: Japan, the United States, and the future of Asia-Pacific trade](#)

[Mireya Solís](#)

November 2019

Media & Journalism

[Local journalism in crisis: Why America must revive its local newsrooms](#)

[Clara Hendrickson](#)

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

November 14, 2019

[Towards Real-Time Governance: Using Digital Feedback to Improve Service, Voice, and Accountability](#)

Improving the quality, impact, and efficiency of public services is one of the most critical challenges of public policy. There are multiple ways of addressing these challenges, but a common theme is the need to put citizens at the center of governance and service delivery, through empowerment, transparency, accountability, and participation.

[Alan Gelb](#) , Neeraj Mittal and [Anit Mukherjee](#)

November 12, 2019

[The New Economy of Africa: Opportunities for Nigeria's Emerging Technology Sector](#)

Nigeria has a vibrant and growing tech sector. In a survey of tech firms conducted in 2018, we find that most firms start small but grow quickly, more than doubling their size in the few years since the start of operations. Many are addressing inefficiencies in distribution of goods and services. But firms are still hampered by the business environment, notably unreliable electricity and lack of access to credit. Most suffer significant power outages, forcing them to purchase generators. Few firms have access to financial institutions or venture capitalists, relying instead on family and professional networks. Finally, tech firms employ very few women. While the Nigerian government has made the tech sector a priority, it needs to do more to improve the basics of the business environment. The government and the private sector must also take steps to increase the participation of women in the tech sector.

[Vijaya Ramachandran](#) , [Jennifer Obado-Joel](#) , [Razaq Fatai](#) , [Junaid Sadiq Masood](#) and [Blessing Omakwu](#)

November 12, 2019

[Lending Terms for IFAD Projects](#)

Donor support for agriculture development is not keeping pace with developing country demand or the need for finance implied by Sustainable Development Goal 2. In order to increase the overall volume of resources available for these needs, IFAD is pursuing a reform agenda that considers providing loans on harder terms to its client countries.

[Scott Morris](#) and [Jessie Lu](#)

November 12, 2019

[Taxing "Bads": An Overview of Research Initiatives](#)

This note outlines the organizations and research initiatives currently addressing taxation of tobacco, alcohol, and sugar-sweetened beverages—the "bads"—to help navigate the landscape of existing research and identify gaps and opportunities for further work.

[Ruth Lopert](#)

November 11, 2019

[How America Leads Abroad: An Examination of Multilateral Development Institutions](#)

On November 13, CGD senior fellow Charles Kenny testified before the House Committee on Financial Services Subcommittee on National Security, International Development, and Monetary Policy Hearing, on How America Leads Abroad: An Examination of Multilateral Development Institutions.

[Charles Kenny](#)

CSIS [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Rigid Structures, Evolving Threat: Preventing the Proliferation and Use of Chemical Weapons](#)

November 14, 2019 | [Rebecca Hersman](#), [Suzanne Claeys](#) Chemical weapon use is making a comeback. This study provides a framework for structuring the problem, identifies gaps and challenges, and puts forward options for improving the global effort to prevent the proliferation and use of these weapons.

Report

[The New Missing Middle in Development Finance](#)

November 13, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Erol Yayboke](#), [Sundar R. Ramanujam](#) The CSIS Project on Prosperity and Development releases a new policy brief that addresses the critical financing gap which the global micro, small, and medium enterprise landscape faces in the growth stage of innovation.

Report

[Assessing the Affordability of the Army's Future Vertical Lift Portfolio](#)

November 13, 2019 | [Rhys McCormick](#), [Gregory Sanders](#), [Andrew Philip Hunter](#) Future Vertical Lift (FVL) is one of Army's top modernization priorities. This report analyzes the affordability of the Army's FVL approach and identifies enablers and inhibitors that might disrupt the program.

ODI [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[First ever research into how the app-based gig economy works in poorer countries](#)

Press release | 12 November 2019

A new study explores for the first time what female gig economy workers in South Africa and Kenya think about their conditions.

[Delivering climate resilience programmes in fragile and conflict-affected contexts](#)

Working and discussion papers | November 2019 | Aimee Neaverson, Catherine Gould and Katie Peters This review explores how climate resilience projects can be designed, set up and run to be resilient themselves in fragile and conflict-affected contexts.

[Women in the gig economy: paid work, care and flexibility in Kenya and South Africa](#)

Research reports and studies | November 2019 | Abigail Hunt, Emma Samman, Sherry Tapfuma, Grace Mwaura and Rhoda Omenya with Kay Kim, Sara Stevano and Aida Roumer

Report presenting findings from an in-depth study of women's engagement in the gig economy in Kenya and South Africa.

