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Period ending 7 December 2019

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:: Week in Review

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

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Governance – Multilateralism

Attacks on multilateral system threaten global peace and security

The Elders – 03 Dec 2019

The multilateral system is under unprecedented attack. Isolationist and arbitrary actions by leading powers, including the United States, are threatening to undermine critical efforts to tackle global challenges from nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation to climate change, and the regulation of international trade.

The Elders urge all world leaders to acknowledge that effective multilateralism is in their own national interest, regardless of size or strength. Getting others to cooperate by means of internationally-agreed mechanisms is less costly and more reliable than unilateral force.

Yet since 2017, the US has: withdrawn from the Paris Agreement on Climate Change; pulled out of the Iranian nuclear deal; left the UN Human Rights Council and UNESCO; abandoned the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty; unilaterally imposed trade barriers; and concurrently blocked the appointment of new judges at the World Trade Organization.

As an immediate step, WTO member states must respond to persistent US intransigence by appointing without further delay the necessary new judges to the Appellate Body by majority voting, to avoid the collapse of the WTO's entire dispute settlement capability.

Following the formal US notification of its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, all other signatories must now use the upcoming COP 25 summit in Madrid to urgently step up their climate action and ambition. Countries must cut carbon emissions more drastically and quickly than in previously-submitted pledges, and also adopt rigorous monitoring of compliance with such commitments.

The network of international covenants and institutions agreed and constructed since the end of the Second World War, with the United Nations at its core, is far from perfect. But it has nevertheless decisively supported the pursuit of peace, security and the protection of human rights, as well as economic and social progress across the globe, for over seven decades.

It is a sad irony that the multilateral system's principal assailant, the US, is the very country that led the design and construction of its institutions in the 1940s and benefited enormously from it in the subsequent decades.

To make matters worse, the response by other influential powers has too often been erratic, uncoordinated and counter-productive. Most have opted to negotiate bilaterally with the US to try to resolve crises, further eroding existing multilateral frameworks.

This is myopic and self-harming. A regression from a rules-based system into power-based strategies will not result in a safer, more predictable or propitious environment for any country.

Without a concerted commitment to defend multilateralism, we will not bequeath a safe world to future generations. They will neither forget nor forgive such a collective failure.

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UN asks the world to invest \$29 billion in humanity in 2020

:: A record 168 million people worldwide will need humanitarian assistance and protection in 2020.

:: Protracted conflicts, extreme weather events and crumbling economies have pushed millions to the brink of survival.

:: Humanitarian organizations today present their plans for how to respond and what it will cost.

(Geneva, 4 December 2019) – **The United Nations in collaboration with hundreds of non-governmental humanitarian organizations today present the global overview of their plans to assist 109 million of the most vulnerable people caught up in humanitarian crises worldwide.**

The Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO) 2020 is launched simultaneously in five locations – Geneva, Berlin, Brussels, London and Washington DC.

One in every 45 people on the planet are in need of food, shelter, health care, emergency education, protection or other basic assistance. The global humanitarian community stands ready to help and counts on the international community's continued generosity to help them save more lives and alleviate human suffering in crises spanning 53 countries from Afghanistan to Zambia...

Comparable figures show that the number of people in need globally has increased by some 22 million over the past year. **The main drivers of need are protracted and highly violent conflicts, extreme weather events associated with climate change and under-performing economies. The plans set out in the GHO 2020 aim to reach 109 million vulnerable people with aid and protection. The combined requirements are nearly US\$29 billion.**

"The brutal truth is 2020 will be difficult for millions of people. The good news is that the humanitarian response is getting better and faster in reaching the most vulnerable, including women, children and people with disabilities," Emergency Relief Coordinator Mark Lowcock said, launching the GHO 2020 in Geneva...

In 2019, more people than forecasted needed humanitarian assistance, mostly because of conflicts and natural disasters. **Donors generously provided a record \$16 billion for inter-agency appeals between January and November 2019. Aid groups reached 64 per cent of the people targeted to receive aid through Humanitarian Response Plans in 22 of the countries for which data were available.**

The GHO 2020 is available online <http://unocha.org/GHO2020>

Note to Editors

[1] The Global Humanitarian Overview 2020 is based on Humanitarian Response Plans in Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Mali, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, occupied Palestinian territories, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela and Yemen.

[2] Other types of inter-agency plans are included for Bangladesh, DPR Korea and Venezuela/Regional.
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The GHO also includes Regional Refugee Response Plans for Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, South Sudan and Syria.

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Yemen

Failure to end civil war in Yemen could cost \$29 billion

IRC Press Release

Sana'a, Yemen, December 2, 2019 — Almost one year since the Stockholm agreement, the war in Yemen continues unabated. New International Rescue Committee [research](#) highlights the devastating impact of continued conflict on ordinary Yemenis. The international community must push the warring parties to build on a rare window of opportunity for peace to secure a nationwide ceasefire.

:: At the current rate of decline, it will take 20 years to return Yemen to pre-crisis levels of child hunger.

:: If the war continues for another five years it will cost the international community as much as \$29 billion in humanitarian funding - more than the entire annual humanitarian budget globally.

:: The IRC is calling on members of the UN Security Council to use their significant diplomatic influence to build on recent political developments and kick-start UN-led negotiations.

:: The IRC reaches more than 21,000 people each week with healthcare and nutrition services, women's protection and empowerment programs and education for children.

The IRC released a new report today detailing the devastating consequences a continuation of the war will have for the people of Yemen. "[The War Destroyed Our Dreams](#)" shows that at the current rate of decline, it will take 20 years for the country to return to pre-war levels of child malnutrition, which were already amongst the worst in the world. Another five years of fighting will cost the international community as much as \$29 billion USD just to sustain the current level of humanitarian aid.

Recent developments in Yemen suggest a rare window of opportunity has opened to push for peace. The recent power sharing agreement between the Internationally Recognized Government (IRG) and the Southern Transitional Council (STC) offers hope for more inclusive peace talks. However, this is far from assured. World leaders must invest in diplomacy and put their full focus on bringing together warring parties for negotiations. A nationwide ceasefire is needed immediately to avoid further catastrophe...

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Educational Attainment

[PISA \[Program for International Student Assessment\] 2018 Results](#)

The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) examines what students know in reading, mathematics and science, and what they can do with what they know. It provides the most comprehensive and rigorous international assessment of student learning outcomes to date. Results from PISA indicate the quality and equity of learning outcomes attained around the world, and allow educators and policy makers to learn from the policies and practices applied in other countries. This is one of six volumes that present the results of the PISA 2018 survey, the seventh round of the triennial assessment.

[Young people struggling in digital world, finds latest OECD PISA survey](#)

03/12/2019 –

One in four students in OECD countries are unable to complete even the most basic reading tasks, meaning they are likely to struggle to find their way through life in an increasingly volatile, digital world. This is one of the findings of the OECD's latest PISA global education test, which evaluates the quality, equity and efficiency of school systems.

The OECD's PISA 2018 tested around 600,000 15-year-old students in 79 countries and economies on reading, science and mathematics. The main focus was on reading, with most students doing the test on computers.

Most countries, particularly in the developed world, have seen little improvement in their performances over the past decade, even though spending on schooling increased by 15% over the same period. In reading, Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang (China), together with Singapore, scored significantly higher than other countries. The top OECD countries were Estonia, Canada, Finland and Ireland...

The share of students with only very basic reading skills highlights the challenge countries, including those in the developed world, face in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 (SDGs), particularly in relation to "ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all." (SDG 4). The share of low-performers, both girls and boys, also increased on average between 2018 and 2009, the last time reading was the main focus of PISA...

Around 1 in 10 students across OECD countries, and 1 in 4 in Singapore, perform at the highest levels in reading. However, the gap between socio-economically advantaged and disadvantaged students is stark: **the reading level of the richest 10% of students in OECD countries is around three years ahead of the poorest 10%. In France, Germany, Hungary and Israel, the gap is four years.**

Yet some countries have shown an impressive improvement over the past few years. Portugal has advanced to the level of most OECD countries, despite being hit hard by the financial crisis. Sweden has improved across all three subjects since 2012, reversing earlier declines. Turkey has also progressed while at the same time doubling the share of 15-year-olds in school.

The latest PISA findings also reveal the extent to which digital technologies are transforming the world outside of school. More students today consider reading a waste of time (+ 5 percentage points) and fewer boys and girls read for pleasure (- 5 percentage points) than their counterparts did in 2009. They also spend about 3 hours outside of school online on weekdays, an increase of an hour since 2012, and 3.5 hours on weekends...

Around one in four students in OECD countries, on average, do not attain the basic level of science (22%) or maths (24%). This means that they cannot, for example, convert a price into a different currency...

Girls significantly outperformed boys in reading on average across OECD countries, by the equivalent of nearly a year of schooling. Across the world, the narrowest gaps were in Argentina, Beijing, Shanghai, Jiangsu and Zhejiang (China), Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama and Peru. Boys overall did slightly better than girls in maths but less well in science...

One in four students in OECD countries are unable to complete even the most basic reading tasks, meaning they are likely to struggle to find their way through life in an increasingly volatile, digital world...

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Featured Journal Content

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 12, December 2019, 789-856

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/12/en/>

PERSPECTIVES

Ensuring access to affordable, timely vaccines in emergencies

— Kate Elder, Barbara Saitta, Tanja Ducombe, Miriam Alia, Ryan Close, Suzanne Scheele, Elise Erickson, Rosalind Scourse, Patricia Kahn & Greg Elder

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.228585>

Vaccination is an effective intervention to reduce disease, disability, death and health inequities worldwide. Over the last two decades, vaccines have become more accessible in low-income countries; however, significant gaps remain, particularly in humanitarian emergencies, where populations face increased risks of many diseases. In 2013, the World Health Organization (WHO) published *Vaccination in acute humanitarian emergencies: a framework for decision-making*, to provide guidance on which vaccines to prioritize during emergencies.¹ However, substantial obstacles, especially high prices for new vaccines, hinder implementation of this framework and of critical vaccination activities in emergency settings.

In response to these challenges, global health stakeholders held a series of consultations in 2016 and proposed a WHO-based mechanism, the Humanitarian Mechanism, for the rapid procurement of affordable vaccines during emergencies, to be used by nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations, United Nations (UN) agencies and governments.

Here we present the background of the creation of the mechanism from the perspective of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), including a description of our past challenges in accessing affordable pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV; Box 1), a critical vaccine during many emergencies. We then describe how the mechanism has so far facilitated access to more affordable PCV and outline steps that could increase its potential for saving lives...

Next steps

Building on these initial successes, we see three critical elements of the mechanism, which if fully implemented, could greatly enhance its impact.

First, the mechanism needs to be better known among global health actors, including UN agencies and NGOs, who should be encouraged to use it under appropriate circumstances.

Second, while the mechanism's terms of reference includes use by governments responding to emergencies,⁸ conditions attached to the PCV pledges discussed here (the only pledges to the mechanism so far) exclude governmental use. Manufacturers should allow governments to access the mechanism during emergencies to procure critical vaccines needed to protect their populations. Many middle-income countries already grapple with high vaccine prices for routine immunization programmes and may find the cost of extending vaccination to influxes of displaced people during emergencies prohibitive. While Gavi adopted a fragility, emergencies and refugees policy in June 2017 to allow more flexible use of Gavi-supported vaccine doses in specific contexts, strict criteria exist for how and where this flexibility can be applied, and it can only cover Gavi-eligible countries.¹²

Finally, the types of vaccines pledged to the mechanism by manufacturers should be expanded: the only commitments to date are for pneumococcal conjugate vaccines. Current and future manufacturers should commit other vaccines with affordability and accessibility challenges to the mechanism, so they can be procured rapidly at the lowest global price

Conclusion

The mechanism is a significant step forward in delivering life-saving vaccines to populations caught in emergencies and conflict. The mechanism's mandate is strengthened by multiple organizations recognizing the gap between existing technical guidelines and constraints on their implementation, that is, the lack of rapidly available, affordable vaccines. While the mechanism does not address the broader systemic failures of the vaccine market, it was created to specifically address the failure of the global vaccine market to meet relatively small, urgent vaccine procurement needs efficiently and affordably. Further steps are needed for the mechanism to reach its full potential; however, it already provides a critical platform during humanitarian crises for expanding the number of people who can receive life-saving vaccines.

