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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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COVID-19 :: "Global Ceasefire"

Secretary-General Calls for Global Ceasefire, Citing War-Ravaged Health Systems, Populations Most Vulnerable to Novel Coronavirus

23 March 2020 SG/SM/20018

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' appeal for a global ceasefire amid the COVID-19 pandemic, issued today in New York:

Our world faces a common enemy: COVID-19. The virus does not care about nationality or ethnicity, faction or faith. It attacks all, relentlessly.

Meanwhile, armed conflict rages on around the world. The most vulnerable — women and children, people with disabilities, the marginalized and the displaced — pay the highest price. They are also at the highest risk of suffering devastating losses from COVID-19.

Let's not forget that in war-ravaged countries, health systems have collapsed. Health professionals, already few in number, have often been targeted. Refugees and others displaced by violent conflict are doubly vulnerable.

The fury of the virus illustrates the folly of war.

That is why today, I am calling for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world. It is time to put armed conflict on lockdown and focus together on the true fight of our lives.

To warring parties, I say: Pull back from hostilities. Put aside mistrust and animosity. Silence the guns, stop the artillery, end the airstrikes.

This is crucial — to help create corridors for life-saving aid. To open precious windows for diplomacy. To bring hope to places among the most vulnerable to COVID-19.

Let us take inspiration from coalitions and dialogue slowly taking shape among rival parties to enable joint approaches to COVID-19. But we need much more.

End the sickness of war and fight the disease that is ravaging our world. It starts by stopping the fighting everywhere. Now. That is what our human family needs, now more than ever.

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COVID-19 :: G20

Remarks by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva During an Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit

March 26, 2020

International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva made the following statement today following a conference call of G20 Leaders' Summit:

"I am grateful to the Saudi presidency for calling this extraordinary summit – so we can close ranks as a global community to protect people's lives and guard the world economy. We project a contraction of global output in 2020, and recovery in 2021. How deep the contraction and how fast the recovery depends on the speed of containment of the pandemic and on how strong and coordinated our monetary and fiscal policy actions are.

"You, the G20 leaders, have already taken extraordinary steps to save lives and safeguard your economies.

"Particularly critical is the targeted fiscal support to vulnerable households and to large and small businesses, so they can stay afloat and get quickly back to work. Otherwise it will take years to overcome the effects of widespread bankruptcies and layoffs.

"Such support will accelerate the eventual recovery, and put us in a better condition to tackle challenges such as debt overhangs and disrupted trade flows.

"And it is paramount we recognize the importance of supporting emerging market and developing economies to overcome the brunt of the crisis and help restore growth. They find themselves particularly hard hit by a combination of health crisis, sudden stop of the world economy, capital flight to safety, and – for some – sharp drop in commodity prices. These countries are the main focus of our attention. We have a considerable, \$1 trillion strong, financial capacity to place in their defense, working closely with the World Bank and other International Financial Institutions (IFIs).

The challenge though is enormous:

- :: Exceptionally large number of countries simultaneously require IMF emergency financing.
- :: Emerging markets are dramatically impacted by record high capital outflows and severe shortage of FX liquidity
- :: Many low income countries step into this crisis under a high burden of debt.

"We must act at par with the magnitude of the challenge. For us at the IMF it means working with you to make our crisis response even stronger. For this we ask your backing to:

- :: Double our emergency financing capacity.**
- :: Boost global liquidity through a sizeable SDR (Special Drawing Right) allocation, as we successfully did during the 2009 global crisis and by expanding the use of swap type facilities at the Fund**
- :: Support action of official bilateral creditors to ease the debt burden of our poorest members during the times of global downturn.**

"We will get through this crisis together. Together we will lay the ground for a faster and stronger recovery."

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COVID-19 :: UN Funding Appeal – USD\$2 billion

[A global approach is the only way to fight COVID-19, the UN says as it launches humanitarian response plan](#)

OCHA 25 March 2020

:: UN humanitarian chief warns that failing to help vulnerable countries fight the coronavirus now could place millions at risk and leave the virus free to circle back around the globe.

:: UN launches US\$2 billion global humanitarian response to fight COVID-19 across South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

:: Governments urged to commit to fully supporting the global humanitarian response plan, while sustaining funding to existing humanitarian appeals.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today [Wednesday, 25 March] launched [a \\$2 billion coordinated global humanitarian response plan to fight COVID-19](#) in some of the world's most vulnerable countries in a bid to protect millions of people and stop the virus from circling back around the globe.

COVID-19 has killed more than 16,000 people worldwide and there are nearly 400,000 reported cases. It has a foothold across the globe and is now reaching countries that were already facing humanitarian crisis because of conflict, natural disasters and climate change.

The response plan will be implemented by UN agencies, with international NGOs and NGO consortia playing a direct role in the response. It will:

- :: deliver essential laboratory equipment to test for the virus, and medical supplies to treat people;
- :: install handwashing stations in camps and settlements;
- :: launch public information campaigns on how to protect yourself and others from the virus; and
- :: establish airbridges and hubs across Africa, Asia and Latin America to move humanitarian workers and supplies to where they are needed most.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said:

"COVID-19 is menacing the whole of humanity – and so the whole of humanity must fight back. Individual country responses are not going to be enough. "We must come to the aid of the ultra-vulnerable – millions upon millions of people who are least able to protect themselves. This is a matter of basic human solidarity. It is also crucial for combating the virus. This is the moment to step up for the vulnerable."

Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Mark Lowcock said:

"COVID-19 has already upended life in some of the world's wealthiest countries. It is now reaching places where people live in warzones, cannot easily access clean water and soap, and have no hope of a hospital bed if they fall critically ill.

"To leave the world's poorest and most vulnerable countries to their fate would be both cruel and unwise. If we leave coronavirus to spread freely in these places, we would be placing millions at high risk, whole regions will be tipped into chaos and the virus will have the opportunity to circle back around the globe.

"Countries battling the pandemic at home are rightly prioritizing people living in their own communities. But the hard truth is they will be failing to protect their own people if they do not act now to help the poorest countries protect themselves.

"Our priority is to help these countries prepare and continue helping the millions who rely on humanitarian assistance from the UN to survive. Properly funded, our global response effort will equip humanitarian organizations with the tools to fight the virus, save lives, and help contain the spread of COVID-19 worldwide."...

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COVID-19 :: Detention

[Urgent action needed to prevent COVID-19 "rampaging through places of detention" – Bachelet](#)

GENEVA (25 March 2020) – UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet has called on governments to take urgent action to protect the health and safety of people in detention and other closed facilities, as part of overall efforts to contain the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Covid-19 has begun to strike prisons, jails and immigration detention centres, as well as residential care homes and psychiatric hospitals, and risks rampaging through such institutions' extremely vulnerable populations," said Bachelet.

"In many countries, detention facilities are overcrowded, in some cases dangerously so. People are often held in unhygienic conditions and health services are inadequate or even non-existent. Physical distancing and self-isolation in such conditions are practically impossible," she added.

"Governments are facing huge demands on resources in this crisis and are having to take difficult decisions. But I urge them not to forget those behind bars, or those confined in places such as closed mental health facilities, nursing homes and orphanages, because the consequences of neglecting them are potentially catastrophic," the High Commissioner said.

"It is vital that governments should address the situation of detained people in their crisis planning to protect detainees, staff, visitors and of course wider society," she added.

"With outbreaks of the disease, and an increasing number of deaths, already reported in prisons and other institutions in an expanding number of countries, authorities should act now to prevent further loss of life among detainees and staff," Bachelet said.

The High Commissioner urged governments and relevant authorities to work quickly to reduce the number of people in detention, noting several countries have already undertaken some positive actions. Authorities should examine ways to release those particularly vulnerable to COVID-19, among

them older detainees and those who are sick, as well as low-risk offenders. They should also continue to provide for the specific health-care requirements of women prisoners, including those who are pregnant, as well as those of inmates with disabilities and of juvenile detainees.

"Now, more than ever, governments should release every person detained without sufficient legal basis, including political prisoners and others detained simply for expressing critical or dissenting views," Bachelet stressed.

When people are released, they should be medically screened and measures taken to ensure that if needed they receive care and proper follow-up, including health monitoring.

"Under international human rights law, States have an obligation to take steps to prevent foreseeable threats to public health and have a duty to ensure that all who need vital medical care can receive it," Bachelet said.

For those in detention, the State has a particular duty to protect inmates' physical and mental health and well-being, as set out by the [UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners](#) (also known as the [Nelson Mandela Rules](#)).

Measures taken amid a health crisis should not undermine the fundamental rights of detained people, including their rights to adequate food and water. Safeguards against ill-treatment of people in custody, including access to a lawyer and doctor, should also be fully respected.

"Restrictions on visits to closed institutions may be required to help prevent COVID-19 outbreaks, but such steps need to be introduced in a transparent way and communicated clearly to those affected. Suddenly halting contact with the outside world risks aggravating what may be tense, difficult and potentially dangerous situations," Bachelet said. She noted examples of alternative measures taken in some countries, such as setting up expanded videoconferencing, allowing increased phone calls with family members and permitting email.

"COVID-19 poses a huge challenge to the whole of society, as governments take steps to enforce physical distancing. It is vital such measures are upheld, but I am deeply concerned that some countries are threatening to impose prison sentences for those who fail to obey. This is likely to exacerbate the grave situation in prisons and do little to halt the disease's spread," Bachelet warned. "Imprisonment should be a measure of last resort, particularly during this crisis."

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COVID-19 :: Camps

Interim Guidance on Scaling-up COVID-19 Outbreak in Readiness and Response Operations in Camps and Camp-like Settings (jointly developed by IFRC, IOM, UNHCR and WHO)
Posted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020

People affected by humanitarian crises, particularly those displaced and/or living in camps and camp-like settings, are often faced with specific challenges and vulnerabilities that must be taken into consideration when planning for readiness and response operations for the COVID-19 outbreak. They are frequently neglected, stigmatized, and may face difficulties in accessing health services that are

otherwise available to the general population. In the context of this Interim Guidance, the people in humanitarian situations affected by this guidance may include internally displaced persons (IDPs), host communities, asylum seekers, refugees and returnees, and migrants when in similar situations. While further adaptations might be needed for some population groups, including those living in slums this interim guidance is issued to assist field staff to immediately respond to urgent needs.

PDF: [IASC Interim Guidance on COVID-19 for Outbreak Readiness and Response Operations - Camps and Camp-like Settings.pdf](#)

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COVID-19 :: Humanitarian Flight Operations

ICAO assisting with humanitarian flight operations during COVID-19

Montréal, 25 March 2020 – As part of its ongoing efforts in the global response to COVID-19, ICAO has taken action to assist the **United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)**, managed by the World Food Programme (WFP), as it continues to try to deliver reliable and effective passenger and light cargo transport during the COVID-19 pandemic in support of wide-ranging humanitarian goals.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recently drew attention to the fact that the COVID-19 virus “does not care about nationality or ethnicity, faction or faith. It attacks all, relentlessly.” He underscored that as armed conflicts still rage around the world, “the most vulnerable — women and children, people with disabilities, the marginalized and the displaced — pay the highest price.”

With WFP facing difficulties in keeping abreast of global airport closures, posing risks to the reliable transport of relief staff and supplies, ICAO assisted with a new app it had already been developing to monitor government aeronautical information for up-to-the-minute airport closure updates.

ICAO’s Regional Offices have been actively coordinating with WFP counterparts and have been assisting with their efforts to expand MEDEVACS capacity globally and to establish seven dependable hub airports to support its worldwide humanitarian flight operations...

“UNHAS operations are critical to many citizens and societies no matter the global situation, and in many instances they are the only option for getting supplies to the world's most remote and challenging locations,” noted ICAO Secretary General Dr. Fang Liu. “As we work together to respond to a global pandemic they become even more important, however, and therefore throughout the COVID-19 pandemic we’re calling on governments to be cognizant and proactive in assuring and supporting these vital air services.”

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COVID-19 :: Education

UNESCO rallies international organizations, civil society and private sector partners in a broad Coalition to ensure #LearningNeverStops

26/03/2020

At a time of when 87% of the world's student population is affected by COVID-19 school closures, UNESCO is launching a [global education coalition](#) to support countries in scaling up their best distance learning practices and reaching children and youth who are most at risk.

Over 1.5 billion learners in 165 countries are affected by COVID-19 school closures.

"Never before have we witnessed educational disruption on such a scale," said UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay. "Partnership is the only way forward. This Coalition is a call for coordinated and innovative action to unlock solutions that will not only support learners and teachers now, but through the recovery process, with a principle focus on inclusion and equity."...

Multilateral partners, including the International Labor Organization, the UN High Commission for Refugees, The United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme and the International Telecommunication Union, as well as the Global Partnership for Education, Education Cannot Wait, the OIF (Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie) the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the Asian Development Bank have joined the Coalition, stressing the need for swift and coordinated support to countries in order to mitigate the adverse impacts of school closures, in particular for the most disadvantaged.