Localising protection responses in conflicts: challenges and opportunities

Research reports and studies | November 2019 | Victoria Metcalfe-Hough

Exploring the tensions, challenges and opportunities inherent in a more localised approach to civilian protection.

Brown to green: the G20 transition towards a net-zero emissions economy 2019

Research reports and studies | November 2019 | Ipek Gencsu, Leo Roberts, Charlene Watson, Lena Donat, Hannah Schindler, Jan Burck . . . Roxana Baldrich

This report takes stock of G20 climate action in the context of 1.5 °C benchmarks.

Women at the forefront of Sudan's political transformation: recommendations from a workshop on women's rights, representation and resilience in a new Sudan

Working and discussion papers | November 2019 | Rachel George with Mashair Saeed and Sara Abdelgalil

This paper presents the findings of an ODI workshop that convened Sudanese women to discuss women's participation in Sudan's political future.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 16 Nov 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

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

November 15, 2019

From Savings to Ownership: Third-Year Impacts from the Assets for Independence Program Randomized Evaluation

Individual development accounts (IDAs) help low-income families save by matching their personal savings for specific investments, such as a first home, business capitalization, or higher education and training. The Assets for Independence (AFI) program, last funded in fiscal year 2016, is a federally supported IDA demonstration grant program authorized under the Assets for Independence Act of 1998. This evaluation of the AFI

[Caroline Ratcliffe](#), [Signe-Mary McKernan](#), [Gregory B. Mills](#), [Mike Pergamit](#), [Breno Braga](#)

November 15, 2019

Research Report

Maintaining Housing Stability: Interim Lessons from the Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative

In February 2016, the City and County of Denver and eight private investors closed on the city's first social impact bond, an \$8.6 million investment to fund a supportive housing program for 250 of the city's most frequent users of the criminal justice system. The city will make outcome payments over

five years based on the initiative's goals of housing stability and a decrease in days spent in jail by participants. This report

[Mary K. Cunningham](#), [Sarah Gillespie](#), [Devlin Hanson](#), [Mike Pergamit](#), [Alyse D. Oneto](#), [Prasanna Rajasekaran](#), [Tracey O' Brien](#), [Liz Sweitzer](#), [Christine Velez](#)

November 12, 2019

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November 12, 2019

Brief

Maintaining Housing Stability: Interim Lessons from Denver's Expansion of Supportive Housing

Denver's expansion of supportive housing through the Denver Supportive Housing Social Impact Bond Initiative is beginning to pay off for the city of Denver, its homeless residents, and a group of investors banking on social impact. This fact sheet highlights interim results for the third year of the program.

[Mary K. Cunningham](#), [Sarah Gillespie](#), [Devlin Hanson](#), [Mike Pergamit](#), [Alyse D. Oneto](#), [Prasanna Rajasekaran](#), [Tracey O' Brien](#), [Liz Sweitzer](#), [Christine Velez](#)

November 12, 2019

Fact Sheet

Tax Incentives for Charitable Contributions

This chartbook explores the implications of current law income tax incentives for charitable donations along with several alternatives for tax deductions that are more universally available.

[Robert McClelland](#), [C. Eugene Steuerle](#), [Chenxi Lu](#), [Aravind Boddupalli](#)

November 12, 2019

Brief

Updated: Views of the Police and Neighborhood Conditions

After this brief was published in August, we noticed an error in the statistical code used to create the concept scales. This error underestimated scale values for respondents who did not answer all survey questions for a concept, such as perceptions of police legitimacy. It was especially problematic when a respondent did not answer any questions for a concept: the summated value and the scale value were zero, which is outside

[Jocelyn Fontaine](#), [Sino Esthappan](#), [Nancy G. La Vigne](#), [Daniel Lawrence](#), [Jesse Jannetta](#)

November 11, 2019

Brief

A Look At The Diversity of NNIP

The National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership (NNIP) is committed to ensuring that all communities have access to data and the skills to use that data to advance equity and well-being

across neighborhoods. We recognize that organizations that reflect the diversity in their communities and are inclusive of all people produce higher-quality analysis and stronger collaborations, and, ultimately, they expand the influence we have

[Olivia Arena](#), [Leah Hendey](#)

November 11, 2019

Brief

World Economic Forum [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Media

World Economic Forum Appoints Two New Members to its Board of Trustees

News 15 Nov 2019

Muriel Pénicaud, Minister of Labour of France; and Mark Schneider, Chief Executive Officer of Nestlé, Switzerland, will join the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum.

Cybersecurity: A Crucial Element of Socio-economic Stability and Prosperity

News 12 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

<http://www.aecf.org/newsroom/>
No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Release

November 14, 2019

[NEXT WEEK: President Bill Clinton and Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton to Host Domestic Policy Conference on Economic Inclusion and Growth at the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock](#)

Co Impact [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest Updates

[A New Look at Impact Evaluation Capacity in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)

Impact evaluation and other forms of research that have the potential to inform policy decisions are becoming more prominent in sub-Saharan Africa. And while researchers working in their own countries

bring contextual knowledge, relationships, and sustained attention that help ensure results are used in policy decisions, many research teams funded by donors do not include...