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 70: 03 December 2019

Situation Update

In the week of 25 November to 1 December 2019, 10 new confirmed EVD cases were reported from two health zones in two affected provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The confirmed cases in this week came from Mabalako (50%, n=5) and Mandima (50%, n=5) Health Zones.

In the past week, violence, widespread civil unrest, and targeted attacks have severely disrupted the Ebola response and restricted access to affected communities in multiple locations.

On the night of 27 November 2019, an attack on the Ebola response camp in Biakato Mines resulted in the death of three responders and the injury of seven others. Response personnel in Biakato were relocated to Goma, and the majority of response activities in the area have been suspended. On the same night, a separate attack on the Ebola coordination office in Mangina resulted in one death. Most response personnel in Mangina have also been relocated. As of 2 December 2019, North Kivu Province has declared 'ville morte' and many response activities have been suspended across the province.

As seen previously during this outbreak, such disruptions limit contact tracing, surveillance, and vaccination efforts, and they may result in increased transmission...

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Democratic Republic of Congo

As security situation deteriorates, MSF withdraws staff from Biakato

Statement 6 Dec 2019

On 4 December 2019, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) took the painful decision to temporarily withdraw our staff from the Biakato region of Ituri province, Democratic Republic of Congo. After months of working extremely closely with the community to address the health needs in the region, MSF is saddened to have made this decision....

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Gavi Board approves new Ebola vaccine programme

New Delhi, 5 December 2019 – A global emergency stockpile of Ebola vaccines will be available to countries for outbreak response and prevention following the approval of a new Ebola vaccine programme by the Board of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, which met this week in New Delhi, India.

Gavi will open a new funding window, with estimated investment of US\$ 178 million between now and 2025 for the new Ebola vaccine programme. Gavi-supported low- and middle-income countries will be able to access the stockpile free of charge and will receive support for the operational costs of vaccination campaigns. Wealthier countries will be able to access vaccines but will be expected to self-finance...

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POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 04 December 2019

:: To provide an insight on the status of polio eradication efforts as at September 2019, the WHO Director-General's report on polio eradication to the upcoming Executive Board (EB) meeting has been published [here](#). Available in six languages, the report summarizes the programmatic, epidemiological and financial challenges to securing a lasting polio-free world.

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

:: Afghanistan — one WPV1 case and one WPV1 positive environmental sample;

:: Pakistan — 25 WPV1 positive environmental samples;

:: Angola — 16 cVDPV2 cases and four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples.

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Editor's Note:

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

WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 7 Dec 2019]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 70: 03 December 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 7 Dec 2019]

Angola

:: WHO supports Angola's Government efforts to end polio outbreak 02 December 2019

Afghanistan - *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 7 Dec 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 - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

Editor's Note:

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

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

:: 06 December 2019 Southern Africa: Humanitarian Key Messages, December 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

Secretary-General Appoints Nada al-Nashif of Jordan Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Nada al-Nashif of Jordan as Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights. She will succeed Kate Gilmore of Australia to whom the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Human Rights are deeply grateful for her dedicated service to the United Nations human rights programme during the past four years.

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GA/12220

General Assembly Adopts 5 Resolutions on Middle East, including Text Urging States Not to Recognize Changes on Status of Jerusalem, Pre-1967 Borders

The General Assembly today adopted five resolutions on the question of Palestine and the Middle East, including one calling on Member States not to recognize any changes to the pre-1967 borders, including with regards to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations.

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SC/14038

After Decades of Strife, Renewed Patriotism Takes Hold in Iraq, Top Official Tells Security Council amid Calls to Heed Legitimate Demands Voiced by Protesters

Years of urgent, unfinished business in Iraq — and a resulting “crisis of confidence” among its people — have culminated in civil unrest and the deaths of more than 400 people since October, said the senior United Nations official in the country today, as she briefed the Security Council on the latest developments.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Top News

Press briefing on Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Press briefing note on Syria

Press briefing note on Australia

Bachelet encourages Costa Rica to continue creating spaces for dialogue and social participation

UN Committee Against Torture publishes findings on Burkina Faso, Cyprus, Latvia, Niger, Portugal, and Uzbekistan

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Council News

President of Human Rights Council appoints Members of Fact-Finding Mission on Venezuela

GENEVA, 2 December 2019 – The President of the Human Rights Council, Ambassador Coly Seck

(Senegal), announced today the appointment of Marta Valinas (Portugal), Francisco Cox Vial (Chile) and Paul Seils (United Kingdom), to serve as the three members of the Fact-finding Mission on Venezuela. Ms. Valinas will serve as Chair of the Mission.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

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[Remarques de RSSG VSLC Pramila Patten à la Réception avec la Première Dame de la République démocratique du Congo, Mme. Denise Nyakeru Tshisekedi, Championne Globale de la Lutte Contre les Violences Sexuelles Liées aux Conflits, Kinshasa, 03 Décembre 2019](#)

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

[Fiji's good efforts to invest in healthcare should equally address violence and discrimination - UN expert](#)

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UN Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health Mr. Dainius Puras

5 December 2019

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN OCHA [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

04 December 2019

UN asks the world to invest \$29 billion in humanity in 2020

02 December 2019

Humanitarian Coordinator Condemns Attacks on Aid Workers in South Sudan

02 December 2019

UN Emergency Fund allocates \$3 million to assist people affected by floods in Kenya

01 December 2019

UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Cameroon Condemns Killing of Abducted Aid Worker in North West

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Reports

Media Advisory

COP 25: Young climate activists call for urgent action on the climate crisis at UNICEF-OHCHR event

06/12/2019

Press release

FACT SHEET: 'The climate crisis is a child rights crisis'

06/12/2019

Press release

As impact of climate crisis worsens, Caribbean islands see six-fold increase in number of children displaced by storms, new UNICEF report shows

Spike in displacement could be new norm as climate change predicted to cause more Category 4 and 5 hurricanes in the region

05/12/2019

Press release

Measles outbreaks continue unabated : Five countries accounted for nearly half of all measles cases in 2018

Children in Samoa are latest victims of 2019 outbreaks

05/12/2019

Press release

More than 140,000 die from measles as cases surge worldwide

Infants and young children most at risk of fatal complications, health agencies warn

05/12/2019

Press release

More than 6,100 unaccompanied refugee and migrant children in Italy in need of community and family-based care

UNICEF calls for investments to increase alternative care

05/12/2019

Press release

UNICEF issues largest-ever emergency funding appeal to reach historic numbers of children in need

04/12/2019

Statement

Eight children reportedly killed in attacks on Tal Rifaat in rural Aleppo in the north of Syria

Statement from Ted Chaiban, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa

02/12/2019

Press release

430,000 children continue to bear the brunt of eastern Ukraine conflict

UNICEF calls on all parties to end ongoing fighting

02/12/2019

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[More support needed for refugee education in Iran](#)

[6 Dec 2019](#)

[UNHCR welcomes Brazil's decision to recognize thousands of Venezuelans as refugees](#)

[6 Dec 2019](#)

[UNHCR statement on Australia's repeal of Medevac legislation](#)

[5 Dec 2019](#)

[Donors pledge US\\$1.2 billion funding to UNHCR for refugee protection and humanitarian programmes](#)

[5 Dec 2019](#)

[UNHCR outraged at senseless attacks on humanitarians in South Sudan](#)

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[UN High Commissioner for Refugees starts visit to Central African Republic, welcoming home refugees](#)

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IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[UN Migration Chief Appeals for Solidarity and Support to Ease Migration Pressures in Greece](#)

2019-12-06 15:30

Athens – International Organization for Migration (IOM) Director General António Vitorino said today (06/12) in Athens that the significant migration pressures facing Greece should be met with greater political and practical support from the European Union (EU).

[Heavy Flooding Causes Extreme Destruction and Ongoing Displacement in South Sudan](#)

2019-12-06 15:25

Juba – Nearly one million people have been drastically affected by flash floods following unprecedented rainfall in South Sudan. Thousands have been displaced from their homes and seen their livelihoods destroyed; many towns are completely submerged.

[IOM Launches Return and Reintegration Platform](#)

2019-12-06 15:04

Geneva – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) with support from the European Union, today (06/12) launched the Return and Reintegration [Platform](#), a global tool that aims at...

[Reforestation, Solar Power, LPG Distribution Anchor IOM's Green Actions in Humanitarian Response](#)

2019-12-03 12:52

COX'S BAZAR: IOM welcomes the 25th Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Spain and highlights our increasing efforts in Bangladesh to promote green energy in Rohingya refugee camps and the Bangladeshi host community.

UNAIDS [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

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[Desert AIDS Project delegation visits health-care centre on the sidelines of ICASA](#)

[Communities hailed during South Africa's World AIDS Day commemoration](#)

[Commemorating World AIDS Day in Belgium](#)

4 December 2019

[Ending stigma and discrimination is critical to expanding HIV services in Jamaica](#)

3 December 2019

[Remembering the leadership of Charlot Jeudy](#)

[UNAIDS staff member breaks gruelling world record](#)

[ICASA conference opens in Rwanda with an emphasis on African leadership](#)

2 December 2019

[Ending AIDS is everyone's business](#)

[HIV treatment numbers continue to rise](#)

[UN Cares: putting people first in Jamaica's HIV response](#)

1 December 2019

[World AIDS Day 2019: Speech by UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 7 Dec 2019]

4 December 2019

News release

[More pregnant women and children protected from malaria, but accelerated efforts and funding needed to reinvigorate global response, WHO report shows](#)

3 December 2019

News release

[Pollution Pods at COP25 show climate change and air pollution are two sides of the same coin](#)

3 December 2019

News release

Climate risks to health are growing but prioritized funding lacking to safeguard human health from climate change

1 December 2019

News release

WHO Director-General praises bravery of health workers during visit to eastern Democratic Republic of Congo following fatal attacks on Ebola responders

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: WHO unveils plan to tackle rising HIV drug resistance in Africa 06 December 2019

:: Measles vaccination drive launched, North Kivu targets 2.2 million children 05 December 2019

:: Seventeen African Countries Conducting Exercise to Test Readiness of Public Health E...

04 December 2019

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: Climate risks to health are growing but prioritized funding lacking to safeguard human health from climate change (12/05/2019)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: 4 December 2019 News release

Malaria on the decline in WHO South-East Asia Region; efforts must continue as risks persist: WHO

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: More than 9.4 million children vaccinated against typhoid fever in Sindh 4 December 2019

:: WHO supports Sudan to enhance cholera diagnosis at its laboratories 2 December 2019

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Safeguarding sustainable development through bold climate action: UNDP's Climate Promise

The Climate Promise is UNDP's commitment to support at least 100 countries to update their current climate pledges.

Posted on December 6, 2019

Call for Nominations for Equator Prize 2020

The UNDP-led Equator Initiative announces a global call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2020. This worldwide outreach effort aims to identify exceptional local solutions for climate, people, and...

Posted on December 5, 2019

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

6 Dec 2019 | Second Global Sustainable Transport Conference

4 Dec 2019 | Invitation to nominate candidates for the Independent Group of Scientists to draft the GSDR 2023

4 Dec 2019 | Draft ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2016 session of the Economic and Social Council and the HLPF on sustainable development

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

5 Dec 2019

UNDRR Director takes up new challenge

After three years as Director at UNDRR, Kirsi Madi is returning to Unicef as Chief of Staff. Here she reflects on her DRR experiences.

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

UN 'determined to lead by example' on disability rights

3 December 2019, New York

The UN is determined to lead by example when it comes to the rights of people with disabilities, Secretary-General António Guterres said in a message to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which falls on 3 December.

This year, in June, the UN chief launched a Disability Inclusion Strategy, to raise the Organization's standards and performance. It provides a foundation for sustainable and transformative progress on disability inclusion across the United Nations.

Through the Strategy, the United Nations system reaffirms that the full and complete realization of the human rights of all persons with disabilities is an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In addition, the Security Council adopted, for the first time, a resolution dedicated to the protection of persons with disabilities in armed conflict, and almost all Member States have now ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Mr. Guterres urged those countries that have not yet done so, to ratify the Convention without delay...

UNESCO [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

06/12/2019 –

Statement of the UNODC Executive Director on International Anti-Corruption Day

06/12/2019 –

Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative launches 'Going for Broke: Insolvency Tools to Support Cross-Border Asset Recovery in Corruption Cases'

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 7 Dec 2019]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

Developing five City Profiles for conflict-affected cities in Iraq, Libya, Yemen and Syria

Thursday 5 December, 2019

UN-Habitat & ICLEI support 60 cities to meet Paris Agreement goals

Tuesday 3 December, 2019

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Decent Work Country Programme

Iraq and ILO pledge to further decent work in the country

05 December 2019

The International Labour Organization and tripartite partners sign the country's first Decent Work Programme at a ceremony in Baghdad.