The private sector, including, Microsoft, GSMA, Weidong, Google, Facebook, Zoom, KPMG and Coursera have also joined the Coalition, contributing resources and their expertise around technology, notably connectivity, and capacity strengthening. Companies using learner and educational data have committed to uphold ethical standards.

Philanthropic and non-profit organizations, including Khan Academy, Dubai Cares, Profuturo and Sesame Street are also part of the Coalition, mobilizing their resources and services to support schools, teachers, parents and learners during this time of unparalleled educational disruption.

Media outlets are also invited to join the Coalition, as has done the BBC World Service as part of its commitment to supporting young people in lockdown across the globe. The BBC will be producing advice, stories, and media education materials to help isolated young people understand how the Coronavirus may affect them...

Specifically, the Coalition aims to:

- :: Help countries in mobilizing resources and implementing innovative and context-appropriate solutions to provide education remotely, leveraging hi-tech, low-tech and no-tech approaches
- :: Seek equitable solutions and universal access
- :: Ensure coordinated responses and avoid overlapping efforts
- :: Facilitate the return of students to school when they reopen to avoid an upsurge in dropout rates

"We are working together to find a way to make sure that children everywhere can continue their education, with special care to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, in a video message marking the Coalition's launch, together with UNESCO Director-General and other personalities.

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COVID-19 :: Fake Medicines

COVID-19: WCO launches an IPR CENcomm Group for data exchange on counterfeit medical supplies and fake medicines

25 March 2020

While the world is gripped by the fight against COVID-19, criminal organizations have turned this global pandemic into an opportunity to carry out their fraudulent activities, particularly by trafficking counterfeit medical supplies such as face masks and medical gloves.

Recognizing the importance of permanent and real-time exchange of relevant information to fight these criminal activities, the World Customs Organization (WCO) launched the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) CENcomm Group on the newly modernized CENcomm 3.0 platform.

"The WCO stands for a united and strong response to any crisis, which affects the global supply chain and safety of societies," said WCO Secretary General Dr. Kunio Mikuriya. "This new IPR CENcomm group will globally enhance real-time intelligence sharing on fake medical supplies and medicines and enable Customs worldwide to fight illicit trade. Organized criminal groups will not be the winner in this challenge," added Dr. Mikuriya.

This tool, a web-based communication system, will allow a closed user group of Customs officers to exchange intelligence information, messages and alerts via secure channels. This information exchange will empower and enhance participating administrations' risk management and enforcement operations in the areas of countering IPR infringements and consumers safety capacity.

The WCO urges its 183 Members to register for the IPR CENcomm Group and to submit the details of their national contact points of this group.

The WCO is constantly monitoring the development of this situation and is updating its Members on any new development through the [dedicated WCO webpage](#).

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COVID-19 :: Immunization

WHO: Guiding principles for immunization activities during the COVID-19 pandemic **Interim guidance - 26 March 2020**

This document provides guiding principles and considerations to support countries in their decision-making regarding provision of immunization services during the COVID-19 pandemic and is endorsed by the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization. It is complemented by a range of WHO technical materials on response and mitigation measures for COVID-19.⁴ Each country will need to make individual risk assessments based on the local dynamics of COVID-19 transmission, immunization and health system characteristics, and current VPD epidemiology in their setting.

Guiding Principles

1. Immunization is a core health service that should be prioritized for the prevention of communicable diseases and safeguarded for continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic, where feasible.⁵ Immunization delivery strategies may need to be adapted and should be conducted under safe conditions, without undue harm to health workers, caregivers and the community.⁶

2. VPD surveillance should be maintained and reinforced to enable early detection and management of VPD cases, and where feasible, contribute to surveillance of COVID-19.

3. National authorities will need to continuously monitor the dynamics of COVID-19 in their country or region. National Immunization Technical Advisory Groups (NITAGs) have an important role in providing advice with respect to the maintenance, adaptation, suspension and/or reinstatement of immunization services.

4. If provision of immunization services is negatively impacted by COVID-19, countries will need to design strategies for catch-up vaccination for the period post COVID-19 outbreak and make plans which anticipate a gradual recovery. Implementation of catch-up will require strategies to track and follow-up with individuals who missed vaccinations, assess immunity gaps, and re-establish community demand. Innovation and creativity will be required.

5. Based on the current understanding of transmission of the COVID-19 virus and recommendations for physical distancing, mass vaccination campaigns should be temporarily suspended. Countries should monitor and re-evaluate at regular intervals the necessity for delaying mass vaccination campaigns.

6. The conduct of outbreak response mass vaccination campaigns will require a careful risk-benefit analysis on a case-by-case basis, assessing risks of a delayed response against the risks associated with an immediate response, both in terms of morbidity and mortality for the VPD and the potential impact of further transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

7. Where feasible, influenza vaccination of health workers, older adults, and pregnant women is advised.⁷

Related documents

:: [Guidance for health-care workers during COVID-19](#)

:: [COVID-19: Operational guidance for maintaining essential health services during an outbreak](#)

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Statement

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the disruption of immunization and basic health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

NEW YORK, 26 March 2020: "Around the world, the COVID-19 pandemic is overstressing health services as health workers are diverted to support the response.

"Physical distancing is leading parents to make the difficult decision to defer routine immunization.

"Medical goods are in short supply and supply chains are under historic strain due to transport disruptions. Flight cancellations and trade restrictions by countries have severely constrained access to essential medicines, including vaccines.

"As the pandemic progresses, critical life-saving services, including immunization, will likely be disrupted, especially in Africa, Asia and the Middle East where they are sorely needed.

"At the greatest risk are children from the poorest families in countries affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

"We are particularly concerned about countries that are battling measles, cholera or polio outbreaks while responding to COVID-19 cases, such as Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia, the Philippines, Syria and South Sudan. Not only would such outbreaks tax already stretched health services, they could also lead to additional loss of lives and suffering. At a time like this, these countries can ill-afford to face additional outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.

"The message is clear: We must not allow lifesaving health interventions to fall victim to our efforts to address COVID-19.

"UNICEF is committed to supporting basic health care and immunization needs in the worst affected countries, and to doing so in a way that limits the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We are working hard to ensure adequate vaccine supplies are available in countries that need them. We are in close communication with global vaccine suppliers to ensure production is not disrupted and supply is managed in the best possible manner under these difficult circumstances. We are also providing greater support to governments to continue the supply of vaccines during this pandemic.

"In the days to come, governments may have to temporarily postpone preventive mass vaccination campaigns in many places to ensure that the delivery of immunization services does not contribute to COVID-19 spread, and to follow recommendations on physical distancing.

"UNICEF strongly recommends that all governments begin rigorous planning now to intensify immunization activities once the COVID -19 pandemic is under control. These vaccination activities must focus on children who will miss vaccine doses during this period of interruption and prioritize the poorest and most vulnerable children. To successfully roll-out vaccines against COVID -19 when they become available, we need to ensure that our immunization programmes remain robust and can reach those that will need these vaccines the most.

"Immunization remains a life-saving health intervention. As the world's biggest buyer and supplier of vaccines, UNICEF will continue to play a pivotal role in supporting governments' current and future immunization efforts."

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Editor's Note:

We certainly recognize the velocity of global developments in the COVID-19 pandemic. While we have concentrated the most current key reports just below, COVID-19 announcements, analysis and commentary will be found throughout this issue, in all sections.

Beyond the considerable continuing coverage in the global general media:

:: Daily WHO situation reports here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>

:: WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) daily press briefings here:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/media-resources/press-briefings>

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Situation report - 67 [WHO]

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

27 March 2020

[Excerpts]

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally

509 164 confirmed (46 484)

23 335 deaths (2501)

Western Pacific Region

100 018 confirmed (960)

3567 deaths (27)

European Region

286 697 confirmed (36 414)

16 105 deaths (2155)

South-East Asia Region

2932 confirmed (396)

105 deaths (26)

Eastern Mediterranean Region

35 249 confirmed (2807)

2336 deaths (174)

Region of the Americas

81 137 confirmed (5425)

1176 deaths (111)

African Region

2419 confirmed (482)

39 deaths (8)

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

Global Level – Very High

HIGHLIGHTS

:: Two new countries/territories/areas from the Region of the Americas [2] have reported cases of COVID-19.

:: The total global number of COVID-19 cases has surpassed 500 000.

:: Addressing the Extraordinary Summit on COVID-19, the WHO Director-General called on G20 leaders to fight, unite, and ignite against COVID-19.

:: WHO concluded the technical support mission to Egypt on 25 March 2020. More information can be found on the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office site.

:: OpenWHO celebrates 1 million enrollments today. Seventy percent of the total enrollments are on COVID-19 resources, reflecting the critical role the platform is playing in supporting the response to the pandemic. On 25 March, a new course was launched describing how to design and operate treatment centres for the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 resources are hosted on two learning channels: one for courses in official WHO languages and a second for courses in additional national languages.

:: The number of countries implementing additional health measures that significantly interfere with international traffic has increased since the declaration of COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern. The United Nations World Tourism Organization launched a Crisis Committee to review the impact of the outbreak on the aviation, shipping and tourism sectors and propose innovative solutions for recovery.

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 85: 24 March 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation Update

No new cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) have been reported since 17 February 2020. The last person confirmed to have Ebola was discharged from an Ebola Treatment Centre on 3 March 2020 after recovering and testing negative for the virus twice. The last 46 contacts finished their follow-up period on 9 March 2020. These developments are significant milestones in this outbreak. There is, however, still a high risk of re-emergence of EVD, and it is critical to maintain response activities to rapidly detect and respond to any new cases, and to continue ongoing support and health monitoring operations for EVD survivors – as outlined in the WHO recommended criteria for declaring the end of the EVD outbreak.

Extensive surveillance, pathogen detection, and clinical management activities in previously affected areas continue, including alert validation, rapid diagnosis of suspected cases, and building of partnerships with community members to strengthen investigation of potential community EVD deaths...

...Conclusion

Given the challenges related to continued insecurity and population displacement in previous hotspots, limited access to some affected communities, and potential shortages of resources required to carry out response activities, there remains a high risk of re-emergence of the virus in the period leading up to the declaration of the end of the outbreak, as well as for several months following that declaration. In order to mitigate the risk of re-emergence, it is essential to maintain surveillance and rapid response capacities, prioritize survivor care, and maintain cooperative relationships with survivors' associations.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 25 March 2020

:: The COVID-19 emergency means that many aspects of the polio eradication programme will be affected. In light of the situation, the Polio Oversight Board (POB) has come up with a set of recommendations for polio eradicators...*[See Milestones above for detail]*

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

- :: **Afghanistan:** four WPV1 positive environmental samples
- :: **Pakistan:** two WPV1 cases and six WPV1 positive environmental samples
- :: **Central African Republic:** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **Angola:** two cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Cameroon:** one cVDPV2 case and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Chad:** five cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: **Côte d'Ivoire:** two cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: **Ethiopia :** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: **Malaysia:** one cVDPV1 case
- :: **Ghana:** two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 28 Mar 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 85: 24 March 2020

[See Ebola above for detail]

Mozambique floods

:: World Health Organization: Five cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Mozambique 26 March 2020

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 28 Mar 2020]

Niger

:: Niger : Table ronde des PTF pour le financement du plan global de réponse à la pandémie...

26 mars 2020

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*
Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*
Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*
Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*
Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*
Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*
HIV in Pakistan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Iran - *No new digest announcements identified*
Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*
Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*
Malawi - *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*
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 28 Mar 2020]

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

:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Situation Report No. 11 - As of 27 March 2020
:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Update No. 03 - 25 March 2020

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.

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth - *No new digest announcements identified*

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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

27 March 2020

ORG/1706

Rapid Suppression of COVID-19 Transmission 'Must Be Our Common Strategy', Secretary-General Stresses in Virtual Briefing to Member States

Solidarity is “the first line of defence” against the COVID-19 pandemic threatening to wipe out years of development gains and throw millions of people back into poverty, the highest-ranking United Nations officials warned today as they briefed Member States on the Organization’s response to the crisis.