By [Norma Altshuler and Sarah Jane Staats](#)

November 11, 2019

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Release

[Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Awards More Than \\$16 Million in Grants in the Third Quarter Of 2019](#)

November 13, 2019

IKEA Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Research Nov 15 2019

[Brain-Enhancing Drug Reverses Down Syndrome Memory Deficits in Mice](#)

Activity goes awry for hundreds of genes in Down syndrome, the most common genetic cause of intellectual disability. Scientists have now found a way to calm the disordered activity – and restore cognitive abilities in mice.

Research Nov 14 2019

[Here's One Way Zika Virus Causes Microcephaly](#)

The mosquito-borne virus can harm fetuses in utero and cause the brain condition microcephaly. Now, scientists have identified a genetic pathway that's targeted by Zika and revealed one protein's role in brain development.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

November 14, 2019 *News Release*

[Millions of Medicare Part D Enrollees Face Increases in Premiums and Other Costs in 2020 if They Do Not Switch Plans During Open Enrollment](#)

Millions of current enrollees in stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plans will face premium and other cost increases next year unless they switch to lower-cost plans during the open enrollment period that began Oct. 15 and ends on Dec. 7, a new KFF analysis finds. This includes two-thirds of...

November 14, 2019 *News Release*

[Report Examines How State and National Policies Affect Access to Reproductive Health Care for Low-Income Women in Five Communities](#)

As policy debates over the future of access to reproductive and sexual health services heat up at the national and state levels, this report examines how these policies have played out in five communities across the United States.

November 11, 2019 *News Release*

Donor Government Support for Family Planning Peaks in 2018

A new KFF analysis finds donor government support for global family planning efforts totaled US\$1.50 billion in 2018, up 19 percent from 2017 (US\$1.26 billion) – and the highest level since tracking efforts began following the London Summit on Family Planning in 2012. Since 2012, total donor government funding for family planning...

Kellogg Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases

AKDN partners with the Paris Peace Forum

Paris, France, 12 November 2019 - His Highness the Aga Khan, founder and Chairman of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), today joined over 30 world leaders for the opening session of the second Paris Peace Forum. Initiated by French President Emmanuel Macron, the Forum was founded on the principle that international cooperation is key to tackling global challenges and ensuring durable peace. The Forum was launched on the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, marking the end of World War I...

MacArthur Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://mellon.org/>

News & Blog

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Recent News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press release November 12, 2019

[Open Society Pledges Support for African Cultural Heritage Restitution](#)

A new Open Society initiative will support efforts to return cultural inheritances that were taken from Africa to their rightful homes.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

News

[Foundation Announces 2020 Launch of Five-Year Strategy at the Intersection of Agriculture, Livelihoods, and Conservation](#)

November 12, 2019

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Event

November 19, 2019

[Mitigation Matters Webinar: Policy Solutions to Reduce Local Flood Risk](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[RWJF Awards Five Communities the 2019 RWJF Culture of Health Prize](#)

November 12, 2019

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize honors communities that are coming together around a shared commitment to health, opportunity, inclusion, and equity.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 16 Nov 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 16 Nov 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Opinion | 14 November 2019

[Landmark moment in the fight against Ebola: what have we learnt?](#)

by Charlie Weller

Opinion | 13 November 2019

[With better global data we can outsmart drug-resistant infections](#)

by Gemma Buckland Merrett

The impact of drug-resistant infections is much higher than previously thought, as shown in a new report from the Centers for Disease Control.

Opinion | 12 November 2019

[Does the way Wellcome makes funding decisions support the right research?](#)

by Jonathan Best

The Wistar Institute [to 16 Nov 2019]

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

Press Release Nov. 14, 2019

[International Collaboration for Scientific Training Launched Between The Wistar Institute and Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands](#)

Wistar and Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) formalized a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions to explore a postdoctoral training exchange program in immunology, cancer research and vaccine biology.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 16 Nov 2019]

<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>
No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 16 Nov 2019]
<https://www.cof.org/newsroom>
No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control
November 2019 Volume 47, Issue 11, p1283-1404
<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine
November 2019 Volume 57, Issue 5, p585-732
<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, Supplement_2019
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/4>
Impact, Innovation, and Inclusion of Civil Society Organizations in Polio Eradication: The Core Group Polio Project Story
Guest Editors: Henry Perry and Jon Andrus
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

5 November 2019 Vol: 171, Issue 9

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 371 - October 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 16 Nov 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