14th African Regional Meeting

Guy Ryder calls on Africa to work towards a human-centred future of work

03 December 2019

In a speech at the opening of the 14th ILO African Regional Meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, the ILO Director-General spoke of Africa's world of work challenges and opportunities.

International Day of Disabled People

Displacement and disability no barrier to work for Syrian refugee

03 December 2019

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

International Civil Aviation Day Statement

6/12/19

Progress towards liberalized and harmonized regulatory frameworks key to unlocking full benefits of air connectivity

6/12/19

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest Press Briefings

Global project launched to tackle plastic litter from ships and fisheries

05/12/2019 IMO-FAO GloLitter Partnerships Project, with initial funding for the project is from the Government of Norway, aims to help shipping and fisheries move to a low-plastics future.

UN maritime agency commits to further action on gender equality

05/12/2019 The IMO Assembly adopted a resolution on "Preserving the Legacy of the World Maritime Theme for 2019 and achieving a Barrier-Free Working Environment for Women in the Maritime Sector"

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

3 December 2019

Benefits of Investments in climate services for agriculture and food security outweigh costs

Weather and climate services are vital for sustainable development and climate change adaptation. The benefits of investment greatly outweigh the cost, and yet the capacity to deliver and access these services is uneven and inadequate, according to a new report.

3 December 2019

2019 concludes a decade of exceptional global heat and high-impact weather

The year 2019 concludes a decade of exceptional global heat, retreating ice and record sea levels driven by greenhouse gases from human activities. Average temperatures for the five-year (2015-2019) and ten-year (2010-2019) periods are almost certain to be the highest on record. 2019 is on course to be the second or third warmest year on record, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

Eco-design can reduce environmental impact of industrial development – UNIDO Director General

GUANGZHOU, 6 December 2019 – The Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), LI Yong, has highlighted the capacity of eco-design to accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 5 December 2019

Drone market set to take off with new ISO standard

Estimated to grow from USD 4 billion to USD 40 billion in the next five years, the global commercial drone market has skyrocketed in recent years and shows no signs of abating. Yet, where the pace of technology outruns regulations, International Standards are essential to ensure a minimum level of safety ... [ISO 21384-3](#), *Unmanned aircraft systems – Part 3: Operational procedures*, has just been

published to meet that need. It is the first International Standard for UAS and specifies internationally agreed and accepted requirements for safe commercial operations.

By Clare Naden on 3 December 2019

New International Standard for auditors will improve data collection process

The plethora of accounting packages and/or Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems in the market means auditors need more time and understanding to get all the information they need. A new standard has just been published that will help to make audit data collection more efficient and reliable for ... [ISO 21378](#), *Audit data collection*, aims to help auditors access and decipher audit data by standardizing the process of identification, classification and collection. It will facilitate the accessibility and transparency of audit data, standardize the collection process and avoid duplication of work.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

All Regions Sustainable Development Goals

Tourism's Carbon Emissions Measured in Landmark Report Launched At COP25

04 Dec 2019

All Regions Sustainable Development Goals

Tourism On The Agenda As UNWTO Welcomes Fellow UN Agencies And World Leaders To Madrid For COP25

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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

WIPO Director General Welcomes Australia's Donation for Continuing Support of IP Capacity-Building Projects

WIPO Director General Francis Gurry has welcomed a fresh contribution of funds from Australia that represents the latest demonstration of the country's continuing support for projects helping developing and least-developing countries (LDCs) build capacity in the field of intellectual property.

Dec 2, 2019 [PR/2019/842](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

2019-12-01

UN Convention on Biological Diversity's science body provides advice critical for next year's UN Biodiversity Conference

1 December 2019 – The Convention on Biological Diversity's (CBD) subsidiary body on science suggested elements of the science base that will be used at next year's biennial UN Biodiversity Conference in Kunming, China that will include discussions on an ambitious, transformative and effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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USAID [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

USAID and the Aga Khan Foundation Work to Increase the Impact of Local Organizations in Central Asia

December 2, 2019

Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) announced a \$37.5 million partnership to help reconnect communities and promote cross-border relationships in the Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan. The partnership, Local Impact, will enable communities in the two countries to plan, fund, and manage their own development by using a co-creation process whereby they develop their own solutions in collaboration with USAID and the AKF. Over the next five years, pending annual appropriations, Local Impact could expand to other parts of Asia and Africa.

DFID [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

ECHO [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

Commissioner Lenarčič in Albania: EU steps up support following earthquake

05/12/2019

On his first field visit as Europe's Emergency Response Coordinator, Janez Lenarčič, EU Commissioner for Crisis Management, is in Albania on 5 December to assess the damage after the earthquake which struck the country on 26 November.

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African Union [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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Safety and dignity for forcibly displaced persons dominate Kampala meetings.

December 03, 2019

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

Press release 5 December 2019

The EU adopted €297 million in concrete actions for refugees and local communities in Jordan and Lebanon

The European Union adopted a new €297 million assistance package to support refugees and host communities in Jordan and Lebanon via the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis.

Press release 2 December 2019

EU allocates €50 million to fight Ebola and malnutrition in the Democratic Republic of Congo

OECD [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

3-December-2019

Young people struggling in digital world, finds latest OECD PISA survey

One in four students in OECD countries are unable to complete even the most basic reading tasks, meaning they are likely to struggle to find their way through life in an increasingly volatile, digital world. This is one of the findings of the OECD's latest PISA global education test, which evaluates the quality, equity and efficiency of school systems.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

Final Report of the Audit of the Elections in Bolivia: Intentional Manipulation and Serious Irregularities Made it Impossible to Validate the Results

December 4, 2019

Resolution the Crisis in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and its Destabilizing Effects on the Hemisphere

December 4, 2019

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC: Social Equality and Welfare for all in the Member States are top on our Agenda

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) has stressed that it is diversifying its presence and role in the Member States, by tackling issues that get it closer to the Muslim individual and the citizen. This is achieved through attentive and diligent efforts exerted by the Organization in tackling the issues of social protection, social equality and welfare for all OIC citizens and peoples, particularly children, the elderly and the handicapped, empowering the marriage and family institution and preserving its values in the Islamic World....

07/12/2019

Secretary General on International Day of Persons with Disabilities: Disabled persons should take part fully in the nation building

Since 1992, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) has been annually observed on 3 December around the world. The aim is to support persons with disabilities and special needs, bring people to better understand their situation, preserve their rights, promote disability inclusion interventions, and deliver special education and training opportunities....

02/12/2019

Group of 77 [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Mr. Saed Katkhuda, Senior Advisor, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 135: Proposed programme budget for 2020 - Request for a subvention to the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly \(New York, 2 December 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms Nada Tarbush, First Secretary, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 135: Programme budget for 2020, Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 2 December 2019\)](#)

[Statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China by Ms Nada Tarbush, First Secretary, Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, on agenda item 135: Programme budget for 2020, Enterprise Resource Planning project, Umoja, at the Fifth Committee during the main part of the seventy-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly \(New York, 2 December 2019\)](#)

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UNCTAD [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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03 Dec 2019 –

Europe continues to dominate global e-commerce ranking

02 Dec 2019 –

\$48 billion and counting: UN report reveals estimated revenue loss by Palestine from 2000 to 2017 due to occupation

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press releases

02/12/2019

IPU figures reveal most human rights violations against parliamentarians are State-sponsored

In the lead-up to Human Rights Day on 10 December, the IPU has announced its [yearly figures](#) of alleged human rights violations against members of parliament in 2019. The IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians, a unique mechanism that defends the rights of MPs worldwide, investigated the cases of 533 parliamentarians from 40 countries in 2019, the second highest number on record. Most of the cases are from countries in political crisis where the government is putting undue pressure on MPs from the opposition...

International Court of Justice [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 7 Dec 2019]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

Press Release : 5 December 2019

The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, issues Report on Preliminary Examination Activities (2019)

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World Bank [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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World Bank Reaches \$2 Billion in Sustainable Development Bonds Issued while Raising Awareness for Food Loss and Waste with Strong Support from Japanese Investors

Tokyo, December 5, 2019 – The World Bank's recent Sustainable Development Bonds have helped to raise awareness for the importance of combating food loss and waste. Food loss and waste is part of Sustainable...

Date: December 05, 2019 Type: Press Release

Why Wealthy Countries Must Step Up Their Contribution to Fight Global Poverty

Member countries of the International Development Association (IDA), a part of the World Bank Group, are meeting shortly to discuss the 19th replenishment of IDA, which will set the agenda for assistance...

Date: December 05, 2019 Type: Opinion

IMF [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 7 Dec 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.]

ADF-15 replenishment: Donors commit \$7.6 billion, a 32% boost from last replenishment, in support of Africa's low-income, fragile, countries

05-Dec-2019 - Donors of the African Development Fund (ADF) on Thursday agreed to commit \$7.6 billion to speed up growth in Africa's poorest nations and help lift millions out of poverty. This fifteenth replenishment of the ADF (ADF-15), up 32% from the previous cycle, sends a strong signal of trust in the Fund, which is the concessional window of the African Development Bank Group.

The African Development Fund: over 45 years of support to strengthen the continent's least developed and fragile nations

05-Dec-2019 - In 38 of the continent's most vulnerable countries, the African Development Fund or ADF is enhancing livelihoods by promoting regional integration, fostering businesses and enhancing food security through its investments in power projects, roads and bridges.

African Development Bank launches digital tool to help African youth learn to code

03-Dec-2019 - The African Development Bank and technology firm Microsoft today launched the 'Coding for Employment' digital training platform, an online tool to provide digital skills to African youth, wherever they are across the continent. The platform, launched at the 2019 African Economic Conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, aims to promote a continuous learning culture among young people and build their capacity to shape the continent's future.

Asian Development Bank [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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5 Dec 2019

Concerted Action Needed to Address Unique Challenges Faced by Pacific Island Countries — ADB

Small island developing states must position themselves to take full advantage of often limited, but nonetheless available, opportunities to improve standards of living and accelerate economic growth, according to the latest issue...

2 Dec 2019

ADB's First Satellite Financing to Expand Internet Access in Asia and Pacific

ADB today signed a \$50 million agreement with Kacific Broadband Satellites International Limited to provide affordable satellite-based, high-speed broadband internet connections to countries in Asia and the Pacific, especially...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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No new digest content identified.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

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Morocco and IFAD to invest in smallholder farmers' climate change resilience

03 DEC

New Report: Investments in indigenous people, youth and women essential to fight climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean

02 DEC

IFAD, together with ASEAN invests in reducing transboundary haze pollution in Southeast Asia

02 DEC

Farms. Food. Future. IFAD's new monthly podcast brings the voice of farmers in developing countries to the table.

02 DEC

Farmers on the climate frontline, reducing inequalities with IFAD at COP25

Islamic Development Bank [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

3 December 2019

Statement delivered by IsDB President Dr. Bandar Hajjar on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

More than one billion people worldwide experience some form of disability, including 800 million from developing countries. Many Persons with Disabilities face discrimination, and exclusion from accessing jobs and services, such as education and health care, and they consistently are less well-off than their non-disabled peers in development gains.

The IsDB in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities supports ongoing efforts to respond to the urgent need for accelerated action at scale to achieve disability-inclusive development in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Our commitment of leaving no one behind necessitates the inclusion of persons with disability in economic opportunities and development programs, and projects in our member countries to make

sure that they achieve the SDG goals.

The world cannot afford to lose the input and services of 15 per cent of its population and let them face exclusions in today's society. The IsDB will join forces with others to fight discrimination against peoples with disability, and ensure no one is left behind.

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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 7 Dec 2019]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Climat

[**Urgence climatique, migration et faim : il est temps d'agir !**](#)

Posté le 3 décembre 2019

Déplacements forcés, insécurité alimentaire, faim... les conséquences du changement climatique sont de plus en plus visibles et menacent chaque jour un nombre grandissant de personnes.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest

December 05, 2019

[**End gender-based violence: Integrated approaches from around the world**](#)

December 02, 2019

The green envoy: A step towards an environmentally-friendly BRAC

CARE International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Clubhouse International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

NEWS

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News & Updates

Greece: Homeless children at high risk of sexual exploitation have nowhere to go

04/121/2019

A new [ECPAT Country Overview Report](#) warns that both political and socioeconomic factors affecting Greece have left children - especially unaccompanied child migrants - vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Over-stretched and weak government services and shelters for children sometimes leaves them fendng for themselves and more likely to fall into the hands of child sex offenders.