27 March 2020

SG/SM/20026

Secretary-General Briefs Delegations, Main Organ Heads on Broad COVID-19 Response, Stresses 'We have Never Worked So Closely' Despite Remote Conditions

25 March 2020

SG/SM/20021

Secretary-General Announces \$2 Billion Humanitarian Response Plan to Help 'Ultra-Vulnerable' Combat COVID-19 Pandemic

23 March 2020

SG/SM/20018

Secretary-General Calls for Global Ceasefire, Citing War-Ravaged Health Systems, Populations Most Vulnerable to Novel Coronavirus

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Top News

[Press briefing note on Hungary](#)

[Press briefing note on Ethiopia](#)

[Press briefing note on Sri Lanka](#)

[Press briefing note on Uganda](#)

[States must combat domestic violence in the context of COVID-19 lockdowns – UN rights expert](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

[UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria: As global pandemic reaches Syria, fighting must stop and urgent steps taken to prevent an even greater tragedy](#)

28/03/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

["Unacceptable" – UN expert urges better protection of older persons facing the highest risk of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

27 March 2020

[No exceptions with COVID-19: "Everyone has the right to life-saving interventions" – UN experts say](#)

26 March 2020

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[“Unacceptable” – UN expert urges better protection of older persons facing the highest risk of the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

27 March 2020

[No exceptions with COVID-19: “Everyone has the right to life-saving interventions” – UN experts say](#)

26 March 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[No exceptions with COVID-19: “Everyone has the right to life-saving interventions” – UN experts say](#)

26 March 2020

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest news

[No exceptions with COVID-19: “Everyone has the right to life-saving interventions” – UN experts say](#)

26 March 2020

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

[COVID-19 will not be stopped without providing safe water to people living in vulnerability – UN experts](#)

23 March 2020

UN OCHA [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

26 March 2020

[UN and Humanitarian Actors Call for US\\$165 Million to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ukraine \[EN/RU/UK\]](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

25 March 2020

[A global approach is the only way to fight COVID-19, the UN says as it launches humanitarian response plan](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press release

[Despite challenges, UNICEF continues to ship vital supplies to affected countries amid soaring number of COVID-19 cases](#)

27/03/2020

Press release

[UNICEF scales up support in 145 countries to keep children learning, as COVID-19 forces majority of schools worldwide to close](#)

25/03/2020

Statement

[Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the disruption of immunization and basic health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

25/03/2020

Press release

[Global Partnership for Education announces US \\$8.8 million in funding to help UNICEF with COVID-19 response](#)

25/03/2020

Press release

[A global approach is the only way to fight COVID-19, the UN says as it launches humanitarian response plan](#)

COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan

25/03/2020

Statement

[UN launches global humanitarian response plan to COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore (check against delivery)
25/03/2020

Statement

[Interruption to key water station in the northeast of Syria puts 460,000 people at risk as efforts ramp up to prevent the spread of Coronavirus disease](#)

Statement from UNICEF Representative in Syria, Fran Equiza
23/03/2020

Press release

[COVID-19: More than 95 per cent of children are out of school in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

23/03/2020

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 28 Mar 2020]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

Selected Announcements

[Peace needed more than ever after five years of conflict in Yemen deepens suffering](#)
27 March 2020

[UNHCR concerned at mounting civilian casualties and displacement in western Myanmar](#)
27 March 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 28 Mar 2020]
<http://www.iom.int/press-room/press-releases>

Selected Announcements

[Migrant Workers Stream Home as Thailand's Economy Goes into Covid-19 Lockdown](#)
2020-03-27 14:10

Bangkok – As Thailand curtails economic activity and begins to close its borders to limit the spread of the COVID-19, thousands of jobless migrant workers from neighbouring Myanmar, Cambodia and the Lao People's Democratic Republic are returning home.

[IOM Informing Migrant Communities in Italy on Protection from COVID-19](#)
2020-03-27 14:00

Rome — An information leaflet on COVID-19 which has been translated into 26 languages has been produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s Coordination Office for the Mediterranean.

[IOM Joins Global Response to Prevent the Spread, Mitigate the Impact of COVID-19 on Crisis-Affected Communities](#)
2020-03-25 16:52

2020-03-25 16:52

Geneva – Today (25 March) the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is joining the health and humanitarian community to launch the interagency [COVID-19 Global Humanitarian...](#)

UNAIDS [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

27 March 2020

[Strengthening services for violence against women and HIV in Indonesia](#)

26 March 2020

[Community members are driving the AIDS response in northern Myanmar](#)

25 March 2020

[Innovative and people-empowered approaches to end TB deaths](#)

[Thai hospitals to provide three- to six-month supplies of antiretroviral therapy](#)

24 March 2020

[Talking about a revolution](#)

[The volunteer driver in Wuhan](#)

23 March 2020

[Tuberculosis—good progress, but not enough](#)

23 March 2020

[Mining, drugs and conflict are stretching the AIDS response in northern Myanmar](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 28 Mar 2020]

26 March 2020 *News release*

[WHO Director-General calls on G20 to Fight, Unite, and Ignite against COVID-19](#)

25 March 2020 *News release*

[How to budget for COVID-19 response?](#)

24 March 2020 *News release*

[New WHO recommendations to prevent tuberculosis aim to save millions of lives](#)

23 March 2020 *News release*

[Pass the message: Five steps to kicking out coronavirus](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

:: La OMS lleva la información de la COVID-19 a millones a través de WhatsApp, ahora en español
(03/27/2020)

:: Similarities and differences – COVID-19 and influenza (03/26/2020)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

- :: Mental health and psychological resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic 27-03-2020
- :: Food and nutrition tips during self-quarantine 27-03-2020
- :: Physical and mental health key to resilience during COVID-19 pandemic 26-03-2020
- :: How to stay physically active during COVID-19 self-quarantine 25-03-2020
- :: Reduction in tuberculosis cases but Europe on course to miss eradication target 24-03-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Statement by the Regional Director Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari on COVID-19 in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

27 March 2020, Cairo, Egypt – 21 out of 22 countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region are now reporting cases of COVID-19, including new reports of 5 confirmed cases in Syria and one confirmed case Libya. The past weeks have seen some of the most developed health systems in the world struggle with their response to COVID-19.

- :: WHO delegation concludes COVID-19 technical mission to Egypt 26 March 2020
- :: WHO, Saudi Arabia join forces to fight COVID-19 nationally, regionally and globally 25 March 2020

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://www.oie.int/en/for-the-media/press-releases/2020/>

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

Statement by UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner on UN COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres today launched a \$2 billion global humanitarian response plan to fight COVID-19 in some of the world's most vulnerable countries. This response plan...

Posted on March 25, 2020

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

25 Mar 2020 | Story

[Virus which causes COVID-19 threatens great ape conservation](#)

24 Mar 2020 | *Press release*

Waste management an essential public service in the fight to beat COVID-19

Geneva - With the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic continuing to spread and its impacts upon human health and the economy intensifying day-by-day, governments are urged to treat waste management, including of medical, household and other hazardous waste, as an urgent and essential public service in order to minimise possible secondary impacts upon health and the environment. During such an outbreak, many types of additional medical and hazardous waste are generated, including infected masks, gloves and other protective equipment, together with a higher volume of non-infected items of the same nature. Unsound management of this waste could cause unforeseen "knock-on" effects on human health and the environment. The safe handling, and final disposal of this waste is therefore a vital element in an effective emergency response.

Effective management of biomedical and health-care waste requires appropriate identification, collection, separation, storage, transportation, treatment and disposal, as well as important associated aspects including disinfection, personnel protection and training. The UN Basel Convention's Technical [Guidelines on the Environmentally Sound Management of Biomedical and Healthcare Wastes](#), includes information and practical aspects of waste management useful for authorities seeking to minimise hazards to human health and the environment.

Further resources on the safe handling and final disposal of medical wastes can be found on the website of the Basel Convention's Regional Centre for Asia and the Pacific, in Beijing, which lists a series of [guidance documents and best practices](#)...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Updates

How South Korea is suppressing COVID-19

GENEVA, 25 March, 2020 - Trace, test and treat. That sums up the strategy pursued by the Republic of Korea since it detected its first case of COVID-19 on January 20 and its first death on February 20, without imposing a lockdown. The country has managed

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

Turn around deforestation in 2020, the 'Nature Super Year', says Guterres

21 March 2020, New York

On the International Day of Forests, which falls on Saturday, UN chief António Guterres is calling for 2020, which has been referred to as a "nature super year", to be the year that the world turns the tide on deforestation and forestry loss.

This year's International Day highlights the connections between forests and biodiversity, following a 2019 UN report that sounded the alarm about accelerating species extinction rates, and the unprecedented speed at which ecosystems are declining.

Forests and our unsustainable choices

The UN chief pointed out that forests, and the global environment in general, are being severely degraded by the unsustainable way that we are consuming natural resources, which is accelerating biodiversity loss and exacerbating climate change.

Given the huge role that forests play in preserving life on earth and regulating the climate (see the text box below), Mr. Guterres expressed his alarm at the damage being wrought by drought conditions in many parts of the world, citing devastating forest fires, from the Canadian Arctic and Siberia to California and Australia.

On top of this, deforestation continues to occur, due to large-scale agriculture: even though the annual rate of deforestation has halved over the last 25 years, vast areas of forests continue to be lost.

"We must act quickly to reverse this. Safeguarding forests is part of the solution" said Mr. Guterres, urging all governments and businesses and civil society to "take urgent action to halt deforestation and restore degraded forests, so future generations can enjoy a greener, healthier future"...

UNESCO [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

In moments of crisis, people need culture

COVID-19 has brought into stark relief, as crises often do, the necessity of culture for people and communities. At a time when billions of people ...

Idea 03/29/2020

Ethics in research in times of pandemic COVID-19

26/03/2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has arrived in Latin America and the Caribbean and with it the certain possibility that various types of related biomedical research will be carried out on vulnerable populations in the region.

In this regard, UNESCO's Network of National Bioethics Committees and Commissions of Latin America and the Caribbean, whose mission is to advise on ethical issues relating to the life sciences and human health in an integral sense and to ensure the defence of the integrity, dignity and human rights of the inhabitants of the region, has produced the document "Ante las investigaciones biomédicas por la pandemia de enfermedad infecciosa por coronavirus Covid-19".

In this document, the CNBS ALAC Network recognizes that it is an ethical duty to carry out research during an epidemiological outbreak and draws attention to a series of points that must be taken into account, especially in pandemic situations. Among them, it urges the Ethics Committees and the health

authority to apply the most rigorous standards to authorize research in accordance with the principles of justice, equity and solidarity.

The Declaration ends by calling on society as a whole, health authorities, government agencies and academic institutions in the region to subjugate and subject their actions and research to international human rights law, the recommendations of WHO and the universal bioethical declarations of UNESCO. [Declaration on the Ethics of Biomedical Research in COVID-19 \(Spanish pdf\)](#)

[UNESCO rallies international organizations, civil society and private sector partners in a broad Coalition to ensure #LearningNeverStops](#)

26/03/2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

26/03/2020 –

[Mexico and UNODC release third Opium Poppy Crop Monitoring Report with new key findings](#)

25/03/2020 –

[Message from the main Vienna-based United Nations organizations \(VBOs\)](#)

25/03/2020 –

[COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#)

23/03/2020 –

[The Secretary-General: Appeal for Global Cease-Fire](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 28 Mar 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[UN launches major humanitarian appeal to keep COVID-19 from 'circling back around the globe'](#)

Thursday 26 March, 2020

[António Guterres: "The fury of the virus illustrates the folly of war"](#)

Wednesday 25 March, 2020

[UN Network on Migration: COVID-19 does not discriminate; nor should our response](#)

Tuesday 24 March, 2020

Water for handwashing in slums is critical to prevent COVID-19 spreading

Sunday 22 March, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 has exposed the fragility of our economies

27 March 2020

The Corona virus pandemic is not just a medical crisis, but a social and economic one too, says ILO Director-General Guy Ryder. If our response is to be effective it must take into account all these factors, and be delivered in a coordinated, global way. In particular, it must answer the needs of the most vulnerable.

The G20 and the COVID-19 pandemic

ILO welcomes G20 commitment as a first global step in responding to the COVID-19 crisis

26 March 2020

Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, calls on G20 countries to work together to protect people, jobs, incomes and enterprises from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19: Protecting workers

Keys for effective teleworking during the COVID-19 pandemic

26 March 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that more people than ever before are teleworking – using information and communications technologies to do their work away from the office. ILO Working Time expert, Jon Messenger, explains how to get the best out of teleworking.