November 2019 - Volume 4 - 6

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/4/6>

Editorial

[Tackling antimicrobial resistance in low-income and middle-income countries](#) (10

November, 2019)

Sunil Pokharel, Shristi Raut, Bipin Adhikari

Commentary

[Lay media reporting of monkeypox in Nigeria](#) (12 November, 2019)

Oyeronke Oyeboji, Ugonna Ofonagoro, Oluwatosin Akande, Ifeanyi Nsofor, Chika Ukenedo, Tarik Benjamin Mohammed, Chimezie Anueyiagu, Jeremiah Agenyi, Adesola Yinka-Ogunleye, Chikwe Ihekweazu

[Healthcare malpractice and continuing HIV outbreaks in Pakistan](#) (12 November, 2019)

Salima Davlidova, Syed Hani Abidi, Syed Ali

[Can we make human plague history? A call to action](#) (10 November, 2019)

Laurence Baril, Xavier Vallès, Nils Christian Stenseth, Minoarisoa Rajerison, Maherisoa Ratsitorahina, Javier Pizarro-Cerdá, Christian Demeure, Steve Belmain, Holger Scholz, Romain Girod, Joseph Hinnebusch, Ines Vigan-Womas, Eric Bertherat, Arnaud Fontanet, Yazdan Yazadanpanah, Guia Carrara, Jane Deuve, Eric D'ortenzio, Jose Oswaldo Cabanillas Angulo, Paul Mead, Peter W Horby

Analysis

[Health research in humanitarian crises: an urgent global imperative](#) (11 November, 2019)

Brandon A Kohrt[1], Amit S Mistry[2], Nalini Anand[2], Blythe Beecroft[2], Iman Nuwayhid[3]

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Abstract

Globally, humanitarian crises—such as armed conflict, forced displacement, natural disasters and major disease outbreaks—affect more people today than at any point in recorded history. These crises have immense acute and long-term health impacts on hundreds of millions of people, predominantly in low and middle-income countries (LMIC), yet the evidence base that informs how humanitarian organisations respond to them is weak. Humanitarian crises are often treated as an outlier in global health. However, they are an increasingly common and widespread driver of health that should be integrated into comprehensive approaches and strategies, especially if we hope to achieve ambitious global health targets such as the Sustainable Development Goals. The academic research community can play an important role in addressing the evidence gap in humanitarian health. There are important scientific questions of high public health relevance that can only be addressed by conducting research in humanitarian settings. While working in these settings is uniquely challenging, there are effective strategies that can be employed, such as using flexible and adaptive research methodologies, partnering with non-governmental organisations and other humanitarian actors, and devoting greater attention to issues of research ethics, community engagement, local LMIC-based partners, building humanitarian research capacity and collaborating across disciplines.

Joint external evaluation of the International Health Regulation (2005) capacities: current status and lessons learnt in the WHO African region (1 November, 2019)

Ambrose Talisuna, Ali Ahmed Yahaya, Soatiana Cathycia Rajatonirina, Mary Stephen, Antonio Oke, Allan Mpairwe, Amadou Bailo Diallo, Emmanuel Onuche Musa, Daniel Yota, Freddy Mutoka Banza, Roland Kimbi Wango, Nathalie Amy Roberts, Rajesh Sreedharan, Nirmal Kandel, Adrienne May Rashford, Linda Lucy Boulanger, Qudsia Huda, Stella Chungong, Zabulon Yoti, Ibrahima Soce Fall

Research

The patient safety practices of emergency medical teams in disaster zones: a systematic analysis (14 November, 2019)

Ussamah El-khani, Hutan Ashrafian, Shahnawaz Rasheed, Harald Veen, Ammar Darwish, David Nott, Ara Darzi

BCG vaccination is associated with reduced malaria prevalence in children under the age of 5 years in sub-Saharan Africa (14 November, 2019)

Mike LT Berendsen, Sjors WL van Gijzel, Jeroen Smits, Quirijn de Mast, Peter Aaby, Christine S Benn, Mihai G Netea, Andre JAM van der Ven

The burden of anaemia among displaced women and children in refugee settings worldwide, 2013–2016 (11 November, 2019)

Ariel Kay, Eva Leidman, Velma Lopez, Caroline Wilkinson, Melody Tondeur, Oleg Bilukha

BMC Health Services Research

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Compensating participants of biomedical research is a common practice. However, its proximity with ethical concerns of coercion, undue influence, and exploitation, demand that participant compensation be regulated. The objective of this paper is to discuss the current regulations for compensation of research participants in Malawi and how they can be improved in relation to ethical concerns of coercion, undue influence, and exploitation.