Fountain House [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

South Sudan: 29 people suffering gunshot wounds from clashes evacuated by air to Juba

Twenty-nine people suffering gunshot wounds from intercommunal clashes in Western Lakes State have been evacuated by the ICRC by air to Juba for further medical care.

05-12-2019 | News release

Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the implementation of international humanitarian law: Guiding principles

Fact sheet describing the role that National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies can play with regard to the national implementation of international humanitarian law.

04-12-2019 | Legal factsheet

Mozambique: Armed violence exacerbates suffering in cyclone aftermath

Armed violence in Mozambique's northernmost province Cabo Delgado is forcing scores of people from their homes, destroying villages and health centres, and making it difficult for families to recover from Cyclone Kenneth, which hit the area in April

04-12-2019 | News release

1954 Convention on the protection of cultural property - Factsheet

Factsheet describing the obligations of States regarding the national implementation of the norms contained in the 1954 Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Protocols (First and Second).

04-12-2019 | Legal factsheet

ICRC preparing for major expansion of sports programs for people with disabilities

Geneva (ICRC) – With the goal of increasing sports opportunities and societal acceptance for people with disabilities, the International Committee of the Red Cross is in the midst of a major expansion of its sports programs for people with disabilities

03-12-2019 | News release

ICRC appeal to fund its operations in 2020

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is asking donors for 2.2 billion Swiss Francs to fund its field operations and headquarters in 2020.

03-12-2019 | Article

IFRC [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Albania, Europe

Albania: Future uncertain for thousands of earthquake homeless

At least 4,000 people remain homeless nearly a week after a devastating 6.4 magnitude earthquake in Albania. The earthquake, which struck on 26 November, killed 51 people and directly affected 100,000 people, according to the Albanian Red Cross.

2 December 2019

Americas, Bahamas

Hurricane Dorian: More than 9,000 families supported in storm aftermath

Panama/Geneva/Bahamas, 2 December 2019 – Three months after communities across the Bahamas were devastated by Hurricane Dorian, the Red Cross has supported more than 9,000 families by providing emergency relief, psychosocial support, and financial assi ...

2 December 2019

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Media highlights

Perspective

US expansion of anti-asylum policy in Arizona will turn more people back toward harm

December 3, 2019

Press Release

Failure to end civil war in Yemen could cost \$29 billion

December 2, 2019

IRCT [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://irct.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan commends Islamic Relief's work

Published: 5 December, 2019

Don't let bombs distract you from Gaza's real crisis: imminent social and economic collapse

Published: 3 December, 2019

Landsea [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

December 4, 2019

[Mercy Corps at COP25 to highlight importance of helping communities in fragile states adapt to the climate crisis](#)

MADRID, Spain – The global organization Mercy Corps is attending this year's UN Climate Change Conference, COP25, to highlight the importance of helping communities around the world adapt to the climate crisis. COP25, taking place from 2 - 13 December, is the world's leading climate summit and brings together world leaders, decision-making bodies and global organizations to find solutions for the climate challenge.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Democratic Republic of Congo

[As security situation deteriorates, MSF withdraws staff from Biakato](#)

Statement 6 Dec 2019

On 4 December 2019, Medecins Sans Frontières (MSF) took the painful decision to temporarily withdraw our staff from the Biakato region of Ituri province, Democratic Republic of Congo. After months of working extremely closely with the community to address the health needs in the region, MSF is saddened to have made this decision....

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[Crisis update - December 2019](#)

Crisis Update 6 Dec 2019

Haiti

[MSF opens trauma hospital in Port-au-Prince amid deepening...](#)

Press Release 4 Dec 2019

Access to medicines

[Pharma giants shouldn't receive multi-million dollar pneumonia vaccine subsidy](#)

Press Release 3 Dec 2019

:: MSF is urging Gavi to stop paying pharma giants Pfizer and GSK subsidies for their pneumonia vaccines.

:: The vaccines protect against pneumonia, which kills nearly 1 million children each year.

:: The pharma giants earn billions off their vaccines and have been receiving subsidies as an 'incentive' to introduce them in developing countries.

:: The vaccines nevertheless remain too expensive for many countries to introduce, thanks to high prices – leaving young lives unprotected against the disease.

:: MSF urges Gavi to instead support the introduction of a more affordable pneumonia vaccine, coming to market soon.

Bangladesh

[Rohingya refugee crisis: Unseen wounds need to heal](#)

Project Update 3 Dec 2019

Cameroon

[Conflict in Far North region strips people of hope](#)

Project Update 3 Dec 2019

Malawi

[New model of care aims to reduce deaths among advanced HIV patients](#)

Project Update 1 Dec 2019

HIV/AIDS

[AIDS death toll stagnating due to lack of testing at community I...](#)

Press Release 1 Dec 2019

Operation Smile [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected News/Announcements

[People seeking protection in Greece denied a fair asylum process – new Oxfam and Greek Council for Refugees report](#)

6 December 2019

People who seek protection in Greece are regularly denied access to a fair and efficient asylum process, Oxfam and the Greek Council for Refugees revealed in a new report today.

[Climate fuelled disasters number one driver of internal displacement globally forcing more than 20 million people a year from their homes](#)

2 December 2019

Climate fuelled disasters were the number one driver of internal displacement over the last decade, forcing more than 20 million people a year – one person every two seconds - to leave their homes, said Oxfam today. The contentious issue of financial support for communities, including displaced communities, which have suffered loss and damage as a result of the climate crisis is expected to take centre stage at the UN Climate Summit in Madrid from 2 – 13 December 2019.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest news from NRC

No new digest content identified.

Pact [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

Dec 03, 2019

[PIH Staff Picks: Essential Reading, Watching, and Listening for Social Justice Warriors](#)

In time for the holidays, PIHers around the world recommend the books, podcasts, and films that motivate and enlighten them most. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

[PATH statement on the World Health Organization's World Malaria Report, 2019](#)

Focusing care on pregnant women and children will help accelerate progress toward malaria elimination; A statement from PATH's Director of Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, Center for Malaria Control and Elimination, [Kammerle Schneider](#)

December 4, 2019

[PATH names Mr. Nikolaj Gilbert as President and CEO](#)

The team of innovators, headquartered in Seattle, welcomes global development expert to lead ambitious efforts to improve health outcomes for more than 1.4 billion people by 2030

December 4, 2019

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

6 December 2019 - *Global*

[Save the Children deploys team of health workers to support Samoa measles response](#)

5 December 2019 - *Kenya*

Thousands of children forced to flee homes as heavy rains hit Kenya

5 December 2019 - *Addis Ababa*

Climate change forces 'pastoralists' to give up

2 December 2019 - *Global*

2019: Climate shocks claim more than 1200 lives across East and Southern Africa

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Syria – December 4 2019

A rebuilt school in Aleppo welcomes more than 2,000 students

Nearly nine years of civil war in Syria has devastated the country's educational system, with over 7,000 schools damaged or destroyed. The Al-Thawra Banin School in Aleppo was one of them.

Announcement – December 2 2019

Steffen Braasch appointed interim CEO

SOS Children's Villages announces that Chief Financial Officer Steffen Braasch was appointed interim CEO by the International Senate. Mr Braasch will serve in both CEO and CFO roles, supported by Michael Poeltl, Chief Operating Officer, until further notice.

Norbert Meder completed his term as CEO at SOS Children's Villages International in November. The International Senate thanks him for his leadership and outstanding commitment.

Tostan [to 7 Dec 2019]

<http://www.tostan.org>

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

December 5, 2019

By: Laurie Adams

If you want to stop violence against women, start with supporting survivors

Article

December 3, 2019

Using Advocacy Training to Tackle Violence Against Women in Nigeria

Article

World Vision [to 7 Dec 2019]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

New Insurance Innovation aims to Boost Sustainability of Rural Water Projects in Kenya

Monday, December 2, 2019

World Vision, in partnership with Britam General Insurance, has launched a water insurance innovation that seeks to enhance the sustainability of rural water projects.

The innovation, which is the first of its kind in the country, was conceptualised by World Vision and will be serviced by Britam in Kenya....

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | December 3, 2019

EFF Releases Certbot 1.0 to Help More Websites Encrypt Their Traffic

San Francisco - The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) today released Certbot 1.0: a free, open source software tool to help websites encrypt their traffic and keep their sites secure. Certbot was first released in 2015, and since then it has helped more than two million website administrators enable HTTPS...

Press Release | December 2, 2019

EFF Report Exposes, Explains Big Tech's Personal Data Trackers Lurking on Social Media, Websites, and Apps

San Francisco—The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) today released a comprehensive report that identifies and explains the hidden technical methods and business practices companies use to collect and track our personal information from the minute we turn on our devices each day. Published on Cyber Monday, when millions of consumers are shopping...

Freedom House [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://freedomhouse.org/news>

News

Press Releases

China: Freedom House Will Continue to Stand with Hong Kongers Seeking Democratic Freedoms

December 2, 2019

Freedom House opposes Chinese Communist Party efforts to undermine freedom and human rights.

Human Rights Watch [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

December 6, 2019 *Dispatches*

Brazil Grants Asylum to 21,000 Venezuelans in a Single Day

César Muñoz

Senior Researcher, Brazil

Middle East/North Africa

December 6, 2019 *Dispatches*

Saudi Arabia's Strategy to 'Sportswash' Abuses

Minky Worden

Director of Global Initiatives

Africa

December 6, 2019 *News Release*

Burundi: Elections 'Levy' Opens Door to Abuse

Transparency International [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News and Events

Talking Development Podcast Ep. 6: The world is interconnected, so are EU policies

| Dec 3, 2019

The interconnection of EU policies seems to be a complex issue. To help you understand this complexity, we present a panel of five speakers who will guide you through the concept of EU policy-making and provide concrete impact of these policies on the ground. Stay tuned while we walk you through pragmatic steps to achieve Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD).

The Elders [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Opinion

Nuclear weapons are still the greatest threat to world peace. NATO must take action now to protect humanity

03 Dec 2019

The risk of a nuclear war is higher than at any time since the end of the Cold War. Mary Robinson warns leaders meeting at NATO's London Summit in London to seize the opportunity to prevent a new arms race. Published in The Independent.

Press release

Attacks on multilateral system threaten global peace and security

03 Dec 2019

The Elders' statement on the unprecedented attack on multilateralism

Evidence Aid [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Gavi [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

5 December 2019

Gavi Board approves new Ebola vaccine programme

5 December 2019

Gavi Board appoints Sarah Goulding as Vice Chair

New Delhi, 5 December 2019 – Sarah Goulding, Assistant Secretary, Education, Social Protection and Human Development Finance at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), was appointed by the Gavi Board as its new Vice Chair effective as of 1st January 2020.

"It is an honour to be appointed Vice Chair of the Gavi Board, at a time when Gavi is embarking on its new strategy for 2021-2025", said Sarah Goulding. "I look forward to supporting the Board Chair at this critical time for the Vaccine Alliance, focusing on leaving no one without immunisation. Gavi's mission to protect millions against life-threatening diseases is critically important for the most vulnerable children in the world's poorest countries. This year, outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases including measles in places as diverse as DRC, Pakistan and Samoa shows the ongoing importance of vaccination globally."

Sarah Goulding is currently the Gavi Board member for the United States, Australia, Japan and Republic of Korea constituency...

Global Fund [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News & Stories

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

Withdrawal of the Quality Assurance Information Notice 2018-02 Regarding Dolutegravir

06 December 2019

Updates

42nd Board Meeting Documents

05 December 2019

Updates

Data Service: Performance Framework Data

03 December 2019

Performance framework data from Global Fund grants are now available for download from the Global Fund [Data Service](#).

The new data set lists indicator targets and results for grant implementation periods from the 2017-2019 allocation period and going forward. A number of grants from the previous allocation period are also included...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

1st Global Refugee Forum

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

Geneva, Switzerland

InterAction [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest Updates

Global Development Practice

Crisis in the Coffeelands Shows It's Time to Look at Program Work Differently

Heifer International

Pierre Ferrari

Dec 4, 2019

Leadership Development

How to Lead a Conflict-Positive Organization

Deborah Willig

Dec 2, 2019

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Publications

Social protection: a synthesis of evidence and lessons from 3ie- supported impact evaluations

Working paper 3ie 2019

This paper synthesises the evidence on the impact of transfer modalities and large-scale, government-implemented social protection programmes. In summarising findings from the evaluations and synthesising lessons around issues of evaluation and programme fidelity, this paper fills some important knowledge gaps in the literature on social protection, especially around large-scale government programmes.