Op-Ed

COVID-19: Social protection systems failing vulnerable groups

25 March 2020

Governments must use the momentum created by the COVID-19 pandemic to make rapid progress toward collectively financed, comprehensive, and permanent social-protection systems.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

ICAO leaders welcome G-20 calls for global response to COVID-19

26/3/20

ICAO assisting with humanitarian flight operations during COVID-19

25/3/20

[See Week in Review for detail]

Council President Video Statement: COVID-19

25/3/20

Improved coordination and awareness urged as COVID-19 impacts continue to be felt worldwide

24/3/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

23 March 2020

World Meteorological Day focus on Climate Change and Water

One of the biggest impacts of climate change is on water, which in turn affects sustainable development and security. But in contrast to internationally coordinated information about rising temperatures, data on water resources is patchy and incomplete.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

Joint statement: UPU and UNI Global Union on postal operations during the COVID-19 pandemic

27.03.2020 - In times of lockdowns and reduced social and economic activity, postal services remain running as one of the pillars of society. The postal network ensures daily communication and the delivery of goods to all, even during a crisis.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

Coronavirus: UN Secretary-General calls for global ceasefire to focus on 'the true fight of our lives'

NEW YORK, 23 March 2020 - In an appeal issued today, UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged warring parties across the world to lay down their weapons in support of the bigger battle against Covid-19: the common enemy that is now threatening all of humankind

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

All Regions COVID-19

[International Tourist Arrivals Could Fall by 20-30% in 2020](#)

26 Mar 2020

All Regions COVID-19

[Calling on Innovators and Entrepreneurs to Accelerate Tourism Recovery](#)

25 Mar 2020

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://www.cbd.int/>

Opportunity

[Research grants of up to US\\$15 thousand in Tropical Forests from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute](#)

25.03.2020

Description

The ForestGEO Grants Programme supports research that uses forest data from the programme's field sites. Priority will be given to early-career researchers, and researchers with less access to other institutional funds. Social scientists and natural scientists of all nationalities are eligible. Applicants do not need to be associated with a site prior to applying, but each applicant will need to contact a site Principal Investigator (linked from the announcement) prior to submitting a proposal. Research projects up to US\$15 thousand will be considered.

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USAID [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

[Statement from USAID Administrator Mark Green on World Tuberculosis Day](#)

March 24, 2020

Every March 24, the international community recognizes World Tuberculosis (TB) Day. This year, it comes at a time when communities across the globe are also working to control another devastating respiratory pandemic, COVID-19. While we can still reflect on the progress made in fighting TB, today serves as a worldwide call to acknowledge the tremendous global impact of contagious infectious diseases, and the need for accelerated action to address them and safeguard global health everywhere.

DFID [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[UK aid and Unilever to target a billion people in global handwashing campaign](#)

New £100 million campaign to reach up to a billion people globally will help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Updated: 26 March 2020

[Fifth anniversary of the conflict in Yemen: joint statement](#)

The Foreign Secretary and the International Development Secretary urge parties to work towards a political solution to end the world's worst humanitarian crisis

Updated: 26 March 2020

ECHO [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Coronavirus: New round of repatriations of EU citizens via Civil Protection Mechanism](#)

23/03/2020

The EU continues to help EU Member States with the repatriation of their citizens stranded abroad due to increasing number of restrictions in third countries. Via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism; Belgium brought back 223 EU Citizens from Tunisia...

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African Union [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of Social Press releases

[Africa's fight against COVID19 receives major boost with Alibaba donation of 1.5 million test kits and 100 tons for infection prevention and control commodities](#)

March 23, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest

Statement 28 March 2020

[Statement from Commission President von der Leyen on proposals to fight the economic effects of the coronavirus crisis](#)

Press release 27 March 2020

EU and 15 World Trade Organization members establish contingency appeal arrangement for trade disputes

The EU and 15 other members of the WTO today decided on an arrangement that will allow them to bring appeals and solve trade disputes among them despite the current paralysis of the WTO Appellate Body.

Press release 26 March 2020

Coronavirus: Commission issues guidance to ensure essential freight keeps moving by air

The European Commission calls on EU Member States to support air cargo operations during the coronavirus crisis.

Speech 26 March 2020

Speech by President von der Leyen at the European Parliament Plenary on the European coordinated response to the COVID-19 outbreak

President von der Leyen gave a speech at the European Parliament plenary session on the Commission's response to the coronavirus crisis.

Press release 25 March 2020

Coronavirus: Commission issues guidelines to protect critical European assets and technology in current crisis

The European Commission today issued guidelines to ensure a strong EU-wide approach to foreign investment screening in a time of public health crisis and related economic vulnerability.

Press release 25 March 2020

Coronavirus: harmonised standards for medical devices to respond to urgent needs

Yesterday, the Commission adopted decisions on harmonised standards which will allow manufacturers to place on the market high performing devices to protect patients, health care professionals and citizens in general.

OECD [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

27-March-2020

OECD updates G20 summit on outlook for global economy

Increasingly stringent containment measures needed to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) will necessarily lead to significant short-term declines in GDP for many major economies, according to new OECD projections.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

OAS General Assembly Re-elects Luis Almagro as Secretary General and Nestor Mendez as Assistant Secretary General

March 20, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC Secretary General Welcomes G20 Leaders' Commitment to Overcome COVID-19 Pandemic

Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, has welcomed the Statement released on Thursday, 26 March 2020, at the conclusion of the Extraordinary G-20 Leaders' Summit, which was convened under the chairmanship of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz of Saudi Arabia, committing to forge a coordinated and sustained global response to the COVID-19 pandemic....

27/03/2020

Al-Othaimeen calls on OIC Member States to unite against COVID-19

Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, expressed the OIC's support to its Member States in their efforts to face COVID-19 pandemic, curb its spread, and eliminate it....

26/03/2020

Group of 77 [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

26 March 2020

Greater facilities requested for ATA Carnet procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic

25 March 2020

COVID-19: WCO launches an IPR CENcomm Group for data exchange on counterfeit medical supplies and fake medicines

[See Week in Review above for detail]

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

DG Azevêdo welcomes G20 pledge on COVID-19 response and economic recovery

26 March 2020

WTO Director-General Roberto Azevêdo today (26 March) took part in an extraordinary G20 virtual leaders' summit on COVID-19. He welcomed the pledge by the Group of 20 major economies to work together to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and "restore confidence, preserve financial stability, revive growth and recover stronger."

DDG Wolff: COVID-19 crisis calls for "unprecedented level" of international cooperation

26 March 2020

In a speech delivered to a virtual meeting of the Washington International Trade Association on 26 March, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said the COVID-19 pandemic calls for an "unprecedented level" of international cooperation to tackle the crisis. He outlined six priorities the WTO has for meeting the challenge, including providing a cooperative framework for members to consider their responses, making it clear members have wide freedom to take necessary positive actions to address the crisis, and helping craft coordinated responses to keep trade flows open. The text of DDG Wolff's speech is below.

Azevêdo sees sharp fall in trade, calls for global solutions to COVID-19 crisis

25 March 2020

Director-General Roberto Azevêdo said cross-border trade and investment flows have a role to play in efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, and will be vital for fostering a stronger recovery once the medical emergency subsides.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 28 Mar 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

News

The Trust Fund for Victims remains committed to support victims while navigating the impact of COVID-19

Statement 25 March 2020

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World Bank [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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World Bank Group President David Malpass: Remarks to the International Monetary and Financial Committee

Date: March 27, 2020 Type: Statement

World Bank Group President David Malpass Remarks to G20 Leaders' Virtual Summit

Date: March 26, 2020 Type: Speeches and Transcripts

Joint Statement from the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund Regarding A Call to Action on the Debt of IDA Countries

Statement March 25, 2020

[See Week in Review for detail]

IMF [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

March 27, 2020

Statement on The United States Congress Move to Strengthen the IMF's Resources

March 27, 2020

IMF Enhances Debt Relief Trust to Enable Support for Eligible Low-Income Countries in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic

March 26, 2020

Remarks by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva During an Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit

[See Week in Review for detail]

March 24, 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic and the Middle East and Central Asia: Region Facing Dual Shock – IMF Blog

African Development Bank Group [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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Asian Development Bank [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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News

Beijing, China, March 26, 2020

AIIB's USD60-M Solar Investment in Oman Supports Diversified Energy Mix

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a USD60-million loan to increase Oman's renewable power generation capacity and reduce the country's dependence on gas and other fossil fuels for electricity generation. This is AIIB's first nonsovereign-backed financing in the country's renewable energy sector.

Beijing, China, March 25, 2020

AIIB To Scale Up Public Health Infrastructure in Wake of COVID-19

Recognizing that countries with fragile infrastructure have less capacity to handle health crises, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is working to scale up infrastructure investment—including in public health, healthcare and information and communications technology (ICT)—to better serve members impacted by COVID-19.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Development Bank [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

An Article from the President of the Islamic Development Bank Group: Are we ready for the post Covid-19 world?

By Dr. Bandar Hajjar, President of Islamic Development Bank Group
23 March 2020

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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 28 Mar 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Coronavirus en France

Action contre la Faim se mobilise à Paris face au COVID-19

Posté le 24 mars 2020

Face à la progression de la pandémie de COVID-19 en France, le risque pour les personnes les plus vulnérables est aujourd'hui particulièrement important.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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Aravind Eye Care System [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest

March 28, 2020

Homebound – the first eight days!

March 25, 2020

Eight tips for working from home

March 23, 2020

Enforcing social distancing: NOW!

CARE International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

CARE Deeply Concerned as the First COVID-19 Case Is Reported in Syria

24th Mar 2020

As the first case of coronavirus is confirmed in Syria, CARE is deeply concerned about the health and safety of over three million people in Northwest Syria, over half of whom are internally displaced and live in crowded camps. With the inability to test for the virus, many more cases ...

Clubhouse International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

NEWS

Protection of displaced people must not be forgotten in COVID-19 response

While COVID-19 affects people without discrimination, displacement-affected communities are among the most vulnerable and likely to be disproportionately impacted. Access to protection and assistance must be upheld, and the current crisis must not be used as a pretext for discriminatory containment measures and the hindering of access to seek asylum.

27.03.2020

COVID-19

The Danish Refugee Council is closely monitoring and following global public advice in terms of the global outbreak of COVID-19 and is implementing appropriate measures on global, regional and local levels.

25.03.2020

ECPAT [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://hi.org/en/index>

All news

HI adapts its operations to help with the Covid-19 pandemic

March 27th 2020

Drawing on HI's experience to help protect people most vulnerable to Covid-19

March 26th 2020

Heifer International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Coronavirus: Older people in low- and middle-income countries must be protected to prevent global humanitarian catastrophe

Thousands, if not millions, of older people's lives are at risk, if the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic takes hold in low- and middle-income countries, particularly those in conflict and crisis. This would be a global catastrophe that could be averted if the right steps were taken now, HelpAge International said today....

Posted: 26 March 2020

As COVID-19 is confirmed in Myanmar, thousands of older people's lives are at risk

With the confirmation of the first COVID-19 cases in Myanmar on 23 March, thousands of older people's lives are now at risk if the outbreak is not kept under control. The Government and society must do all it can to educate citizens on the risks and how to prevent infection, according to HelpAge International.

Posted: 26 March 2020

ICRC [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

COVID-19: Inclusive programming during the time of coronavirus

This paper brings together guidance and messages from the ICRC's Operations Diversity Inclusion, Sexual Violence and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse teams, in collaboration with the Global Adviser on Children.

27-03-2020 | Article

Australia: International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement launch appeal to assist world's most vulnerable people in fight against COVID-19

While COVID-19 is already a global pandemic, it is still possible to reduce its spread and the number of lives lost by improving access to critical resources. IFRC President Francesco Rocca said: "This pandemic is putting at risk entire health systems

27-03-2020 | News release

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement appeals for 800 million Swiss francs to assist world's most vulnerable people in fight against COVID-19

While the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is already a global pandemic, it is still possible to reduce its spread and the number of lives lost by improving access to critical resources.

26-03-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Global

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement appeals for 800 million Swiss francs to assist world's most vulnerable people in fight against COVID-19

Geneva, 26 March 2020 —The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement on Thursday launched a revised emergency appeal for 800 million Swiss francs (823 million US dollars) to help the world's most vulnerable communities halt the spread of COVID ...

26 March 2020

Croatia

Croatia: Red Cross shelters hundreds of homeless after 5.4 magnitude earthquake

Zagreb/Budapest, 22 March 2020 – More than 100 Croatian Red Cross volunteers are providing urgent assistance and shelter for people on the streets of Zagreb, after a powerful earthquake of 5.4 magnitude struck the Croatian capital early this morning. T ...

22 March 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Update / Alert

International Medical Corps Helping MLKCH Respond to Coronavirus

March 23, 2020

As part of its global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, International Medical Corps has deployed two medical shelters and equipment to Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLKCH), which serves an area of high medical need in South Los Angeles. Currently, the hospital, which operates in one of the most medically underserved areas in the ...

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

Ceasefire and aid needed as 5 years of conflict & impending pandemic threaten Yemen

March 26, 2020

Press Release

COVID-19 could decimate Libya, warns IRC

March 25, 2020

Press Release

Statement by David Miliband as UN launches \$2 billion appeal: Coronavirus is not just a problem for the rich

March 24, 2020

Press Release

COVID-19 in Syria could lead to one of the most severe outbreaks in the world, warns IRC

March 23, 2020

IRCT [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

News 25 Mar 2020

Women of the IRCT: Lisa Haagensen

News 23 Mar 2020

Women of the IRCT: Sana Hamzeh

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

Our CEO's statement on the Coronavirus crisis

Published: 27 March, 2020

Five years on, Yemenis yearn for a way out in the face of adversity

Published: 26 March, 2020

You can save lives with our Coronavirus hygiene kits appeal

Published: 25 March, 2020

Landsea [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

March 26, 2020

COVID-19: Mercy Corps Issues Urgent Call to Protect Most Vulnerable

Global organization calls for \$25 million to protect lifesaving assistance and help most in need

March 24, 2020

Mercy Corps and Twinings to Improve Cardamom Production in Northern Guatemala

Three-year program will strengthen cardamom value chain and create a producers' association to help families across 80...