Authors: Wongani Nyangulu, Randy Mungwira, Nginanche Nampota, Oswald Nyirenda, Lufina Tsirizani, Edson Mwinjiwa and Titus Divala

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Since Nepali cross-border migrants can freely enter, work and stay in India, they are largely undocumented. The majority is involved in semi-skilled or unskilled jobs with limited labour rights and social secu...

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Authors: Bandeth Ros, Gillian Lê, Suzanne Fustukian and Barbara McPake

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Authors: Thomas Crellen, Charles Ssonko, Turid Piening, Marcel Mbeko Simaleko, Karen Geiger and M. Ruby Siddiqui

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[Optimization of extraction of genomic DNA from archived dried blood spot \(DBS\): potential application in epidemiological research & bio banking](#) [version 3; peer review: 2 approved with reservations]

Abhinendra Kumar, Sharayu Mhatre, Sheela Godbole, Prabhat Jha, Rajesh Dikshit

Limited infrastructure is available to collect, store and transport venous blood in field epidemiological studies. Dried blood spot (DBS) is a robust potential alternative sample source for epidemiological studies & bio banking. A stable source of genomic DNA (gDNA) is required for long term storage in bio bank for its downstream applications. Our objective is to optimize the methods of gDNA extraction from stored DBS and with the aim of revealing its utility in large scale epidemiological studies.

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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 Feters](#) 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 [Dega 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-Cislaghi](#) on how humanitarian responses can better address child marriage.

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Heritable Genome Editing—Edited Eggs and Sperm to the Rescue?

Eli Adashi, MD, MS; I. Glenn Cohen, JD

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Heritable genome editing is widely predicted to render inborn afflictions a thing of the past. Topping the list of edit-worthy maladies are single-gene disorders for which preimplantation genetic diagnosis is unworkable. In addition, an insufficient number of viable embryos without the disease mutation is an important limitation in preimplantation genetic diagnosis, and in such cases, heritable genome editing might offer an alternative strategy.

Constraints along these lines have frequently undermined some families' attempts to have a baby—a "savior sibling"—who could serve as a stem cell donor to a sick older sibling who might benefit. Heritable genome editing could also be brought to bear on disease-predisposing gene variants, such as a variant of the APOE gene that contributes to Alzheimer disease risk; a variant of the LPA gene that contributes to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; a variant of the MYPBC3 gene that causes hypertrophic cardiomyopathy; and variants in BRCA genes that increase breast and ovarian cancer risk. Currently, the focus of preclinical research, with safety and efficacy in mind, heritable genome editing remains years away from the clinic.

Preclinical research efforts to replace mutant alleles with wild-type counterparts have thus far been limited to human embryos. Such efforts have formidable technical challenges, including introduction of unintended genomic insertions, deletions, and rearrangements, which cannot be tolerated in the clinical context. Nothing less than unyielding editing precision is required to preclude cross-generational harm. An additional challenge to editing the human embryo is the uniformity imperative—ensuring that all the embryo's cells are appropriately edited. Failure to edit the entire cellular complement of the embryo to exclude mosaicism (in this case, a mixture of edited and unedited cells) is clinically inviable. One final challenge of note is the required validation of edited embryos as transfer eligible. Impeccable editing fidelity as well as uniformity must be documented prior to embryo transfer. At present, however, such reliable assessment is technologically infeasible, and accomplishing this goal may require new technologies.

Apart and distinct from the technical hurdles, editing the genome of the human embryo is also subject to political and doctrinal opposition, which likely gave rise to the statutory federal moratorium now in effect. Under the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2016, the moratorium prohibits the US Food and Drug Administration from addressing research "in which a human embryo is intentionally created or modified to include heritable genetic modification."

Expounding on the bill in question, Rep Harold D. Rogers (R, Kentucky) noted that it "preserves the sanctity of life," adding "new provisions prohibiting genetic editing of human embryos." Rep Robert B. Aderholt (R, Alabama) said that "prohibition on gene editing of human embryos...is a tremendous victory for those who are concerned about life." Given that the prospect of editing of the human embryo genome is caught up in the debate over abortion, proponents of gene editing will be hard-pressed to secure the broad political support required for its actualization.

In light of such technical, political, as well as doctrinal challenges, genomic editing in the human embryo thus faces an uphill struggle, and it is against this backdrop that the possibility of editing

human eggs or sperm first came to the fore. Given that the editing of eggs and sperm is not mentioned in the statutory federal moratorium, limited political and doctrinal opposition to this approach may be assumed. An additional advantage of this tack is that it avoids the possibility of embryonic mosaicism. The feasibility of assessing the quality of the editing process constitutes yet another upside.

During the 2015 International Summit on Human Gene Editing, scientists reported that editing of mouse spermatogonial stem cells corrected a cataract-causing mutation. Further progress, however, has been sparse. Held back by the requisite testicular transplanting of edited spermatogonial stem cells, only a limited body of experimental work followed. There has been a comparably modest body of work dedicated to the editing of maturing eggs.