CHS Alliance [to 7 Dec 2019]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

New website no longer posts press releases or announcements.

Development Initiatives [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

Event

[ALNAP Webinar | Breaking the Mould: Alternative approaches to M&E for humanitarian action](#)

17 December 2019

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

[Nepal : long-term support in risk management](#)

25/11/2019

In the last six years, Groupe URD has conducted a series of evaluations and field visits in Nepal, both before and after the earthquakes in 2015. These have helped us to improve our understanding of how disaster management has evolved in the country. Located in the Himalayan Mountains, Nepal is very vulnerable to climatic hazards and is one of the countries in the world that is the most at risk to disasters. As such, it has been a priority for the aid sector, which has invested a great deal of resources to build capacity in risk reduction and risk management. An important lesson-sharing report for the Fondation de France has just been published online – an ideal time to look back at a certain number of studies and lessons from over the years.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

["Are We Not Human?" Denial of Education for Rohingya Refugee Children in Bangladesh](#)

Human Rights Watch

3 December 2019

Mohamed Tua Sin, 15, was in class 9 in Myanmar when he was forced to flee to Bangladesh in late August 2017. Attacks by the Myanmar military forced 740,000 ethnic Rohingya, like Mohamed Tua Sin, to flee their communities in northern Rakhine State and cross the Naf River into Bangladesh. The campaign of ethnic cleansing included countless apparent crimes against humanity

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

[Palliative care as a basic healthcare right: A new consensus within the humanitarian community](#)

03 December 2019 | Sphere

This blog article, co-authored by Sphere and Dr Elysée Nouvet, was first published on the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) blog as part of the "Palliative Care in Humanitarian Crises" series.

Start Network [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News and Blog

No new digest content identified.

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Brookings

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

Accessed 7 Dec 2019

Latest Research

Workforce Development

[The role of employers in addressing the skills gap](#)

Elizabeth Mann Levesque

Friday, December 6, 2019

Workforce Development

[How a medical tech company partners with higher education to build career ladders](#)

Elizabeth Mann Levesque

Friday, December 6, 2019

Workforce Development

[Employee development through a 'Pay for Skills' program](#)

Elizabeth Mann Levesque

Friday, December 6, 2019

Workforce Development

One company's approach to workforce development: Charting unknown territory and emphasizing the fundamentals

Elizabeth Mann Levesque

Friday, December 6, 2019

Workforce Development

For one manufacturer, providing educational opportunities is key to past and future success

Elizabeth Mann Levesque

Friday, December 6, 2019

Center for Global Development [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News and Events

December 6, 2019

How Business Can Invest in the Future of the Rohingya and Host Community in Bangladesh

Bangladesh is hosting more than a million Rohingya refugees, and businesses have a critical role to play in improving the situation for them and their Bangladeshi host communities. We have identified four viable areas for business investment and procurement in Cox's Bazar, the historically under-developed region that is hosting the Rohingya refugees.

[Irene Yuan Sun](#) , [John Speakman](#) and [Cindy Huang](#)

December 6, 2019

A Farewell to Disruption in a Post-Platform World

Unless you have checked out of Earth, you must have heard phrases like, "data is the new oil," "software is eating the world." and "AI will disrupt everything." Similar claims are bandied about as if they mean the same thing and as if they all point to the same trends, with little attempt to dig into their actual significance.

Bright Simons

December 5, 2019

The Role of the World Bank in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations

Meaningful progress on the goal of reducing global extreme poverty requires meeting the development needs of vulnerable populations in fragile contexts; but assistance in these contexts has traditionally been limited to short-term humanitarian aid, ill-equipped to address underlying development challenges.

[Sarah Charles](#) , [Jeremy Konyndyk](#) , [Megan Doherty](#) , [Jon Kurtz](#) , [Cindy Huang](#) and [Lauren Post](#)

December 4, 2019

The Stretch Fund

When the world adopted the SDGs, policymakers knew that aid alone would never meet the financing needs. They embraced the "billions to trillions" vision, believing that an abundance of commercially viable SDG-related investments was ready and waiting for trillions in profitable private investment—if

only development finance institutions (DFIs) and others could clear away the obstacles that stand between the investments and private investors. Reality looks different. To fill the gaps in the financial architecture, Nancy Lee and Dan Preston propose the Stretch Fund.

[Nancy Lee](#) and [Dan Preston](#)

CSIS [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Politics at the Heart of the Crisis in the Sahel

December 6, 2019 | [Judd Devermont](#) As violence escalates across the Sahel, Judd Devermont explains why tackling the domestic political obstacles to a more robust response is essential to addressing these urgent security challenges.

Report

The Gulf Military Balance in 2019: A Graphic Analysis

December 5, 2019 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) Several key developments in missile warfare, grey area operations, defense spending and other categories have significantly altered the military balance in the Gulf, writes CSIS' Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

Lessons for Building Creative Economies

December 3, 2019 | [Daniel F. Runde](#), [Christopher Metzger](#) In order to achieve and sustain economic growth, developed and developing countries should look to build creative economies that offer tremendous returns on investment and are made up of creative industries such as film, fashion, music, and art.

Report

U.S. Strategy — Strategic Triage and the True Cost of War: Supporting Enduring Commitments versus “Endless Wars”

December 2, 2019 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) Major changes in warfighting and spending by U.S. forces have significantly altered the costs of war and shifts the context of the “endless wars” debate, argues the Burke Chair in a new report.

Report

Ties that Bind: Family, Tribe, Nation, and the Rise of Arab Individualism

December 2, 2019 | [Jon B. Alterman](#) The Arab world is experiencing a revolution. States have relied on pyramids of authority that reach down through society, often through tribes into families. Yet those ties are fraying, and individualism is rising.

ODI [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

The untold story of water in climate adaptation. II. 15 countries speak

Research reports and studies | December 2019 | Nathaniel Mason, Roger Calow, Adriana Quevedo, Leo Roberts, Charlene Watson, Merylyn Hedger, Anjali Lohani, Ralph Philip, Frederik Pischke, Alex Simalabwi and Monika Weber-Fahr

Joint ODI/GWP report assessing 15 countries' progress on building resilience and achieving development goals through water resources management.

Gender in displacement: the state of play

Bibliography and literature reviews | December 2019 | Kerrie Holloway, Maria Stavropoulou and Megan Daigle

This literature review assesses the humanitarian sector's commitment to gender justice.

Universal basic income and work

Books or book chapters | December 2019 | Francesca Bastagli

Book chapter examining the interface between universal basic income and work.

Beyond local and international: humanitarian action at the margins

Briefing papers | December 2019 | Larissa Fast

This briefing note assesses the different roles of intermediaries in humanitarian assistance to further explore the nuances of local action.

Understanding finance in the Global Stocktake

Working and discussion papers | December 2019 | Charlene Watson and Leo Roberts

This working paper provides initial analysis of how finance will be considered within the current provisions of the official GST.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

December 4, 2019

Leveraging Opportunity Zones to Boost Affordability in Hot Markets

The Opportunity Zones tax incentive, created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, was designed to spur investment in low-income and undercapitalized communities. How can stakeholders use the program to benefit disinvested neighborhoods and expand access to affordable housing? The experiences of investors, developers, government officials, and philanthropy representatives show how the incentive is working at the national and

[Brett Theodos](#), [Jorge González](#)

Fact Sheet

Mortgage Insurance Data at a Glance - 2019

For 62 years, the availability of private mortgage insurance (PMI) has helped millions of borrowers who have insufficient funds for a 20 percent down payment access homeownership. This chartbook quantifies the role of PMI in the agency mortgage market, detailing which borrowers use PMI, how they compare with borrowers who use other forms of mortgage insurance, how PMI-insured loans perform, and the role of PMI in reducing loss

[Karan Kaul](#), [Laurie Goodman](#), [John Walsh](#), [Jun Zhu](#)

December 4, 2019

Research Report

Over Half of Nonelderly Adults Support Either a Public Option or Medicare for All, with More Preferring a Public Option

This brief uses data from the September 2019 round of the Health Reform Monitoring Survey to examine preferences between a public option for health insurance and Medicare for All among nonelderly adults, and compares preferences by political party affiliation, demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, health insurance coverage, health care experiences, and satisfaction with coverage. We find the following: Among

[Michael Karpman](#), [John Holahan](#)

December 3, 2019

Brief

Specialized Case Management for Young Adults in Extended Federal Foster Care

For many decades, child welfare agencies—with few exceptions—only served children. But in the past 10 years, many states have extended foster care eligibility to age 21, and some provide supportive services through age 23. This brief highlights the types of challenges and emerging program and policy practices child welfare agencies and other providers and stakeholders may face in meeting the needs of transition-age youth in

[Marla McDaniel](#), [Denali Dasgupta](#), [Yuju Park](#)

December 2, 2019

Brief

Tackling Food Insecurity: Bringing Data to Communities

This report is part of a project exploring strategies for addressing food insecurity at its roots by identifying the interconnected factors that contribute to it. We first examined the levels of food insecurity among adults and children in counties across the country, as well as measures of physical health, housing, income, and other contributing factors. Then, using a research approach called a Data Walk, we brought those data

[Eona Harrison](#), [Brandi Gilbert](#), [Susan J. Popkin](#), [Elaine Waxman](#)

December 2, 2019

Research Report

World Economic Forum [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Media

No new digest content identified.

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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 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

DECEMBER 05, 2019

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann to Step Down, Longtime Foundation Executive Mark Suzman Appointed to Role

SEATTLE, December 5, 2019 – Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann is stepping down after more than five years in the role. Bill and Melinda Gates have appointed Mark Suzman, the foundation's president of Global Policy & Advocacy and chief strategy officer, as the new CEO. Suzman, who joined the foundation in 2007, will assume his new role on February 1, 2020.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

News 6 December 2019

Ford Foundation appoints Michele Moore as vice president of Global Communications

The Ford Foundation today announced the appointment of Michele Moore as vice president of Global Communications.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest Updates

Building capacity for diversity, equity and inclusion: Lessons from two years of organizational effectiveness grants

By Jasmine Sudarkasa and Jennifer Wei

December 5, 2019

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Agricultural Livelihoods

Creating a landscape that supports farmers and biodiversity

December 5, 2019

The IKEA Foundation has joined forces with Commonland to restore a 2,000-hectare degraded landscape in Central India through agroforestry. The project will restore biodiversity to the area while enabling 1,000 smallholder farmers to earn a sustainable income.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

December 5, 2019 *News Release*

Fact Sheet Provides an Overview of Abortion Later in Pregnancy and Policies to Regulate It

Abortions occurring at or after 21 weeks gestational age are rare (1.4%) and difficult to obtain, yet these abortions are subject to intense public debate in the news, policy and the law. A new KFF fact sheet provides basic information about abortion later in pregnancy in the US, including what it is,...

December 4, 2019 *News Release*

Policies Aimed at Limiting Access to Abortion May Negatively Impact Pregnancy Loss Care

Abortion restrictions around the country have the potential to limit clinicians' ability to manage pregnancy loss.

December 2, 2019 *News Release*

New Resource Outlines Efforts to Expand Screening and Counseling for Intimate Partner Violence

Two resources give an overview of intimate partner violence (IPV) in the U.S. and insurance coverage for screening and counseling.

December 2, 2019 *News Release*

A Small Share of People with Medicare Advantage or Stand-alone Medicare Part D Coverage Voluntarily Switch Plans During Open Enrollment

A new KFF analysis finds that a relatively small share of people with Medicare Advantage or stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage voluntarily switch plans during Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs annually from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. With less than a week remaining for beneficiaries to make...