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

MSF calls for no patents or profiteering on COVID-19 drugs and vaccines

Press Release 27 Mar 2020

Geneva/New York — Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has called for no patents or profiteering on drugs, tests, or vaccines used for the COVID-19 pandemic, and for governments to prepare to suspend and override patents and take other measures, such as price controls, to ensure availability, reduce prices and save more lives.

Already, Canada, Chile, Ecuador and Germany have taken steps to make it easier to override patents by issuing 'compulsory licences' for COVID-19 medicines, vaccines and other medical tools. Similarly, the government of Israel issued a compulsory licence for patents on a medicine they were investigating for use for COVID-19...

Syria

[MSF provides relief items and adapts response for COVID-1...](#)

Project Update 27 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[Preparation is key to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic in Côte d'Iv...](#)

Project Update 27 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[US must include asylum seekers in COVID-19 response, ra...](#)

Press Release 27 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[MSF steps up COVID-19 response with activities in Spain](#)

Project Update 25 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[MSF "deeply surprised" that Iranian authorities put a stop to our COVID-19 Response](#)

Statement 25 Mar 2020

DRC Ebola outbreaks

[How the Ebola response failed the people of DRC](#)

Opinion 24 Mar 2020

Tuberculosis

[Between war and fragile health systems, tackling TB in Sudan and Sou...](#)

Voices from the Field 24 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[COVID-19: Avoiding a 'second tragedy' for those with TB](#)

Project Update 23 Mar 2020

Coronavirus disease COVID-19

[MSF sends hospital and medical team to treat COVID-19 patients in ...](#)

Project Update 22 Mar 2020

Operation Smile [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

G20 must take massive concrete action to avert millions of deaths: Oxfam

26 March 2020

Responding to the commitments made by the G20 today to combat the Coronavirus, Chema Vera, Oxfam International's Interim Executive Director, said: "On the day that Imperial College London has warned that close to 40 million lives could be lost without urgent action, the world's richest governments are still only warming up to the scale of the task.

New Greek law reneges on right to asylum

26 March 2020

Rather than protecting vulnerable people from the spread of the coronavirus, the Greek government is using the crisis to absolve itself from its obligations under international and EU law, said Oxfam.

G20 leaders must act boldly to overcome the Coronavirus: Oxfam comment

25 March 2020

Ahead of the virtual G20 Summit tomorrow, Chema Vera, Oxfam International's Interim Executive Director, urged G20 leaders to act boldly and across borders to save millions of lives.

50 suspected cholera cases every hour for five years in Yemen - Oxfam

23 March 2020

With a recent upsurge in fighting in Yemen, the forthcoming rainy season and tightening of borders due to the global Covid-19 pandemic, there's no end in sight to the daily toll of death, disease and displacement five years after the conflict escalated, Oxfam warned today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Sudan | 26. Mar 2020

A new Sudan faces corona with little support

Sudan's new government shows readiness to rebuild the country and aid agencies want to scale up, but both lack international support to act now.

Global | 25. Mar 2020

Covid-19 restrictions preventing thousands from accessing lifesaving aid

New Covid-19 restrictions to reduce the movement of people globally are inadvertently preventing lifesaving aid from reaching displaced and refugee communities. The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is currently unable to reach thousands of people, including 300,000 in the Middle East. It is calling on governments to allow the delivery of humanitarian aid in these challenging times.

Yemen / 24. Mar 2020

Five years of war cripple coronavirus preparedness

Civilian casualties in Yemen spike again in deadly escalation.

Pact [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

Mar 27, 2020

University Hospital Cares for Haiti's First COVID-19 Patients

Staff at the flagship facility have been providing dedicated, 24-hour care for coronavirus patients since March 20.

Mar 24, 2020

Care for All During COVID

While Congress's Families First Coronavirus Response Act is a step in the right direction, PIH urges further action, locally and abroad, to support the most vulnerable during this global pandemic

Mar 23, 2020

What TB Can Teach Us About COVID-19

Lessons can be drawn from the treatment of TB, the world's deadliest infectious disease, to confronting COVID-19. Read More

Mar 23, 2020

Family Struck by TB for Decades Finds New Hope, Cures in Lesotho

Dedicated care and new treatments have helped the Moleko family move from despair to hope in their multi-generational battles with TB.

PATH [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

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27 March 2020 - *Global*

Slow coronavirus response to cost millions of lives in poorest countries

27 March 2020 - *Afghanistan*

COVID-19: A porous border with Iran means thousands of Afghans continue to cross daily going unchecked

26 March 2020 - *Global*

Urgent support needed as Covid-19 cases in Africa increase by more than 500 percent in one week, warns Save the Children

25 March 2020 - *Greece*

Urgent call to relocate lone children in Greek camps before coronavirus spreads

25 March 2020 - *Afghanistan*

'No child should have to experience this kind of traumatic and brutal event'

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

COVID-19

Parenting in a pandemic

March 27 2020 - Anxious SOS parents from around the world have been seeking advice on how they can help children cope during the coronavirus pandemic. With many of the children they care for already vulnerable or traumatised, being trapped at home and unable to go to school can serve as triggers for anxiety or stress.

COVID-19

"Africa will be hardest hit by the pandemic" regional experts warn

March 25 2020 - By mid-March 2020, 44 African countries had reported nearly 2,000 cases and 59 deaths caused by COVID-19, a pandemic that has seen nearly half a million infections globally since the first reported case in late 2019.

Tostan [to 28 Mar 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 28 Mar 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

Friday, March 27, 2020

COVID- 19 increases risk of child abuse and exploitation for refugee and internally displaced children - World Vision

- :: Impact of service suspension on the world's most vulnerable children must be understood
- :: World Vision calls for priority funding to support child protection systems and services to enable them to respond to the effects of COVID-19
- :: Refugee children and those living in conflict zones must be prioritised by international response

March 19, 2020

World Vision launches multi-million-dollar 17-country Coronavirus response

- :: World Vision is delivering protection equipment and supplies in Asia, and will now also focus on countries including Afghanistan, DR Congo, Iraq, Haiti and Syria
- :: Mortality rates for COVID-19 could be unprecedented in vulnerable communities
- :: Countries hosting high numbers of refugees need special and urgent support

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

Freedom House Offers Guidelines for Protecting Democracy during Pandemic opens in new tab

Press release

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Principles for Protecting Civil and Political Rights in the Fight against Covid-19 opens in new tab

Perspectives

March 24, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

Human Rights Dimensions of COVID-19 Response

March 19, 2020

This document provides an overview of human rights concerns posed by the coronavirus outbreak, drawing on examples of government responses to date, and recommends ways governments and other actors can respect human rights in their response.

March 26, 2020

Mexico: Mexicans Need Accurate COVID-19 Information

Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador is putting the people of Mexico in grave danger with his reckless disregard for providing accurate information on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Asia

March 27, 2020 *News Release*

Hong Kong: Dubious Arrest of Pro-Democracy Politician

Asia

March 26, 2020 *News Release*

Philippines: Curfew Violators Abused

Asia

March 26, 2020 *News Release*

Bangladesh: Internet Ban Risks Rohingya Lives

Transparency International [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

26 Mar 2020

Coronavirus sparks high risk of corruption across Latin America

- Thirteen Latin American chapters of Transparency International publish an analysis of corruption risk in public procurement as part of the region's response to the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic.

26 Mar 2020

Swedbank's dirty money dealings should trigger fundamental changes in anti-money laundering supervision

- Together with its Latvian, Lithuanian and Swedish national chapters, Transparency International sounds the alarm over the glaring flaws in European Union's anti-money laundering system following new revelations concerning Swedbank.

24 Mar 2020

G20: Hundreds of civil society organizations pledge to avoid Saudi Arabia-led process

- More than 220 civil society organisations from around the world have voiced their concerns over the G20 civil society engagement process hosted by and in Saudi Arabia in 2020. "We cannot participate in a process that seeks to give international legitimacy to a state that provides virtually no space ...

23 Mar 2020

US Congress must proactively prevent corruption from derailing Coronavirus response

- Proposed reforms will help ensure that corruption does not slow down the response to the pandemic, prolong the suffering of Americans and those dependent on U.S. foreign aid, or undermine the economic recovery from the crisis.

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ChildFund Alliance [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 28 Mar 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

CONCORD analysis of EU's Gender Equality Strategy 2020-2025

| Mar 25, 2020

In our latest analysis, we evaluate the Gender Equality Strategy with a focus on the external dimensions of the EU's work on gender equality ahead of the Gender Action Plan III, which is expected in October 2020.

Director's blog: Is COVID-19 the wake-up call we need to invest in our social systems again?

| Mar 24, 2020

As the coronavirus spreads across our globalised world a clear picture emerges: quality healthcare and social rights may not stop a pandemic, but they are key to addressing one and can prevent the poor and marginalised from being hit the hardest.

How COVID-19 is influencing EU institutions' international partnership work

| Mar 24, 2020

Coronavirus is dominating the headlines. Not only is the economy slowing down, but so are most of the policy activities in Brussels. Starting from mid-March, the majority of meetings and events have been either cancelled or moved online.

The Elders [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News

The Elders promote the WHO Safe Hands Challenge

25 Mar 2020

This week three of the Elders took part in the World Health Organization's online challenge to raise awareness of good hand-washing practice during this COVID-19 pandemic
Ethical Leadership, UHC

Evidence Aid [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Content

22 March 2020:

COVID-19 and Sustainable Healthcare Systems

... The scale of responses to COVID-19 and their consequences, both for health systems and economies, mean that proactive action by the research community will be critical to alleviate future pressures on health systems and ensure services remain high-quality, accessible, and sustainable. These pressures will centre on the demand and supply of healthcare services.

:: Demands on healthcare services, beyond COVID-19 itself, will increase in at least two ways – forgone care and burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

:: Supply of healthcare services will decrease in at least two ways – lost capacity and insufficient investments

:: Researchers can help support the short to medium term sustainability of healthcare services in at least two ways – identify how to mitigate expected increases in demand on healthcare systems and identify how to minimise the impact of expected decreases in the supply of financial and non-financial resources available to healthcare systems....

Gavi [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Top Stories

26 March 2020

[Gavi applauds G20 Leaders' commitment to supporting the global effort against COVID-19](#)

26 March 2020

[What is herd immunity?](#)

26 March 2020

[How do we stop the spread of a pandemic in a slum?](#)

Getty Conservation Institute [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://www.getty.edu/research/>

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Global Fund [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News & Stories

Voices

[Re-thinking Global Health Security](#)

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Sourcing & Management of Health Products

[COVID-19 Impact on Supply Chain Logistics: Assessment and Recommendations](#)

27 March 2020

News

[Japan Secures \\$476 million Contribution to the Global Fund](#)

27 March 2020

Funding Model

[First Funding Requests Submitted in the 2020-2022 Funding Cycle](#)

26 March 2020

Voices

[When Finance Fails: Why Economists Didn't See a Coronavirus Collapse Coming](#)

25 March 2020

Voices

Fighting Tuberculosis: Lessons for COVID-19

23 March 2020

Updates

Global Fund Supports Countries in Response to COVID-19

23 March 2020

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Risk and Humanitarian Culture

For anyone that has spent time working with humanitarian aid, risk is a familiar concept. Humanitarians inherently work in places of high fragility, conflict, or instability. In order to operate effectively in such high-risk environments, it is critical for NGOs to understand how to identify and manage risk. Responding to this gap in practical application, ICVA is launching a briefing series on Risk.

Risk and Humanitarian Culture, is the first briefing paper of the series and aims to examine the current risk landscape in humanitarian aid. In total, the Risk briefing series has three core objectives:

1. Make the discussion on risk management more accessible to practitioners and decision-makers.
2. Examine some of the core risk management issues unique to the humanitarian space.
3. Ensure existing risk management tools and lessons are identified and understood.

For further education on Risk Management, view our recent Webinar - Risky Business: Reframing the fundamentals of risk management for humanitarians. ICVA's 2020 Annual Conference will also take a look at how NGOs and partners could promote principled humanitarian action and better manage risks.

PDF: [Risk and Humanitarian Culture briefing paper.pdf](#)

InterAction [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

Global & Public Policy Positions

InterAction's Response to the CARES Act

InterAction

Mar 27, 2020

Humanitarian Coordination

Let Us Be Brave

Rachel Unkovic

Mar 27, 2020

Crises & Countries in Conflict

Letter to Appropriators Regarding Minimum Bridge Funding for COVID-19

InterAction

Mar 24, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Events

3ie's response to the COVID-19 pandemic

...Call for action

3ie is committed to working together with multilateral organisations, national governments, and research organisations to promote the use of the best evidence available that helps global efforts to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. We at 3ie believe that our common future is determined by how we work together.