The successful editing of human gametes, it would seem, may have to await the materialization of a rapidly evolving scientific field, in vitro gametogenesis (IVG), which is poised to convert somatic cells (such as skin) to induced pluripotent stem cells, and thereupon to mature eggs or sperm. Editing of IVG-derived egg or sperm precursors and their validation by whole-genome sequencing should prove eminently feasible. Correctly edited clones of eggs or sperm could then be selected for eventual use during in vitro fertilization. At this point, scientists have generated human primordial germ cell-like cells and o oogonia in vitro. However, the in vitro reconstitution of the entire cycle of the human germline remains to be accomplished. Given the anticipated advantages of editing the genome of IVG-generated human eggs or sperm, this innovation may well be worth the wait.

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Nick Watts, et al

From Executive Summary

The Lancet Countdown is an international, multidisciplinary collaboration, dedicated to monitoring the evolving health profile of climate change, and providing an independent assessment of the delivery of commitments made by governments worldwide under the Paris Agreement.

The 2019 report presents an annual update of 41 indicators across five key domains: climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerability; adaptation, planning, and resilience for health; mitigation actions and health co-benefits; economics and finance; and public and political engagement. The report represents the findings and consensus of 35 leading academic institutions and UN agencies from every continent. Each year, the methods and data that underpin the Lancet Countdown's indicators are further developed and improved, with updates described at each stage of this report. The collaboration draws on the world-class expertise of climate scientists; ecologists; mathematicians; engineers; energy, food, and transport experts; economists; social and political scientists; public health professionals; and doctors, to generate the quality and diversity of data required...

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Volume 575 Issue 7782, 14 November 2019
http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html
Editorial | 12 November 2019

[Global lessons from South Africa's rooibos compensation agreement](#)

Indigenous communities must be compensated for their knowledge and treated as equals in research.

CORRESPONDENCE

12 November 2019

[WHO sticks to 2020 governance plan for human-genome editing](#)

[Margaret Hamburg](#) & [Edwin Cameron](#)

The turmoil around plans from Russia for gene editing of human embryos (see [Nature 574, 465–466; 2019](#)) underscores the importance and urgency of the global governance framework now being developed by the World Health Organization's expert advisory committee on human genome editing (go.nature.com/33j6q1s). Before the end of 2020, we aim to identify the key issues and to make solutions scalable, sustainable and appropriate for use at international, regional, national and local levels.

Our efforts are grounded in transparency, inclusivity, fairness, responsible scientific stewardship and social justice. To meet these criteria, we aim to share information on the committee's own processes and outcomes, on what is happening and on how and why it is necessary; we will draw on contributions from all parts of global society to provide diverse viewpoints; we will adhere to good practice in scientific and clinical conduct, maximizing benefits and minimizing harm; and our dealings will allow everyone equal access to opportunities and potential benefits.

We reject all forms of discrimination based on personal or group characteristics, including gender, race, ethnicity, sexuality, age and disability. We are exploring how we can expand the views and perspectives that feed into our work, aiming for effective public and community engagement in developing governance mechanisms for human-genome editing.

Comment | 13 November 2019

[Avert catastrophe now in Africa's Sahel](#)

Governments worldwide must invest in girls' education, family planning, agriculture and security in this vulnerable region.

Alisha Graves, Lorenzo Rosa[\[...\]](#) & Djimé Adoum

Article | 30 October 2019

[Grandmaster level in StarCraft II using multi-agent reinforcement learning](#)

AlphaStar uses a multi-agent reinforcement learning algorithm and has reached Grandmaster level, ranking among the top 0.2% of human players for the real-time strategy game StarCraft II.

Oriol Vinyals, Igor Babuschkin[\[...\]](#) & David Silver

Abstract

Many real-world applications require artificial agents to compete and coordinate with other agents in complex environments. As a stepping stone to this goal, the domain of StarCraft has emerged as an important challenge for artificial intelligence research, owing to its iconic and enduring status among the most difficult professional esports and its relevance to the real world in terms of its raw complexity and multi-agent challenges. Over the course of a decade and numerous competitions^{1,2,3}, the strongest agents have simplified important aspects of the game, utilized superhuman capabilities, or employed hand-crafted sub-systems⁴. Despite these advantages, no previous agent has come close to matching the overall skill of top StarCraft players. We chose to address the challenge of StarCraft using general-purpose learning methods that are in principle applicable to other complex domains: a multi-agent reinforcement learning algorithm that uses data from both human and agent games within a diverse league of continually adapting strategies and counter-strategies, each represented by deep neural networks^{5,6}. We evaluated our agent, AlphaStar, in the full game of StarCraft II, through a series of online games against human players. AlphaStar was rated at Grandmaster level for all three StarCraft races and above 99.8% of officially ranked human players.