Kellogg Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

What We're Learning

Coalition of Funders Commit to Scale Impact Investment

December 5, 2019 | *Grantee News / Impact Investments*

A coalition of foundations and family offices launched The Tipping Point Fund, a donor collaborative geared toward scaling the practice of impact investing. As part of the Presidents' Council on Impact Investing, MacArthur is an inaugural funder and contributed to the initial \$12.5 million to make field building grants in two key areas: public engagement and policy; and data, metrics, and measurement. The U.S. Impacting Investing Alliance convenes the Council of 19 leading foundations, which developed the collaborative, with a shared commitment to practicing and promoting impact investing.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

<https://mellon.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

New projects aim to develop clinical quality measures to improve diagnosis

December 4, 2019

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation is providing funding for nine novel ideas and approaches for new clinical quality measures targeting improved diagnosis, specifically addressing three major categories of disease responsible for the greatest harm from diagnostic errors: acute vascular events, infections and cancer. Earlier this year, the foundation announced this new funding opportunity as part of its Diagnostic Excellence Initiative.

Open Society Foundations [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Event

December 10, 2019

How Cities and States Are Paying to Reduce Flood Risk

Opinion

December 3, 2019

[Plan to Lift Roadless Rule in Alaska's Tongass National Forest Threatens Economy and More](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

The Latest

[Taking a Human Rights Approach to AI Governance](#)

December 03, 2019

Hunter Goldman Director, The Rockefeller Foundation

Evan Tachovsky Director & Lead Data Scientist, The Rockefeller Foundation

In response to concern about the impact of AI on society companies and civil society organizations have raced to write ethical frameworks to guide the development and use of these powerful new tools. Researchers at ETH Zurich's Health Ethics & Policy Lab found that over 80 distinct AI ethics frameworks have been proposed in just the last five years. While well-intentioned, these frameworks don't scale, are often duplicative, and fail to provide a legal foundation for effective regulation.

In October 2019 as part of our AI Month at Bellagio, we partnered with machine learning startup Element AI and Mozilla Foundation to convene a workshop to evaluate a different approach: using human rights frameworks to govern AI.

AI governance grounded in human rights has a number of advantages. First, human rights—as codified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights—provides an established, global construct that is widely acknowledged by governments, businesses, and civil society. Second, this framework offers a legal basis for more specific regulation in a way that ethical frameworks do not. And third, there are established procedures and norms for assessing the human rights impact of business operations and remediating harm...

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 7 Dec 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 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

News | 3 December 2019

[Mosaic to close after five years of award-winning long-form journalism](#)

The Wistar Institute [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 7 Dec 2019]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 7 Dec 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

December 2019 Volume 47, Issue 12, p1405-1524

<http://www.ajicjournal.org/current>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

December 2019 Volume 57, Issue 6, p733-874

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

Current Issues

[U.S. Immigration Law Enforcement Practices and Health Inequities](#)

Immigration policies and law enforcement practices in the U.S. have the power to create a climate of fear for undocumented individuals, their families, and their communities, which can impact health outcomes.1–3 This paper examines how these policies and practices (henceforth referred to as "immigration enforcement") affect health.

Paul J. Fleming, Nicole L. Novak, William D. Lopez

p858–861

Published in issue: December 2019

American Journal of Public Health

January 2020 110(1)

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

AJPH EDITORIALS

ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC

[Ending the HIV Epidemic: Getting to Zero AND Staying at Zero](#)

HIV/AIDS, Prevention, Epidemiology, Health Policy

Farzana Kapadia and Stewart Landers

110(1), pp. 15–16

THE PLAN

[The Time Is Now to End the HIV Epidemic](#)

HIV/AIDS

Brett P. Giroir

110(1), pp. 22–24

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

[Somali American Adolescent Girls and Women—A Hidden Refugee Population With Barriers to Health](#)

Refugees, Immigration, Child and Adolescent Health, Women's Health, Adolescent Health, Community Health, Injury/Emergency Care/Violence

Janine Young

110(1), pp. 18–19

AJPH LAW & ETHICS

IMMIGRATION

[Mechanisms of Deterrence: Federal Immigration Policies and the Erosion of Immigrant Children's Rights](#)

Government, Refugees, Human Rights, Immigration, Child and Adolescent Health, Minority Children, Other Child and Adolescent Health

Benjamin J. Roth, Breanne L. Grace and Kristen D. Seay
110(1), pp. 84–86

Abstract

In this commentary, we highlight the US government's proposed changes to the Flores Settlement Agreement, a federal legal settlement from the 1990s that ensures that child welfare principles are applied to immigrant children.

We describe how Flores should be understood as mitigating child trauma by ensuring a baseline standard of treatment of immigrant children. We outline how children experience trauma throughout the migration course and argue that the proposed changes decrease standards of care through indefinite child detention, separation, and delicensing immigrant child detention facilities.

We draw on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study to consider the effect these multiplying forms of trauma may have on children.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Crime Victimization, Health, and Female Genital Mutilation or Cutting Among Somali Women and Adolescent Girls in the United States, 2017

Refugees, Immigration, Women's Health, Gender

Kathleen A. Fox and Crista Johnson-Agbakwu

110(1), pp. 112–118

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 101, Issue 6, 2019

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/101/6>

Perspective Piece

Simplification of Rabies Postexposure Prophylaxis: A New 2-Visit Intradermal Vaccine Regimen

Mary J. Warrell

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0252>

THE CURRENT SITUATION

Rabies encephalitis following a rabid dog bite is always fatal in unvaccinated patients, yet correct preventive vaccination has proved 100% effective. Rabies vaccine is frequently unavailable or unaffordable in rural areas of Asia and Africa, where up to 90% of rabies deaths occur.¹ Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, recently approved support for human rabies vaccine for postexposure prophylaxis (PEP), beginning in 2021. The success of this endeavor will depend on whether the expensive vaccines can be provided economically. Using small doses of vaccine intradermally (ID) is highly immunogenic and economical.²

The WHO has recently recommended the new IPC (Institut Pasteur du Cambodge) postexposure vaccine regimen consisting of 0.1 mL ID injection at 2 sites on days 0, 3, and 7.³ This is the same as the method recommended for 20 years, the Thai Red Cross (TRC) 2-site ID regimen, but without the day 28 dose ([Table 1](#)). The WHO decision to accept this regimen was based on preliminary serological data from some of the patients in a clinical trial.⁴ (The study used vaccine containing 0.5 mL/vial.) The full data remain unavailable a year later.² Rabies vaccines do not contain preservatives and their use ID is off-label but is sanctioned by the WHO, provided that an opened vial is used within 8 hours. Attempts to use the TRC regimen in rural clinics where only a few dog bite patients are treated each month have failed, mainly because of vaccine wastage. This regimen has proved economical only in urban clinics seeing several patients a week. It seems unlikely that the new 1-week IPC method will

solve that problem. Rabies immunoglobulin, officially recommended for all but the most trivial bites,[3](#) is not expected to be available.

Annals of Internal Medicine

3 December 2019 Vol: 171, Issue 11

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

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 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

November 2019 - Volume 4 - 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)
[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

December 2019 - Volume 9 - 12

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 97, Number 12, December 2019, 789-856

[https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/12/en/
PERSPECTIVES](https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/97/12/en/PERSPECTIVES)

[Ensuring access to affordable, timely vaccines in emergencies](#)

— Kate Elder, Barbara Saitta, Tanja Ducombe, Miriam Alia, Ryan Close, Suzanne Scheele, Elise Erickson, Rosalind Scourse, Patricia Kahn & Greg Elder

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.18.228585>

[See Milestones above for detail]

EDITORIALS

[Meeting the needs of people with physical disabilities in crisis settings](#)

— Cornelia Anne Barth

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.246918>

An estimated 20 million of the 135 million people who need humanitarian assistance globally are living with some form of disability and require access to rehabilitation services and assistive technology.¹ This figure excludes the unknown number of people with conflict-caused impairment. However, physical disabilities and rehabilitation needs of populations in conflict-affected settings are rarely considered and very few international organizations specializing in rehabilitation are active in such contexts.

While two important World Health Organization (WHO) initiatives on rehabilitation were launched in the past years, they do not fully capture the challenges of protracted crises. One such action was the Emergency Medical Teams Initiative, focusing on sudden onset disasters, which differ in nature and response from protracted crises.² The second initiative was Rehab 2030, which aims to advance the global rehabilitation agenda around the health-related sustainable development goal (SDG) 3.³ This initiative targets low- and middle-income countries that request assistance in anchoring rehabilitation in their health system. However, the initiative starts at a level of systems organization that does not exist in most countries of protracted crisis.

Rehabilitation for persons with permanent impairment and disability is demanding in any given context, because it involves long-term interventions and requires financial resources and care-providers with specialized skills. In protracted crises, however, rehabilitation is particularly challenging.

The overall situation may be characterized by political uncertainty, poverty and corruption. The infrastructure may be destroyed or degraded, affecting communication, access to buildings and roads, and procurement of rehabilitation products. The security situation may be volatile and unpredictable. The education system may be weak, complicating professional training. The health system may be overwhelmed or dysfunctional. The needs for rehabilitation will be increased, urgent and complex.

Therefore, clinical presentations requiring rehabilitation will be pre-existing conditions that were deteriorating or further developing, plus multiple physical and psychological trauma accumulated at different points in time. Cultural concepts and beliefs around disability may be stigmatizing, hindering the development of rehabilitation policies. Accordingly, the most vulnerable, including women and children with disabilities, may get further marginalized, exploited and exposed to violence. Rehabilitation professionals, if existent, may have left the country, or been killed in conflict,⁴ and there may not be sufficient numbers of qualified remaining staff.

Given this complexity and magnitude of needs, specific approaches are required.

First, greater awareness of the rehabilitation needs in countries of protracted crisis is needed. Raising awareness is done best by including persons concerned and their rehabilitation providers. In 2019, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) sponsored over 50 individuals from 26 countries to participate in the World Confederation for Physical Therapy congress⁵ to promote exchange between professionals from high-income and protracted crisis settings. Other ways to raise awareness are publications in the media reaching beyond the rehabilitation or aid community.

Second, rehabilitation programmes should be designed and managed to get users ready for social reintegration. Organizations active in these settings could make their employment system as inclusive as possible and proactively offer perspectives for persons with disabilities, by engaging in team diversity and ensuring accessibility for persons with various forms of disabilities to allow them to advance in their career paths.

Third, sustainability should be strengthened by capacity building of staff, through advocacy with relevant civil society organizations and authorities, and the creation of structures in the absence of a state system. Moreover, employing former rehabilitation users with disabilities in rehabilitation structures contributes to sustainability.

Fourth, guidelines on clinical work in challenging settings, such as those by the World Confederation for Physical Therapy, the ICRC and partner organizations are crucial.^{6–8} These guidelines should eventually expand their scope on all aspects of functionality including participation and reintegration. The same applies to WHO's Blue Book⁹ on sudden onset disasters and the Red Book, currently being developed and specifically designed for conflict response.

Fifth, mainstreaming rehabilitation in protracted crises requires close collaboration with international rehabilitation or medical associations and WHO, especially on the use and context-adaptation of documents developed within the Rehab 2030 initiative. In crisis settings, collaborating with aid organizations to systematically raise awareness on rehabilitation needs, is vital.

Sixth, data and research are needed on demographics and clinical presentations, on the impact of rehabilitation interventions and on workforce. Equally important is qualitative, participatory research that includes the views and needs of affected populations.

If the strategies above are considered, health for all as the priority towards achieving SDG 3 can also be accomplished with regards to rehabilitation needs of people in protracted crises

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 45, Issue 6 Pages: 773-876 November 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

November 2019 Volume 41, Issue 11, p2199-2460

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Clinical Trials

Volume 16 Issue 5, October 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 86 November 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/86/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 2, Issue 5 / October 2019

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/2/5>

Special Issue: The Ethics of Human Genome Editing

Guest Editors: Sarah Chan and Samuel Sternberg

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 7, Issue 3, September 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

December 2019 - Volume 32 - Issue 6

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Developing World Bioethics

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development in Practice

Volume 29, Issue 8, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Development Policy Review

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 14, Issue 8, 2019

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 13 - Issue 4 - August 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Disasters

Volume 44, Issue 1 Pages: 1-232 January 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

EMBO Reports

Volume 20 Issue 12 5 December 2019

<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>

Science & Society 7 November 2019

[**Ancient DNA and contemporary politics : The analysis of ancient DNA challenges long-held beliefs about identity and history with potential for political abuse**](#)

Howard Wolinsky

The sequencing and analysis of ancient human DNA has helped to rewrite human history. But it is also tempting politicians, nationalists and supremacists to abuse this research for their agendas.