We offer:

- 1] Contributing to new evidence programs that can help mitigate the effects of the pandemic in low- and middle-income countries
- 2] Sharing relevant behavioural and other insights through our [#2020Hindsight](#) campaign
- 3] Sharing expertise in [evidence synthesis](#)
- 4] Giving tutorials on how to use our newly launched [development evidence portal](#).

CHS Alliance [to 28 Mar 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

26 March 2020

COVID-19 and the Core Humanitarian Standard: How to meet our CHS commitments in the coronavirus pandemic

As the world races to respond to the global outbreak of COVID-19, it is vital that we keep the views, rights and dignity of people at the forefront of our work. People need to be seen as human beings and not just cases. Human dignity is the essence of the CHS.

This is an unprecedented global public health emergency and social and economic crisis. With severe restrictions in travel and movement, and stretched health care systems, civil society and humanitarian organisations will play a critical role. All people should have equal access to health services and treatment, without discrimination, and be treated with respect.

The [Core Humanitarian Standard on Quality and Accountability \(CHS\)](#) sets out our sector's core commitments to the people we assist. It guides us in taking a principled and people-centred approach to the way we manage the response and adaptation to COVID-19. This is a guide to how the CHS commitments can inform your response to the pandemic, along with some useful resources...

Development Initiatives [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Event

[ALNAP Annual Meeting Study launch webinar: Making aid work for people in crisis](#)

30 March 2020

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://cerahgeneve.ch/events/news/>

CERAH News

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Tools & Research

[R2HC Research Portfolio](#)

02/09/2019

Our R2HC Research Portfolio gives an overview of the studies we have supported through our Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises programme.

Through our R2HC programme, we aim to improve health outcomes for people affected by crises by strengthening the evidence base for public health interventions.

Since 2013, we have funded over 60 research studies across a range of public health areas. We work to maximise the potential for research to achieve change and transform the effectiveness of humanitarian response.

Area of Work

Disease (Communicable & Non-communicable), Ebola, Ethics Related, Gender-based Violence, Health Systems & Services, Injury & Rehabilitation, Maternal and Child Health, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support, Nutrition, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Water, sanitation & hygiene

Groupe URD [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Projects

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

How are countries addressing the Covid-19 challenges in education? A snapshot of policy measures

GEM Report

24 March 2020

Close to 80% of the world's student population – 1.3 billion children and youth – is affected by school closures in 138 countries. Taken as a measure to contain the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic, some of these closures are recent, in others they have already been in place for months.

COVID-19: UN chief calls for global ceasefire to focus on 'the true fight of our lives'

UN News

23 March 2020

In an appeal issued on Monday, UN Secretary-General António Guterres urged warring parties across the world to lay down their weapons in support of the bigger battle against COVID-19: the common enemy that is now threatening all of humankind.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://spherestandards.org/news/>

News

When Sphere brings the private and humanitarian sectors together: the case of Sri Lanka

23 March 2020 | *Sphere*

Firzan Hashim is the Sri Lanka Country Director for the Asia-Pacific Alliance for Disaster Management, a trans-national platform that coordinates the work of governments, private companies and NGOs in the event of humanitarian crises....

Start Network [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News and Blog

Storms in Kalima, Province of Maniema, Democratic Republic of Congo

by Deocard Chirha Murhambo

27 Mar 20

COVID-19: A message from our CEO and CFOO

Blog Post

26 Mar 20

The global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is affecting all of us, our families, our communities, our way of life, and for Start Network, the content of our work.

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads across many of our countries, at Start Network we have been working in three broad areas:

:: Anticipating and responding to COVID-19 in low-income countries

:: Looking after staff safety and wellbeing

: Focusing on business continuity and contingency plans

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Brookings

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

Accessed 28 Mar 2020

Latest Research

U.S. Economy

[Congress is about to give a student-loan tax break that will only benefit the best-off borrowers](#)

[Adam Looney](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Immigration

[The Rise of Sweden Democrats: Islam, Populism and the End of Swedish Exceptionalism](#)

[Danielle Lee Tomson](#)

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Report

[What's the Fed doing in response to the COVID-19 crisis? What more could it do?](#)

[Jeffrey Cheng](#), [Dave Skidmore](#), and [David Wessel](#)

Monday, March 23, 2020

Demographics & Population

[Even as metropolitan areas diversify, white Americans still live in mostly white neighborhoods](#)

[William H. Frey](#)

March 23, 2020

Report

[State policies to promote shared prosperity in cities](#)

[Solomon Greene](#), [Alan Berube](#), [John D. Ratliff](#), and [Aaron Shroyer](#)

March 26, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

March 27, 2020

[What to Do When You Can't Prove DFI Additionality](#)

"Additionality" is central to claims of impact by development finance institutions (DFIs). At its core is the notion that DFIs are necessary to solve a market failure by providing capital, risk mitigation, or some other benefit to a market that is not delivering these services strictly through private actors. But what exactly constitutes additionality, how do we know when it is real, and how can we measure it? [Charles Kenny](#) and [Todd Moss](#)

March 25, 2020

[Building Resilient Health Systems: Experimental Evidence from Sierra Leone and the 2014 Ebola Outbreak](#)

Developing countries are characterized by high rates of mortality and morbidity. A potential contributing factor is the low utilization of health systems, stemming from the low perceived quality of care delivered by health personnel. This factor may be especially critical during crises, when individuals choose whether to cooperate with response efforts and frontline health personnel. We experimentally examine efforts aimed at improving health worker performance in the context of the 2014–15 West African Ebola crisis.

[Darin Christensen](#) , [Oeindrila Dube](#) , [Johannes Haushofer](#) , [Bilal Siddiqi](#) and [Maarten Voors](#)

CSIS [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Ice Curtain: Hunting for Russia's Newest Military 'Treasures in the Far North'](#)

March 27, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.](#) Russia's military posture on Alexandra Land augments Russia's defense capabilities in the Arctic, while the island's geographic position makes it a potential staging ground for power projection into the Central Arctic and North Atlantic.

Report

[Iran and the Changing Military Balance in the Gulf - Net Assessment Indicators](#)

March 26, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#)

Iran's growing capability of asymmetric warfare and its use of conventionally-armed missiles is actively changing the military balance and the future U.S. role in the Gulf, writes CSIS's Burke Chair.

Report

[Ice Curtain: Tiksi Airbase—Many Russian Announcements, Little Equipment](#)

March 26, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.](#) The Russian government has repeatedly announced ambitious plans to expand Tiksi Air Base but appears to be significantly behind in its efforts, an indication that not everything the Kremlin announces with regard to its military posture in the Arctic is necessarily true.

Report

[Guyana: Elections and the Imperatives of Geopolitical Neighborhoods](#)

March 25, 2020 | [Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith](#) The seriousness of Guyana's elections relates to the anticipated economic boom driven by the massive offshore oil find there.

Report

[Ice Curtain: Protecting the Arctic Motherland](#)

March 25, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.](#) Russia's military presence on Kotelny Island off the northern Siberian coast demonstrates a complex, layered coastal defense arrangement which could limit NATO and U.S. air and maritime capabilities in the region.

Report

[Ice Curtain: Why Is There a New Russian Military Facility 300 Miles from Alaska?](#)

March 24, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.](#) Russia has significantly strengthened its military presence in its northernmost archipelagos by upgrading bases on remote islands like Wrangel Island, an island only 300 miles from the Alaskan coast.

Report

[The Right-wing Terrorism Threat in Europe](#)

March 24, 2020 | [Seth G. Jones](#), [Catrina Doxsee](#), [Nicholas Harrington](#)

There has been growing alarm in Europe about a rise in right-wing terrorism, highlighted by recent attacks in Germany. CSIS's Transnational Threats Project assesses the threat that right-wing terrorists pose to Europe, in comparison to other types of terrorism.

Report

[The Ice Curtain: Modernization on the Kola Peninsula](#)

March 23, 2020 | [Heather A. Conley](#), [Joseph S. Bermudez Jr.](#) The Kola Peninsula is the crux of Russia's military establishment in the western Arctic, and its air and maritime capabilities are essential to Russia's homeland defense, Arctic dominance, and global power projection capabilities.

Report

[Inflection Point: Missile Defense and Defeat in the 2021 Budget](#)

March 22, 2020 | [Tom Karako](#), [Wes Rumbaugh](#)

The CSIS Missile Defense Project's annual budget analysis expands this year to include air defense and hypersonic strike.

ODI [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

No new digest content identified.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Publications

[The Decade of Deficits: The Latest Ominous Projections from the Congressional Budget Office](#)

In January, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its first economic and budgetary outlook of the decade. Even prior to the recent COVID-19 crisis, along with its attendant impact on the budget, CBO projected a deficit of more than \$1 trillion for fiscal year 2020. The federal budget is on track for seemingly endless, unsustainable, and rising deficits. The CBO report showed current deficits already averaging over 4

[Erald Kolasi](#), [C. Eugene Steuerle](#)

March 27, 2020

Brief

[Assisting Women Throughout the Justice Continuum](#)

Women are the fastest-growing population in America's correctional facilities, and many jails are working to find ways to adapt to this changing reality. This case study examines Cumberland County, Maine's experience piloting Project Safe Release, a program designed to better identify the needs of women entering the local jail, understand their victimization histories, and connect them to appropriate services before and after

[Marina Duane](#), [Megan Russo](#), [Matthew Williams](#)

March 27, 2020

Research Report

[How States Can Support Shared Prosperity in Cities through Quality Jobs](#)

New technologies, economic shifts, changing demographics and continued racial biases are widening income inequalities and racial disparities in cities across the United States. As a result, economic opportunities are increasingly concentrated among a small share of the population and in a limited number of places. To combat increased economic and geographic inequality within cities, local leaders are launching new efforts to

[Donnie Charleston](#)

March 26, 2020

Brief

[How States Can Support Shared Prosperity in Cities through Affordable Rental Housing](#)

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[Solomon Greene](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#)

March 26, 2020

Brief

[State Policies to Promote Shared Prosperity in Cities](#)

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[Solomon Greene](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#), [Alan Berube](#), [John Ratliff](#)

March 26, 2020
Brief

Food Service and Preparation Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Few occupations have experienced the negative effects of containment more abruptly and dramatically than food service and preparation workers – from waiters and bartenders to dishwashers and cooks – who are already economically disadvantaged by their low earnings and lack of health insurance coverage. In this brief we assess the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of adult food preparation and food service occupations

[Anuj Gangopadhyaya](#), [Elaine Waxman](#)

March 26, 2020
Brief

Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, March 2020

The March 2020 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing the total value and size of the US housing market, cash-out refinance activity, loans near or in negative equity and on modifications and liquidations. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Edward Golding](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Todd M. Hill-Jones](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Sarah Storchak](#), [John Walsh](#), [Alison Rincon](#), [Caitlin Young](#)

March 26, 2020
Research Report

Medicaid Block Grants and per Capita Caps

The Federal government recently announced a new program allowing states to apply for block grants or per capita caps in exchange for new flexibility to limit enrollment and benefits. These policies have been proposed in the past but never enacted. They have the significant problem of placing states at risk for the increased costs from recession related increases in enrollment as well as spikes in spending from

[John Holahan](#)

March 25, 2020
Brief

Closing Youth Prisons: Lessons from Agency Administrators

Communities across the United States are fundamentally transforming their approach to juvenile justice services, moving away from outdated youth prisons and investing in community-based solutions. Juvenile justice system administrators are uniquely positioned to lead facility closure efforts as part of broader system reform and many are leading by example. In the summer of 2018, the Urban Institute convened a small group of

[Samantha Harvell](#), [Chloe Warnberg](#), [Andreea Matei](#), [Eli Mensing](#)

March 25, 2020
Brief

Quickly Expanding Medicaid Eligibility as an Urgent Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Economists believe that a global recession is unavoidable amidst the Coronavirus crisis, and there are already reports of large spikes in unemployment. Since the health insurance of many Americans is tied to their employment, the US is likely to also see large increases in uninsured people with newly lower

incomes. The 15 states that have not yet expanded Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act are least prepared to

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Cindy Mann](#)

March 24, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Media

[The Africa CDC, Resolve to Save Lives and Ipsos are developing guidelines for Covid-19 preventive measures that are adapted to the realities of African countries](#)

News 23 Mar 2020

:: The aim of this project is to flatten the Covid-19 curve and minimise social and economic slowdown throughout the continent

:: This is the first project to come out of the World Economic Forum's [Covid-19 Action Platform](#) with support from the WHO.