Nature Biotechnology

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Nature Genetics

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Nature Medicine

Volume 25 Issue 11, November 2019
<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/25/issues/11>
Review Article | 07 November 2019

[Understanding the rise of cardiometabolic diseases in low- and middle-income countries](#)

The rise of cardiometabolic diseases in low- and middle-income countries is tied to a multitude of environmental, social and commercial determinants, which are discussed in this Review along with a strategy to counteract those factors.

J. Jaime Miranda, Tonatiuh Barrientos-Gutiérrez[[...](#)] & Jonathan C. K. Wells

Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 20 Issue 11, November 2019
<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/20/issues/11>
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New England Journal of Medicine

November 14, 2019 Vol. 381 No. 20
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Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 48 Issue 6, December 2019
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Pediatrics

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Pharmaceutics

Volume 11, Issue 10 (October 2019)

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PharmacoEconomics

Volume 37, Issue 11, November 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/37/11>

Themed Issue : Improving Transparency in Decision Models

Editorial

Improving Transparency in Decision Models: Current Issues and Potential Solutions

Paul Tappenden, J. Jaime Caro

Decision-analytic models have become an essential tool used to inform health technology assessments (HTAs). These models provide a mathematical framework to synthesize data from various sources to support predictions of the economic and health impact of new and existing health technologies. They tend to be complex and are rarely fully validated against external data; yet, use of their forecasts requires trust in their accuracy and lack of bias. Thus, decision makers and other stakeholders want to be able to review their structure, inputs, and assumptions fully, and this necessitates that these models be available and transparent enough to permit adequate review. While most would agree that model transparency is a highly desirable goal, the drive towards its achievement has led to concerns with the disincentives, potential loss of control, harmed intellectual property rights, and additional efforts demanded. In this special issue of PharmacoEconomics we have gathered an impressive and diverse collection of papers addressing many aspects of this important topic in our field...

PLoS Genetics

<https://journals.plos.org/plosgenetics/>

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PLoS Medicine

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PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

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PLoS One

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

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Research Article

CRISPR/Cas9 gene editing in the West Nile Virus vector, *Culex quinquefasciatus* Say

Michelle E. Anderson, Jessica Mavica, Lewis Shackleford, Ilona Flis, Sophia Fochler, Sanjay Basu, Luke Alphey

Research Article | published 12 Nov 2019 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0224857>

Abstract

Culex quinquefasciatus Say is an opportunistic blood feeder with a wide geographic distribution which is also a major vector for a range of diseases of both animals and humans. CRISPR/Cas technologies have been applied to a wide variety of organisms for both applied and basic research purposes. CRISPR/Cas methods open new possibilities for genetic research in non-model organisms of public health importance. In this work we have adapted microinjection techniques commonly used in other mosquito species to *Culex quinquefasciatus*, and have shown these to be effective at generating homozygous knock-out mutations of a target gene in one generation. This is the first description of the kmo gene and mutant phenotype in this species.

Qualification programmes for immigrant health professionals: A systematic review

Sidra Khan-Gökkaya, Sanna Higgen, Mike Mösko

Research Article | published 15 Nov 2019 PLOS ONE

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Immigrant health professionals are a particularly vulnerable group in a host country's labour market, as they face several barriers when re-entering their occupations. International studies indicate that early interventions can increase the employability of immigrants. Qualification programmes are one of these early interventions that can support the re-integration of these health professionals into the labour market. The purpose of this review is to identify international qualification programmes for immigrant health professionals, analyse their content and evaluate their effectiveness.

PNAS - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/>

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Prehospital & Disaster Medicine

Volume 34 - Issue 5 - October 2019

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

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Preventive Medicine

Volume 127 October 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/127/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

Association between numeracy and self-rated poor health in 33 high- and upper middle-income countries

Justin Rodgers, Sujay Kakarmath, Vanessa Denis, Marta Encinas-Martin, S.V. Subramanian

Article 105872

Highlights

:: Numeracy is inversely correlated with poor self-rated health.
:: Associations are robust to adjustment for literacy, education, and sociodemographic factors.
:: Low levels of general literacy may exacerbate the numeracy-health relationship.
:: The numeracy-self-rated health relationship varies by gender, education, and across countries.
:: Interventions aimed at improving both numeracy and literacy may yield greater improvements in population health.