Emergency Medicine Journal

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 25, Number 12—December 2019

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>

Research

[**Cost-effectiveness of Prophylactic Zika Virus Vaccine in the Americas**](#) [PDF - 1.03 MB - 6 pages]

A. Shoukat et al.

Epidemics

Volume 29 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/29/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 147 - 2019

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/latest-issue>

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & Human Research

Volume 41, Issue 6 November–December 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/25782363/current>

Trial Design, Stakeholder Perspectives, Pregnancy and Research

[Reviewed earlier]

Ethics & International Affairs

Fall 2019 (Issue 33.3) | September 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/fall-2019-issue-33-3/>

ESSAY

[A Human Rights Approach to Conflict Resolution](#)

Claudia Fuentes-Julio and Raslan Ibrahim

REVIEW ESSAY

[The Ethics of \(Un\)Civil Resistance](#)

William Smith

REVIEWS

[Humanitarian Action and Ethics](#)

Ayesha Ahmad and James Smith, eds.

Review by Larissa Fast

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 29, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/29/6>

Sexual and reproductive health

[Perinatal health of refugee and asylum-seeking women in Sweden 2014–17: a register-based cohort study](#)

Can Liu, Mia Ahlberg, Anders Hjern, Olof Stephansson

Eur J Public Health, Volume 29, Issue 6, December 2019, Pages 1048–1055,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/eurpub/ckz120>

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 89 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/89/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Food Security

Volume 11, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/11/6>

Original Paper

[Nutritional outcomes of empowerment and market integration for women in rural India](#)

Soumya Gupta, Vidya Vemireddy, Prabhu L. Pingali

Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 62 October 2019

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

Return: voluntary, safe, dignified and durable?

Voluntary return in safety and with dignity has long been a core tenet of the international refugee regime. In the 23 articles on 'Return' in this issue of FMR, authors explore various obstacles to achieving sustainable return, discuss the need to guard against premature or forced return, and debate the assumptions and perceptions that influence policy and practice. This issue also includes a mini-feature on 'Towards understanding and addressing the root causes of displacement'.

[23 articles on special issue theme; 7 general articles]

[Reviewed earlier]

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/sfds20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Gates Open Research

<https://gatesopenresearch.org/browse/articles>

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Geoheritage

Volume 11, Issue 3, September 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/11/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health Action

Volume 12, 2019 Supp 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/zgha20/12/sup1?nav=toCList>

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 7, No. 3 September 23, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 14, 2019 Issue 12

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Health Affairs

Vol. 38, No. 11 November 2019

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

Household Costs, Food & More

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

Volume 21, Issue 1, June 2019

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-21-issue-1-june-2019/>

Special Section on Global Health Fieldwork Ethics and Human Rights

*in collaboration with Agnes Scott College, the Task Force for Global Health, and Emory University
Rollins School of Public Health*

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 14 - Issue 4 - October 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 34, Issue Supplement_2, November 2019

https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/34/Supplement_2

SUPPLEMENT

Advancing health systems for all in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) era

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

<http://www.health-policy-systems.com/content>

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 30, Issue 11 / November 2019

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/30/11>

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 41, Number 4, November 2019

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/41088>

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/34/7>

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 75, May 2019

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/making-humanitarian-action-work-for-women-and-girls/>

Special Feature: Making humanitarian action work for women and girls

by HPN May 2019

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

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

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

[Emilie Rees Smith](#), [Emma Symonds](#) and [Lauryn Oates](#) highlight lessons from the STAGE education programme in Afghanistan, and [Degan Ali](#) and [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.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

<http://www.infectagentscancer.com/content>

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

<http://www.idpjournals.com/content>

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 11, Issue Supplement_1, November 2019

https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/11/Supplement_1

Mental Health, Migration and the Chinese Mega-City

[Reviewed earlier]

International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 8 (2019): Issue 1 (Jun 2019)

<https://brill.com/abstract/journals/hrlr/8/1/hrlr.8.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 6, No 11 (2019) November 2019

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/56>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 39 October 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/39/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 5, October 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/48/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 25, Issue 12 2019
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 5
<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/12/iss/5>
[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

December 2019 Volume 89, p1-196
[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(19\)X0018-1](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(19)X0018-1)
[New issue; No digest content identified]

International Migration Review

Volume 53 Issue 4, December 2019
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/mrx/current>
Immigration Enforcement and Migrant Precarity
[Health and Mental Health Effects of Local Immigration Enforcement](#)
Julia Shu-Huah Wang, Neeraj Kaushal
First Published October 5, 2018; pp. 970–1001

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

July-December 2019 Volume 17 | Issue 2 Page Nos. 117-318
<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>
Special issue on the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of Rohingya refugees
[Reviewed earlier]

JAMA

December 3, 2019, Vol 322, No. 21, Pages 2043-2146
<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
[New issue; No digest content identified]

JAMA Pediatrics

December 2019, Vol 173, No. 12, Pages 1119-1216
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
Viewpoint
[Adolescent Consent to Vaccination in the Age of Vaccine-Hesitant Parents](#)
Y. Tony Yang, ScD, LLM, MPH; Robert S. Olick, JD, PhD; Jana Shaw, MD, MPH
JAMA Pediatr. 2019;173(12):1123-1124. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2019.3330
Abstract

As children of vaccine-hesitant parents become adolescents, they develop their individual perspectives on vaccination. One of these adolescents, Ethan Lindenberger, researched vaccines, discussed them with trusted adults, and ultimately got vaccinated.¹ His testimony to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions made national headlines.¹ Many other adolescents are similarly seeking advice on how to get vaccinated. While vaccination against measles and other conditions occurs in early childhood, vaccine-hesitant parents have also refused human papillomavirus vaccination, routinely provided for adolescents beginning at age 11 or 12 years. And they have refused to let their children catch up on any missed early childhood vaccinations. Prior research has shown that adolescents feel generally marginalized in the decision-making process, yet they desire to participate in decisions.² Their main obstacle to vaccination is that most states require an individual to be 18 years or older to consent to medical procedures.³ We argue for expansion of the rights of adolescents to make their own decisions to be vaccinated against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases without requiring parental consent and involvement.

JBIR Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

November 2019 - Volume 17 - Issue 11

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Adolescent Health

December 2019 Volume 65, Issue 6, p709-824

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(18\)X0014-7](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(18)X0014-7)

Editorials

Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Expected to Reduce Human Papillomavirus–Associated Cancers and May Lessen Racial/Ethnic Disparities of Cancer Incidence

Joan R. Cates

p709–710

Published in issue: December 2019

Improving Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Reflections on the Past 25 Years

Charles E. Irwin Jr.

p713–714

Published in issue: December 2019

Original Articles

Declines in Vaccine-Type Human Papillomavirus Prevalence in Females Across Racial/Ethnic Groups: Data From a National Survey

Nancy M. McClung, Rayleen M. Lewis, Julia W. Gargano, Troy Querec, Elizabeth R. Unger, Lauri E. Markowitz

p715–722

Published online: September 9, 2019

Journal of Community Health

Volume 44, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/44/6>

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 40, Pages 1-332 (November–December 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/40/suppl/C>

Special Issue: Multidisciplinary study of the Sarno Baths in Pompeii

Edited by Lara Maritan, Caterina Previato, Filippo Lorenzoni

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2019: Volume 9 Issue 4

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/9/iss/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 141 November 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/141/suppl/C>

Special section on The Microeconomics of Conflict

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 14 Issue 5, December 2019

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

Special Issue: Empirical Studies in Empirical Ethics

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

December 2019 - Volume 73 - 12

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/73/12>

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 12, Issue 4 Pages: 233-336 November 2019

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 15, Issue 2, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>

Selected papers of the 2018 meetings of International Development Ethics Association & Groupe de Recherche en Economie Théorique et Appliquée

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 30, Number 4, November 2019

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/41160>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 5, Issue 4, 2019

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

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Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 9 Issue 1 2019

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

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Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 21, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/21/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 18, 2019_ Issue 1

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

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Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 220, Issue 6, 15 September 2019

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Journal of International Development

Volume 31, Issue 8 Pages: 689-804 November 2019

<https://onlinelibrarywiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

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Journal of Medical Ethics

December 2019 - Volume 45 - 12
<http://jme.bmj.com/content/current>
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Journal of Operations Management

Volume 65, Issue 7 Pages: 609-724 October 2019
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18731317/current>
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Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 6, Issue 4 (2019)
<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>
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December 2019 Volume 215, p1-292
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Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>
[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]
[No new digest content identified]

Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

November/December 2019 - Volume 25 - Issue 6
<https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/pages/currenttoc.aspx>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 40, Issue 4, December 2019
<https://link.springer.com/journal/41271/40/4>
Original Article

[Nigerian rural mothers' knowledge of routine childhood immunizations and attitudes about use of reminder text messages for promoting timely completion](#)

Oladimeji Oladepo, Isaac Oluwafemi Dipeolu...

Viewpoint

[Oil pipelines and food sovereignty: threat to health equity for Indigenous communities](#)

Michael E. Jonasson, Samuel J. Spiegel, Sarah Thomas...

Journal of Refugee & Global Health

Volume 2, Issue 2 (2019)

<https://ir.library.louisville.edu/rgh/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

01 December 2019 Volume 16 Issue 161

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 26, Issue 7, 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/jtm/issue/26/7>

[Reviewed earlier]

The Lancet

Dec 07, 2019 Volume 394 Number 10214 p2039-2124, e39-e42

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

Lecture

[Corruption in global health: the open secret](#)

Patricia J García

Summary

Corruption is embedded in health systems. Throughout my life—as a researcher, public health worker, and a Minister of Health—I have been able to see entrenched dishonesty and fraud. But despite being one of the most important barriers to implementing universal health coverage around the world, corruption is rarely openly discussed. In this Lecture, I outline the magnitude of the problem of corruption, how it started, and what is happening now. I also outline people's fears around the topic, what is needed to address corruption, and the responsibilities of the academic and research communities in all countries, irrespective of their level of economic development. Policy makers, researchers, and funders need to think about corruption as an important area of research in the same way we think about diseases. If we are really aiming to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure healthy lives for all, corruption in global health must no longer be an open secret.

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

Dec 2019 Volume 3 Number 12 p835-928, e14-e16

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

Comment

[Child labour and children's right to a better life](#)

Ana Lúcia Kassouf

Although Brazil's constitution prohibits all forms of hazardous or night work for people younger than 18 years, and all labour for people younger than 16 years (workers can become apprentices at age 14 years), some 2·5 million children and adolescents work in Brazil. Their rights to childhood and to education are often denied.

Lancet Digital Health

Nov 2019 Volume 1 Number 7e319-e374

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Lancet Global Health

Dec 2019 Volume 7 Number 12 e1584-e1735

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

Comment

[Integrated vaccine economics for countries transitioning from Gavi support](#)

Maarten van Wijhe, Lone Simonsen

[Global access to quality-assured medical products: the Oxford Statement and call to action](#)

Paul N Newton, Katherine C Bond on behalf of the Oxford Statement signatories

...In September, 2018, the first international Medicine Quality and Public Health Conference was held at Oxford University, UK, to discuss opportunities and solutions to ensure that all people have access to affordable and quality-assured medical products. Delegates developed the short Oxford Statement, calling for investment, policy change, and action to eliminate substandard and falsified medical products. The statement was born out of discussion between governments, national and international agencies, non-governmental organisations, professional associations, and academic institutions who together examined the latest evidence on the epidemiology and public health implications of substandard and falsified medical products. Here, we expand this statement with a call to action (panel) and research agenda (appendix 2)...

Articles

[Potential effect of age of BCG vaccination on global paediatric tuberculosis mortality: a modelling study](#)

Partho Roy, Johan Vekemans, Andrew Clark, Colin Sanderson, Rebecca C Harris, Richard G White

[Women and children living in areas of armed conflict in Africa: a geospatial analysis of mortality and orphanhood](#)

Zachary Wagner, Sam Heft-Neal, Paul H Wise, Robert E Black, Marshall Burke, Ties Boerma, Zulfiqar A Bhutta, Eran Bendavid

Lancet Infectious Diseases

Dec 2019 Volume 19 Number 12 p1265-1380, e404-e451

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

Editorial

[Infectious disease crisis in the Philippines](#)

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

[See Milestones above for detail]

Articles

Long-term immunity against yellow fever in children vaccinated during infancy: a longitudinal cohort study

A single dose of vaccine against yellow fever is routinely administered to infants aged 9–12 months under the Expanded Programme on Immunization, but the long-term outcome of vaccination in this age group is unknown. We aimed to evaluate the long-term persistence of neutralising antibodies to yellow fever virus following routine vaccination in infancy.