The Africa Centre for Disease Control (CDC), Resolve to Save Lives and opinion and research company Ipsos have teamed up to support governments to help flatten the Covid-19 curve and minimise social and economic slowdown. The joint project will focus on real time monitoring and adaption of guidance and advice where preventive measures taken elsewhere in the world cannot be adapted to the local context. Ipsos will provide data on the impact of Covid-19, behaviours surrounding it, and control measures put in place in African countries, which Africa CDC, with support from Resolve for our Lives, will develop into guidelines and disseminated throughout the continent.

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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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

MARCH 25, 2020

[Life Sciences Companies Commit Expertise and Assets to the Fight Against COVID-19 Pandemic Alongside Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#)

Collaboration to address product development and scale-up challenges posed by the current pandemic

MARCH 24, 2020

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Shares Details for Greater Seattle Area Coronavirus Response Grants](#)

Grants include support for vulnerable communities and public information campaign

Blue Meridian Partners [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 28 Mar 2020]

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.

Briefs

[Engaging Students in Voting Doesn't Necessitate Reinventing the Wheel](#)

March 24, 2020

[What Coronavirus Means for Food Insecurity](#)

March 17, 2020

Ford Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Getty Center and Getty Villa to Close to the Public Beginning Saturday](#)

March 12, 2020

GHIT Fund [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://grameenfoundation.org/stories/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Our News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Stories

[Médicins Sans Frontières on frontline of COVID-19 response](#)

Our partner Médicins Sans Frontières (MSF), the international medical humanitarian organisation, is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe and around the world. Since the beginning of the outbreak, MSF...

March 24, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Mar 26 2020

Research

[Citizen Scientists Are Helping Researchers Design New Drugs to Combat COVID-19](#)

Summary

Using a free computer game called Foldit, researchers are enlisting the help of citizen scientists to design drugs that could stop the novel coronavirus from infecting human cells.

Mar 24 2020

Research

[Patients with Severe Forms of Coronavirus Disease Could Offer Clues to Treatment](#)

Summary

A new international project aims to enroll 500 COVID-19 patients to search for genetic mutations that make some people more vulnerable to severe infection.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

March 27, 2020 *News Release*

[The U.S. Has Fewer Physicians and Hospital Beds Per Capita Than Italy and Other Countries Overwhelmed by COVID-19](#)

A new analysis and chart collection finds that the U.S. has fewer hospital beds and practicing physicians per capita than many similarly large and wealthy countries with health care systems already strained by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Compared to Italy and Spain, two countries in which hospitals have already been...

March 23, 2020 *News Release*

[KHN Reports on Early Testing Decisions and the Potential Lasting Impact to the Nation](#)

A new KHN article describes how government decisions in the early days of the nation's coronavirus outbreak have already impacted the magnitude of the pandemic and may affect the country for months to come. The article explains, for the first time, how the CDC initially sent the same number of test...

Kellogg Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

March 27, 2020

[Caring for communities](#)

Organizations and leaders step up in creative ways to care for communities, especially those working on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

25 March 2020

[Prince Rahim visits East Africa to evaluate AKDN's response to environmental sustainability and climate change](#)

MacArthur Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

March 20, 2020 | Article

Challenging the Spread of Racism During COVID-19

March 27, 2020 | *Perspectives*

Times of crisis reveal values in ways that little else can.

We have witnessed incredible unity in every community, city, country, and continent, as people work together to safeguard our collective health and well-being and slow the spread of a global pandemic.

We have also seen fear, paranoia, and blame, disproportionately directed toward Asians and Asian Americans. What we are facing is not only a humanitarian crisis; it is a crisis of racism.

Racism is a contagion that existed long before COVID-19. Unlike the rapidly evolving novel coronavirus, we know the antidote to racism.

It starts with naming it.

[Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) (AAAJ) has created a series of resources in response to the way Asian Americans have been targeted by racism and xenophobia related to the coronavirus...

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

Mellon Foundation Grants Help Citymeals and God's Love We Deliver Feed New York City's Elderly and At-Risk Homebound Populations during COVID-19 Crisis

March 26,

Grantee News

At the Schomburg Center, Harry Belafonte's Archive Illuminates the Life of an Extraordinary Artist-Activist

March 13, 2020

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

Fishery improvement projects on the rise worldwide

March 25, 2020

At a moment in time when good news has felt harder to find and may be all the more welcome, a report by CEA Consulting, released March 25, finds some good news for fisheries around the world. The 2020 Global Landscape Review of "Fishery Improvement Projects," so-called "FIPs," examines how this approach to better fishery management has changed since 2015, the factors that lead to a FIP's success, and common challenges FIPs face, wherever in the world they are being implemented...

Open Society Foundations [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

March 27, 2020

Pew Applauds Passage of Over-the-Counter Drug Regulation Bill

The Pew Charitable Trusts applauds Congress for passing the bipartisan Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation, and Reform Act, which aims to streamline the regulation of over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. The measure was included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

The Latest

For Social Services, Operating Digitally Is Critical to COVID-19 Resilience

March 27, 2020

Kevin O'Neil Director, Durva Trivedi Associate, The Rockefeller Foundation

Over three million workers filed new claims for unemployment insurance in the United States this past week, representing a record-breaking surge in economic need as the COVID-19 pandemic forced families into seclusion. Even as the need grew, the pandemic forced government and private social services to close their offices, disrupting the normal channels people use to seek help. Even digital systems began to fail—for example, unemployment claims sites in several states reportedly crashed due to high web traffic.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

As coronavirus spreads, the bill for our public health failures is due

Richard Besser, MD, president and CEO of RWJF and former acting director of the CDC, pens an Op-Ed in The Washington Post on the health equity issues raised by the Coronavirus.

Hospital Readiness for COVID-19

As COVID-19 spreads across the United States, concerns mount that the need for hospital beds will overwhelm national capacity, putting severe strains on the health care system and limiting access to necessary care.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 28 Mar 2020]

<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 28 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[**A message to our grantees regarding the COVID-19 pandemic**](#)

Wellcome Trust [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Opinion | 27 March 2020

[**A new way of developing vaccines for COVID-19 could help the world to prepare for future outbreaks**](#) [RNA vaccine development]

Charlie Weller. Head of Vaccines Programme, Wellcome

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 28 Mar 2020]

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

Newsroom

[**Council Resources for Responding to COVID-19**](#)

Council resources for foundations responding to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

[**U.S. Government Action on COVID-19**](#)

Stay up-to-date on the latest legislation and government actions in the United States concerning COVID-19.

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:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2020 Volume 48, Issue 3, p239-354

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

April 2020 Volume 58, Issue 4, p473-612

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

Topics in Education

[Review of Published Curriculum on Sex Trafficking for Undergraduate Medical Trainees](#)

Jennifer M.V. Talbott, Jordan S. Dutcher, Charlotte A. Pougner, Samantha L. Calvin, Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, Juliana M. Kling

p604–611

Published online: January 27, 2020

American Journal of Public Health

April 2020 110(4)

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

MIGRATION

[Influenza Vaccination and Migration at the US Southern Border](#)

Immigration, Immunization/Vaccines, Infections, Health Policy, Other Infections

Alia Sunderji, Katherine Narvaez Mena, Jonathan Winickoff, Judy Melinek and Joshua Sharfstein

110(4), pp. 466–467

VACCINES

[Vaccination Achievements of Cuba Versus the United States Exposed by the 2019 Measles Epidemic](#)

Government, Immunization/Vaccines, Prevention, Public Health Practice, Health Service Delivery

Paul C. Erwin, Nivaldo Linares-Pérez and Vicente Verez-Bencomo

110(4), pp. 467–469

ETHICS

[Public Health Code of Ethics: Deliberative Decision-Making and Reflective Practice](#)

Human Rights, Public Health Practice, Health Policy, Public Health Workers, Ethics, Health Professionals

Lisa M. Lee, Selena E. Ortiz, Greg Pavela and Bruce Jennings

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 102, Issue 3, March 2020
<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/102/3>
[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine
17 March 2020 Vol: 172, Issue 6
<http://annals.org/aim/issue>
[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology
Latest Issue: Issue 373 - February 2020
<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>
[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal
Volume 281 April 2020
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/281/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>
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[Measles and mumps outbreaks in Lebanon: trends and links](#)

Lebanon has experienced several measles and mumps outbreaks in the past 20 years. In this article, a case-based surveillance of both measles and mumps outbreaks in Lebanon was carried out in an attempt to outl...

Authors: Talal El Zarif, Mohamed Faisal Kassir, Nazih Bizri, Ghida Kassir, Umayya Musharrafieh and Abdul Rahman Bizri

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:244

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[Recognizing and responding to women experiencing homelessness with gendered and trauma-informed care](#)

The purpose of this study is to highlight the experiences of women who are often hidden in what we know and understand about homelessness, and to make policy and practice recommendations for women-centred serv...

Authors: Katrina Milaney, Nicole Williams, Stacy Lee Lockerbie, Daniel J. Dutton and Elaine Hyshka

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:397

Content type: Research article

Published on: 26 March 2020

[What have we learnt from measles outbreaks in 3 English cities? A qualitative exploration of factors influencing vaccination uptake in Romanian and Roma Romanian communities](#)

Since 2016, large scale measles outbreaks have heavily affected countries across Europe. In England, laboratory confirmed measles cases increased almost four-fold between 2017 and 2018, from 259 to 966 cases.

Authors: Sadie Bell, Vanessa Saliba, Mary Ramsay and Sandra Mounier-Jack

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:381

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Published on: 23 March 2020

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[The social health impact of Eritrean refugees on the host communities: the case of May-ayni refugee camp, Northern Ethiopia](#)

Migration is a contemporary global issue and the exodus of refugees may potentially posit new social health challenges in the host communities. Ethiopia is a host to the second largest refugee population in Af...

Authors: Kahsay Gebrehiwet, Hailay Gebreyesus and Mebrahtu Teweldemedhin

Citation: BMC Research Notes 2020 13:182

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Published on: 27 March 2020

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Volume 46, Issue 2 Pages: 155-248 March 2020

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Volume 101 March 2020

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February 2020 Volume 42, Issue 2, p237-378, e1-e32

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, Issue 1, March 2020

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Volume 20, Issue 1 Pages: 1-60 March 2020

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

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Volume 30, Issue 1, 2020

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Volume 38, Issue 2 Pages: 1-282 March 2020

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2020

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Volume 14 - Issue 1 - February 2020

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Volume 44, Issue 2 Pages: 233-432 April 2020

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Food Security

Volume 12, Issue 1, February 2020

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Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 63 February 2020

<https://www.fmreview.org/cities>

Cities and towns

Cities and towns are on the frontline of receiving and welcoming people who have been displaced. In this issue of FMR, policymakers, practitioners, researchers, representatives of cities and international city-focused alliances, and displaced people themselves debate the challenges facing both the urban authorities and their partners, and the people who come to live there. The issue also includes two 'general' articles on other topics.

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Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 1

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Volume 12, Issue 1, March 2020
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Vol. 7, No. 4 December 23, 2019
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Volume 15, 2020 Issue 4
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Article

[Sexual health services in the Arab region: Availability, access, and utilisation](#)

Leona Zahlan, Nicole Khaulil & Brigitte Khoury
Pages: 485-496
Published online: 22 Oct 2019

Article

[Why context matters for social norms interventions: The case of child marriage in Cameroon](#)

Beniamino Cislighi, Paul Nkwil, Gerry Mackie & Holly Shakya
Pages: 532-543

Published online: 27 Dec 2019

Article

Decision-making and cash spending patterns of adolescent girls and young women participating in a cash-transfer intervention in Tanzania: Implications for sexual health

Joyce Wamoyi, Peter Balvanz, Margaret W. Gichane, Suzanne Maman, Samuel Mugunga, Esther Majani & Audrey Pettifor

Pages: 587-597

Published online: 06 Dec 2019

Globalization and Health

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

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A qualitative exploration of the experiences of community health animation on malaria control in rural Malawi

Malaria control tools are efficacious and effective in preventing the disease; however, the human behaviour aspect of the intervention strategies is weak due to heavy reliance on positive human health behaviour. The challenge lies in adoption of control interventions by the target population which, to an extent, may include access to prevention and treatment tools. We present a qualitative assessment of the use of the Health Animator (HA) model for Information, Education and Communication (IEC) to improve adoption and use of malaria control by promoting positive health behaviours.

Authors: Tumaini Malenga, Frances E. Griffiths, Marrit van den Berg, Henk van den Berg, Michèle van Vugt, Kamija Samuel Phiri, Lucinda Manda-Taylor and Eric Umar

Content type: Research

20 March 2020

Uganda's experience in Ebola virus disease outbreak preparedness, 2018–2019

Authors: Jane Ruth Aceng, Alex R. Ario, Allan N. Muruta, Issa Makumbi, Miriam Nanyunja, Innocent Komakech, Andrew N. Bakainaga, Ambrose O. Talisuna, Collins Mwesigye, Allan M. Mpairwe, Jayne B. Tusiime, William Z. Lali, Edson Katushabe, Felix Ocom, Mugagga Kaggwa, Bodo Bongomin...