Proceedings of the Royal Society B

30 October 2019 Volume 286 Issue 1914

<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/toc/rspb/current>

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Public Health

Volume 175 Pages A1-A2, 1-156 (October 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/175/suppl/C>

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Public Health Ethics

Volume 12, Issue 2, July 2019

<http://phe.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

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Public Health Reports

Volume 134 Issue 6, November/December 2019

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Qualitative Health Research

Volume 29 Issue 13, November 2019

<http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/current>

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

Volume 38, Issue 3, September 2019

<http://rsq.oxfordjournals.org/content/current>

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Research Ethics

Volume 15 Issue 2, April 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Reproductive Health

<http://www.reproductive-health-journal.com/content>

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[Impact of internal female migration on unmet need for modern contraception in Zambia](#)

Unmet need for contraception, the proportion of women who want to limit or delay childbirth but use no form of contraception, is the core indicator to evaluate the effectiveness of family planning programs. Un...

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Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

<https://www.dovepress.com/risk-management-and-healthcare-policy-archive56>

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Science

15 November 2019 Vol 366, Issue 6467

<http://www.sciencemag.org/current.dtl>

Special Issue: Quality control in the cell

Introduction

[Quality control in cell biology](#)

By Stella Hurtley, Gemma Alderton

Science 15 Nov 2019 : 816-817 Full Access

Reviews

[Cellular quality control by the ubiquitin-proteasome system and autophagy](#)

By Christian Pohl, Ivan Dikic

Science 15 Nov 2019 : 818-822 Restricted Access

Cellular RNA surveillance in health and disease

By Sandra L. Wolin, Lynne E. Maquat
Science15 Nov 2019 : 822-827 Restricted Access

Mitocellular communication: Shaping health and disease

By Adrienne Mottis, Sébastien Herzig, Johan Auwerx
Science15 Nov 2019 : 827-832

Science Translational Medicine

06 November 2019 Vol 11, Issue 517

<https://stm.sciencemag.org/>

Research Articles

A heat-stable microparticle platform for oral micronutrient delivery

By Aaron C. Anselmo, Xian Xu, Simone Buerkli, Yingying Zeng, Wen Tang, Kevin J. McHugh, Adam M. Behrens, Evan Rosenberg, Aranda R. Duan, James L. Sugarman, Jia Zhuang, Joe Collins, Xueguang Lu, Tyler Graf, Stephany Y. Tzeng, Sviatlana Rose, Sarah Acolatse, Thanh D. Nguyen, Xiao Le, Ana Sofia Guerra, Lisa E. Freed, Shelley B. Weinstock, Christopher B. Sears, Boris Nikolic, Lowell Wood, Philip A. Welkhoff, James D. Oxley, Diego Moretti, Michael B. Zimmermann, Robert Langer, Ana Jaklenec
Science Translational Medicine13 Nov 2019 Restricted Access

A heat-stable microparticle platform improves oral micronutrient delivery.

Mitigating micronutrient deficiency

Particularly within the developing world, micronutrient deficiencies that impair growth and contribute to disease remain leading public health concerns. Although fortification of food can help treat deficiencies, heat used during cooking and other conditions can degrade vitamins, preventing adequate absorption. Anselmo and colleagues used the polymer BMC to encapsulate micronutrients. Microparticles encapsulating 11 micronutrients showed improved stability against oxidation, heat (such as boiling water used for cooking), and other conditions, and micronutrients were absorbed by the intestine when microparticles were administered to rodents. Data from two clinical trials and experiments using human intestinal tissue demonstrate how microparticle formulations were optimized to enhance iron loading, improve bioavailability, retain stability against cooking, and allow for scale-up. This microparticle platform could help improve oral delivery of micronutrients.

Abstract

Micronutrient deficiencies affect up to 2 billion people and are the leading cause of cognitive and physical disorders in the developing world. Food fortification is effective in treating micronutrient deficiencies; however, its global implementation has been limited by technical challenges in maintaining micronutrient stability during cooking and storage. We hypothesized that polymer-based encapsulation could address this and facilitate micronutrient absorption...

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 241 November 2019

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Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

<http://www.stabilityjournal.org/articles>

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Fall 2019 Volume 17, Number 4

https://ssir.org/issue/fall_2019#

Nonprofit organizations seeking to raise money often assume certain things, such as that women have less capacity to give than men. In fact, women now make up half the US workforce and are the primary breadwinners in two-thirds of US families. Learn more about this and other misconceptions in the cover story in the Fall 2019 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review, "Eight Myths of US Philanthropy."

Sustainability

Volume 11, Issue 18 (September-2 2019)

<https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/11/18>

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Systematic Reviews

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

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Torture Journal

2019 Volume 29 - No.2

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/143>

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Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 20 Issue 5, December 2019

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

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

Volume 31 September–October 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/travel-medicine-and-infectious-disease/vol/31/suppl/C>

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Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 24, Issue 11 Pages: i-iv, 1263-1340 November 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13653156/current>

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Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

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

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Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 14, Issue 4, 2019

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World Heritage n°92 - July 2019

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