Cristina Domingo, Juliane Fraissinet, Patrick O Ansah, Corey Kelly, Niranjana Bhat, Samba O Sow, José E Mejía

Lancet Respiratory Medicine

Dec 2019 Volume 7 Number 12 p993-1084, e37-e40

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Maternal and Child Health Journal

Volume 23, Issue 12, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10995/23/11>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Volume 39 Issue 8, November 2019

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

The Milbank Quarterly

A Multidisciplinary Journal of Population Health and Health Policy

Volume 97, Issue 3 Pages: 621-880 September 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680009/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

Nature

Volume 576 Issue 7785, 5 December 2019

http://www.nature.com/nature/current_issue.html

Genomes from Asia

To date, human genetic studies have focused largely on Europeans, which has limited the diversity of individuals represented in the genetic data sets. With a plan to sequence and analyse the genomes of 100,000 Asian individuals, the [GenomeAsia 100K](#) project aims to play a major part in plugging that gap. In this week's issue, the consortium presents the data from the pilot phase of the project: a whole-genome reference data set from 1,739 individuals of 219 population groups and 64 countries across Asia. The researchers use the data to catalogue genetic variation, population structure and disease associations. They also find that Asia has sizeable founder populations, where groups have broken away from the original population to form a new one, and suggest further study of these could help identify genes associated with rare diseases.

Editorial | 04 December 2019

[Expensive treatments for genetic disorders are arriving. But who should foot the bill?](#)

The majority of people with sickle-cell disease are live in the world's poorest communities and cannot afford the eye-watering costs of treatments.

News Feature | 04 December 2019

[Gene therapy is facing its biggest challenge yet](#)

After finally gaining traction as a potential treatment for certain genetic disorders, gene therapy tackles the challenge of sickle-cell disease.

Heidi Ledford

Comment | 03 December 2019

[Crack down on genomic surveillance](#)

Corporations selling DNA-profiling technology are aiding human-rights abuses. Governments, legislators, researchers, reviewers and publishers must act.

Yves Moreau

Article | 04 December 2019 | Open Access

[The GenomeAsia 100K Project enables genetic discoveries across Asia](#)

Using whole-genome sequencing data from 1,739 individuals, the GenomeAsia 100K Project catalogues genetic variation, population structure and disease associations to facilitate genetic studies in Asian populations and increase representation in genetics studies worldwide.

Jeffrey D. Wall

, Eric W. Stawiski[[...](#)] & Andrew S. Peterson

Nature Biotechnology

Volume 37 Issue 12, December 2019

<https://www.nature.com/nbt/volumes/37/issues/12>

Patents | 03 December 2019

[Access and openness in biotechnology research collaborations between universities and industry](#)

An empirical study of publicly funded collaborative research projects in biotechnology identifies contractual provisions that govern the extent of access to and openness of research results.

Knut Jørgen Egelie, Haakon Thue Lie[[...](#)] & Roger Sørheim

Review Article | 03 June 2019

[Gene editing for immune cell therapies](#)

Bailey and Maus discuss cutting-edge developments in engineering immune cells towards expanding the reach and efficacy of adoptive cell therapies in cancer and beyond.

Stefanie R. Bailey & Marcela V. Maus

Nature Genetics

Volume 51 Issue 12, December 2019

<https://www.nature.com/ng/volumes/51/issues/12>

Mapping the regulatory wiring of the genome

The human genome encodes millions of enhancers (tangled balls) that quantitatively tune the expression of 21,000 genes (arrows). The regulatory wiring connecting enhancers to their target genes has remained elusive. In this issue, Fulco, Nasser and colleagues develop new experimental and computational approaches to map this complex wiring, and demonstrate their utility in interpreting the functions of genetic variants associated with human diseases.

Editorial | 29 November 2019

[A year in genetics](#)

As the year comes to a close and we start to look ahead to 2020, we thought that we would highlight some of our favorite Nature Genetics papers from 2019. This snapshot also captures some of the topics and themes in genetics that we are most excited to see develop in the near future.

Nature Medicine

Volume 25 Issue 12, December 2019

<https://www.nature.com/nm/volumes/25/issues/12>

Turning Points | 05 December 2019

[Finding a cure for sickle cell disease](#)

Julie Makani is an associate professor in the Department of Haematology and Blood Transfusion at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Dar es Salaam, where she helped Tanzania establish one of the world's largest single-center study cohorts for sickle cell disease. She received the 2011 Royal Society Africa Award on the translation of genomics to health benefits.

Julie Makani

Comment | 25 November 2019

[Benefit Corporation: a path to affordable gene therapies?](#)

With the growing number of efficient gene therapies on the market, now is the time to take actions to ensure reasonable pricing of gene therapy products. Among these, we propose to incentivize gene therapy companies to adopt a status that translates their corporate social responsibility into concrete commitments.

Alain Fischer, Mathias Dewatripont & Michel Goldman

Nature Reviews Genetics

Volume 20 Issue 12, December 2019

<https://www.nature.com/nrg/volumes/20/issues/12>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

New England Journal of Medicine

December 5, 2019 Vol. 381 No. 23

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

Perspective

[Preparing for the Next Pandemic — The WHO's Global Influenza Strategy](#)

Mark Eccleston-Turner, Ph.D., Alexandra Phelan, S.J.D., and Rebecca Katz, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Given the ongoing threat posed by influenza, the WHO earlier this year released its Global Influenza Strategy 2019–2030. Although the strategy is a welcome step, additional challenges will test its effectiveness unless efforts are made to ensure that they are addressed.

Original Articles

Phase 3 Efficacy Analysis of a Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine Trial in Nepal

Mila Shakya, M.P.H., and others for the TyVAC Nepal Study Team*

Salmonella Typhi is a major cause of fever in children in low- and middle-income countries. A typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) that was recently prequalified by the World Health Organization was shown to be efficacious in a human challenge model, but data from efficacy trials in areas where typhoid is endemic are lacking.

Editorials

Parting the Clouds over Typhoid with a New Conjugate Vaccine

Florian Marks, Ph.D., and Jerome H. Kim, M.D.

Typhoid fever is caused by fecal–oral transmission of *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhi (*S. Typhi*). It has been a deadly companion to mankind for centuries, affecting 10.9 million persons and resulting in an estimated 116,800 deaths per year.¹ Although vaccines against typhoid have been available for more than a century and have been shown to be protective,^{2,3} the approved vaccines (injectable Vi polysaccharide and oral, live-attenuated Ty21a typhoid vaccines) have not been useful in populations with a high typhoid burden, particularly in young children.⁴ To address this shortfall, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as other donors, has supported . . .

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 48 Issue 6, December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Pediatrics

November 01, 2019; Volume 144, Issue 5

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/144/5?current-issue=y>

[Reviewed earlier]

Pharmaceutics

Volume 11, Issue 11 (November 2019)

<https://www.mdpi.com/1999-4923/11/11>

[Reviewed earlier]

PharmacoEconomics

Volume 37, Issue 12, December 2019

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40273/37/12>

Systematic Review

The Use of Risk-Sharing Contracts in Healthcare: Theoretical and Empirical Assessments

Over 20 studies proposed different taxonomies of risk-sharing contracts, which can be summarised as financial and paying-for-performance agreements. Theoretical studies modelling the incentives to implement risk-sharing agreements are scarce; they addressed different types of contracts and regulatory contexts, characterizing the drug prices and the optimal strategies of the involved agents.

Empirical studies describing specific agreements are abundant and referred to different geographical contexts; however, few articles showed the economic results and assessed the value of such contracts. Stakeholders' perceptions of risk-sharing contracting were favourable, but little is known about the economic and clinical advantages of specific agreements. Whether risk-sharing contracts have yielded the desired results for healthcare systems remains uncertain.. Risk-sharing contracts are increasingly used, although the lack of transparency and aggregated registries makes it difficult to learn from these experiences and assess their impact on healthcare systems.
Fernando Antonanzas, Carmelo Juárez-Castelló, Reyes Lorente...

PLoS Genetics

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

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PLoS Medicine

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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

(Accessed 7 Dec 2019)

[No new digest content identified]

PLoS One

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

Research Article

Results from one-year use of an electronic Clinical Decision Support System in a post-conflict context: An implementation research

In 2017, the Adamawa State Primary Healthcare Development Agency introduced ALMANACH, an electronic clinical decision support system based on a modified version of IMCI. The target area was the Federal State of Adamawa (Nigeria), a region recovering after the Boko Haram insurgency. The aim of this implementation research was to assess the improvement in terms of quality care offered after one year of utilization of the tool

Andrea Bernasconi, Francois Crabbé, Ajibola Margret Adedeji, Attahiru Bello, Torsten Schmitz, Marco Landi, Rodolfo Rossi

| published 02 Dec 2019 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0225634>

The opportunities and risks of mobile phones for refugees' experience: A scoping review

The present review analyzed scientific contributions in Humanistic and Social Sciences with the aim to provide an overview of existing studies on the role of mobile phones (MPs) on refugees' experience,

and to inform practice and policymaking for advancing the use of MPs for the protection of migrants' human rights.

Tiziana Mancini, Federica Sibilla, Dimitris Argiropoulos, Michele Rossi, Marina Everri

Research Article | published 02 Dec 2019 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0225684>

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 6 - December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Preventive Medicine

Volume 129 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/preventive-medicine/vol/129/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Proceedings of the Royal Society B

04 December 2019 Volume 286 Issue 1916

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

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Public Health

Volume 177 Pages A1-A4, 1-144 (December 2019)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/public-health/vol/177/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[What the public think about participation in medical research during an influenza pandemic: an international cross-sectional survey](#)

N. Gobat, C.C. Butler, J. Mollison, N.A. Francis, ... A. Nichol

Pages 80-94

Research article Abstract only

[A systematic approach to map the adolescent human papillomavirus vaccine decision and identify intervention strategies to address vaccine hesitancy](#)

S. Marshall, L.J. Sahm, A.C. Moore, A. Fleming

Pages 71-79

Public Health Ethics

Volume 12, Issue 2, July 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Public Health Reports

Volume 134 Issue 6, November/December 2019

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/phrg/134/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

Qualitative Health Research

Volume 29 Issue 14, December 2019

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

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Refugee Survey Quarterly

Volume 38, Issue 4, December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública/Pan American Journal of Public Health (RPSP/PAJPH)

<https://www.paho.org/journal/en>

Latest articles

[No new digest content identified]

Risk Analysis

Volume 39, Issue 12 Pages: 2599-2790 December 2019

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15396924/current>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Risk Management and Healthcare Policy

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

[No new digest content identified]

Science

06 December 2019 Vol 366, Issue 6470

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Science Translational Medicine

27 November 2019 Vol 11, Issue 520

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 242 December 2019

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/social-science-and-medicine/vol/242/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Stability: International Journal of Security & Development

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

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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>

[Reviewed earlier]

Systematic Reviews

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

[Accessed 7 Dec 2019]

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Torture Journal

2019 Volume 29 - No.2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 20 Issue 5, December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

Volume 31 September–October 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Tropical Medicine & International Health

Volume 24, Issue 12 Pages: i-iv, 1341-1475 December 2019

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

Reviews

Experimental infections in humans—historical and ethical reflections

W. G. Metzger, H.-J. Ehni, P. G. Kremsner, B. G. Mordmüller,

Pages: 1384-1390

First Published: 26 October 2019

Abstract

Vaccine efficacy and prophylactic treatment of infections are tested best when the vaccinated or treated individual is challenged through deliberate infection with the respective pathogen. However, this trial design calls for particular ethical caution. Awareness of the history of challenge trials is indispensable, including trials that were problematic or even connected to abuse. We briefly introduce historical aspects of experimental infections in humans and the ethical debate around them and give estimates of the numbers of volunteers participating in human experimental infection models. Challenge models can offer a great chance and benefit for the development of medical interventions to fight infectious diseases, but only when they are appropriately controlled and regulated.

UN Chronicle

Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

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

New Technologies: Where To?

This issue focuses on new technologies and their potential benefits for humanity as well as their expanding use in advancing the 2030 Agenda. It explores the promise of our digital age, while posing

important questions about where these technologies are leading us, and how their misuse could also lead to increased inequality and conflict.

[Reviewed earlier]

Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 14, Issue 4, 2019

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rvch20/current>

[Reviewed earlier]

World Heritage Review

World Heritage n°93 - November 2019

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/92/>

Special Issue - The Silk Roads

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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