Content type: Research

19 March 2020

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 3 March 2020

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The Affordable Care Act Turns 10

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 21, Issue 2, December 2019

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Volume 15 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 2, March 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/2>

Editor's Choice

[Building capacity in mental health care in low- and middle-income countries by training primary care physicians using the mhGAP: a randomized controlled trial](#)

Jessica Spagnolo, François Champagne, Nicole Leduc, Michèle Rivard, Wahid Melki ...

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<https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czz138>

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[Examining the use of economic evaluations in health-related humanitarian programmes in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review](#)

Lizna A Makhani, Valerie Moran, Zia Sadique, Neha S Singh, Paul Revill ...

Health Policy Plan, Volume 35, Issue 2, March 2020, Pages 210–218,

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Susan E Bulthuis, Maryse C Kok, Joanna Raven, Marjolein A Dieleman

Health Policy Plan, Volume 35, Issue 2, March 2020, Pages 219–234,

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[Understanding fragility: implications for global health research and practice](#)

Karin Diaconu, Jennifer Falconer, Nicole Vidal, Fiona O'May, Esther Azasi ...

Health Policy Plan, Volume 35, Issue 2, March 2020, Pages 235–243,

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Volume 31, Issue 5-6 / March 2020

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Focus on Gene Therapy in Women's Health

[New issue; no digest content identified]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 1, February 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/41782>

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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 77, March 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/the-crisis-in-yemen/>

Responding to Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo

by Humanitarian Practice Network

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange, co-edited with Anne Harmer, focuses on the response to the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Although at the time of publication the outbreak appeared to have ended, over its course it claimed 2,200 lives, with more than 3,300 infected, making this the world's second largest outbreak ever.

In the lead article, Natalie Roberts reflects on the extent to which humanitarian actors have applied learning from the outbreak in West Africa in 2014–2016. Richard Kojan and colleagues report on the NGO ALIMA's flexible, patient-centred approach to reducing mortality, Marcela Ascuntar reflects on lessons learned from community feedback and Bernard Balibuno, Emanuel Mbuna Badjonga and Howard Mollett highlight the crucial role faith-based organisations have played in the response. In their article, Theresa Jones, Noé Kasali and Olivia Tulloch outline the work of the Bethesda counselling centre in Beni, which provides support to grieving families. Reflecting on findings from a recent assessment by Translators without Borders, Ellie Kemp describes the challenges involved in providing clear and accessible information on Ebola and the response, and Sung Joon Park and colleagues explain how humane care and treatment can help increase trust and confidence in the response. Stephen Mugamba and his co-authors highlight the importance of community involvement in Ebola research, and Gillian McKay and her co-authors examine the impact of the Ebola outbreak and response on sexual and reproductive health services.

Stacey Mearns, Kiryn Lanning and Michelle Gayer present an Ebola Readiness Roadmap to support NGOs in preparing for an outbreak, while Edward Kumakech, Maurice Sadlier, Aidan Sinnott and Dan Irvine report on a Gap Analysis tool looking at the communication, community engagement and compliance tracking activities that need to be in place before an Ebola vaccine is deployed. Emanuele Bruni and colleagues describe the development of a new monitoring and evaluation framework for strategic response planning. The edition ends with an article by Adelia Fairbanks, who argues for an acceptance strategy in the DRC to improve security and access for responding agencies.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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Volume 12, Issue 2, March 2020

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International Human Rights Law Review

Volume 8 (2019): Issue 2 (Nov 2019)

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International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health

Vol 7, No 3 (2020) March 2020

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/60>

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International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 43 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/43/suppl/C>

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International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 6, December 2019

<https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/48/6>

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International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 4 2020

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International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 5

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/12/iss/5>

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March 2020 Volume 92, p1-272

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International Migration Review

Volume 54 Issue 1, March 2020

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

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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

March 24/31, 2020, Vol 323, No. 12, Pages 1111-1216

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

Viewpoint

[Preparation for Possible Sustained Transmission of 2019 Novel Coronavirus - Lessons From Previous Epidemics](#)

David L. Swerdlow, MD; Lyn Finelli, DrPH, MS

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JAMA. 2020;323(12):1129-1130. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1960

This Viewpoint discusses the concepts of transmissibility and severity as the critical factors that determine the extent of an epidemic, drawing on the previous pandemic of influenza A(H1N1) and epidemics of SARS and MERS to consider what the scope, morbidity, and mortality of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) epidemic might be.

[Audio Interview:](#) COVID-19 Update From China

[US Emergency Legal Responses to Novel Coronavirus - Balancing Public Health and Civil Liberties](#)

Lawrence O. Gostin, JD; James G. Hodge Jr, JD, LL.M

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JAMA. 2020;323(12):1131-1132. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.2025

This Viewpoint discusses the policy and legal ramifications of the national public health emergency declared by the US government in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, and examines the lawfulness of quarantine and other compulsory measures.

[Enhancing Private Sector Health System Preparedness for 21st-Century Health Threats - Foundational Principles From a National Academies Initiative](#)

Donald M. Berwick, MD; Kenneth Shine, MD

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JAMA. 2020;323(12):1133-1134. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1310

This Viewpoint summarizes recommendations made by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) experts to address the US health system's preparedness for major threats,

highlighting 5 principles to help regions prepare for specific threats as a prelude to partnerships that would facilitate more comprehensive national preparedness.

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March 2020, Vol 174, No. 3, Pages 226-308
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/issue.aspx>
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March 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 3
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Journal of Adolescent Health

March 2020 Volume 66, Issue 3, p265-378
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Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 67 (2020)
<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>
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Volume 45, Issue 2, April 2020
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Volume 41 Pages 1-270 (January–February 2020)
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/41/suppl/C>
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2020 Volume 10 Issue 1
<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2044-1266/vol/9/iss/4>
Special Issue: Heritage and waste values
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 143 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-development-economics/vol/143/suppl/C>

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Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 15 Issue 1-2, February-April 2020

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

Special Issue: Ethical Issues in Social Media Research

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

March 2020 - Volume 74 - 3

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 13, Issue 1 Pages: 1-88 February 2020

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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2019

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Special Issue: Global Justice and Childhood

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

Volume 31, Number 1, February 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/journal/278>

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Volume 6, Issue 1, 2020

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Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Volume 10 Issue 1 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2042-6747/vol/10/iss/1>

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Volume 22, Issue 2, April 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/22/2>

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Volume 18, 2020_ Issue 2

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

Article

[How Radical Right-Wing Populism Has Shaped Recent Migration Policy in Austria and Germany](#)

[Alexander Rossell Hayes](#) & [Carolyn Marie Dudek](#)

Pages: 133-150

Published online: 20 May 2019

Article

[Growing Up in Times of War: Unaccompanied Refugee Minors' Assumptions About the World and Themselves](#)

[Gabriela M. Gottschald](#) & [Susan Sierau](#)

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Published online: 02 Jul 2019

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 221, Issue 5, 1 March 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/221/5>

Editor's Choice

[Ebola: Basic and Social Science, Public Health, and Policy at the Crossroads](#)

[Giuseppe Ippolito](#), [Francesco Vairo](#)

J Infect Dis, Volume 221, Issue 5, 1 March 2020, Pages 687–689, <https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiz108>

Editor's Choice

[The Costs of Drugs in Infectious Diseases: Branded, Generics, and Why We Should Care](#)

[Sydney Costantini](#), [Rochelle P Walensky](#)

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March 2020 - Volume 46 - 3

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Volume 7, Issue 1 (2020)

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Journal of Pediatrics

March 2020 Volume 218, p1-268, e1-e5

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

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Journal of Pharmaceutical Policy and Practice

<https://joppp.biomedcentral.com/>

[Accessed 28 Mar 2020]

[Public reporting on pharmaceutical industry-led access programs: alignment with the WHO medicine programs evaluation checklist](#)

There has been increased demand for greater public accountability and transparency of private sector-led global health partnership programs. This study critically reviews and pilot tests the World Health Organization (WHO) medicine program checklist as a framework for public reporting and assessing of programs.

Authors: Chukwuemeka A. Umeh, Peter C. Rockers, Richard Laing, Ovi Wagh and Veronika J. Wirtz

Content type: Research

26 March 2020

Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

March/April 2020 - Volume 26 - Issue 2

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Journal of Public Health Policy

Volume 41, Issue 1, March 2020

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Journal of Refugee & Global Health

Volume 2, Issue 2 (2019)

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

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Journal of the Royal Society – Interface

01 March 2020 Volume 17 Issue 164

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

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Journal of Travel Medicine

Volume 27, Issue 2, March 2020

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The Lancet

Mar 28, 2020 Volume 395 Number 10229 p1011-1088, e54-e61

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

Editorial

[COVID-19: learning from experience](#)

The Lancet

Over the past 2 weeks, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has marched relentlessly westward. On March 13, WHO said that Europe was now the centre of the pandemic. A few days later, deaths in Italy surpassed those in China. Iran and Spain had also reported over 1000 deaths as of March 23, and many other European countries and the USA reported increasing numbers of cases, heralding an imminent wave of fatalities. Following the sweep of COVID-19 is a series of dramatic containment measures that reflect the scale of the threat posed by the pandemic. Lockdowns that seemed draconian when instigated in Wuhan only 2 months ago are now becoming commonplace. However, many countries are still not following WHO's clear recommendations on containment (widespread testing, quarantine of cases, contact tracing, and social distancing) and have instead implemented haphazard measures, with some attempting only to suppress deaths by shielding the elderly and those with certain health conditions.

The initial slow response in countries such as the UK, the USA, and Sweden now looks increasingly poorly judged. As leaders scramble to acquire diagnostic tests, personal protective equipment, and ventilators for overwhelmed hospitals, there is a growing sense of anger. The patchwork of harmful initial reactions from many leaders, from denial and misplaced optimism, to passive acceptance of large-scale deaths, was justified by words such as unprecedented. But this belies the damage wrought by SARS, Middle East respiratory syndrome, Ebola virus, Zika virus, the 2009 H1N1 influenza pandemic, and a widespread acceptance among scientists that a pandemic would one day occur. Hong Kong and South Korea were tested by these previous emerging infections, leaving them better able to scale up testing and contact tracing.

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Globally, many people are afraid, angry, uncertain, and without confidence in their national leadership. But alongside these dark sentiments, images of solidarity have emerged. Health workers have shown an incredible commitment to their communities and responded with compassion and resolve to tackle the virus despite challenging and sometimes dangerous conditions. Neighbours have organised to support vulnerable people; businesses and national governments have stepped up to provide support for those who need it and strengthen social security and health services. The pandemic has also brought examples of international solidarity, with the sharing of resources, information, and expertise from countries further ahead in the epidemic, or with better results in controlling the spread. China's experience will be crucial to understanding how to lift restrictions safely.

Inevitably, the next wave of infections will hit Africa and Latin America. The Africa CDC has reported cases in 41 countries; Brazil, Mexico, and Peru have all reported hundreds or thousands of cases. Most African or Latin American countries have only tens or hundreds of ventilators, and many health facilities do not have even basic therapies such as oxygen. Fragile health-care systems would soon be overwhelmed should infection spread widely. People living in poor, overcrowded, urban areas are especially vulnerable; many do not have basic sanitation, could not self-isolate, and have no paid sick leave or social security. In response to the threat, WHO has launched the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund, which has raised more than US\$70 million, and some regional organisations have taken strong proactive action, sharing information and receiving donations of testing kits and medical supplies. Many national governments have responded swiftly, but many are yet to take the threat of COVID-19 seriously—eg, ignoring WHO's recommendation on avoiding mass gatherings. Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro has been strongly criticised by health experts and faces an intensifying public backlash for what is seen as his weak response.

Alongside the deep distress felt as many countries experience a peak in cases or brace for it, there is also a growing understanding about the importance of the collective and community. Europe and the USA have shown that putting off preparation, in either the hope of containment elsewhere or a mood of fatality, is not effective. It is imperative that the global community takes advantage of this spirit of cooperation to avoid repeating this error in more vulnerable countries. WHO has provided consistent, clear, and evidence-based recommendations; communicated effectively; and navigated difficult political situations shrewdly. The world is not lacking effective global leadership. The central role played by WHO in coordinating the global response must continue, and countries and donors need to support WHO in these efforts.

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Abstract

Background

Results of medical research should be made publicly available in a timely manner to enable patients and health professionals to make informed decisions about health issues. We aimed to apply a multi-state model to analyze the overall time needed to publish study results, and to examine predictors of the timing of transitions within the research process from study initiation through completion/discontinuation to eventual publication.

Methods

Using a newly developed multi-state model approach, we analysed the effect of different study-related factors on each of the transitions from study approval to eventual publication, using a data set of clinical studies approved by a German research ethics committee between 2000 and 2002.

Results

Of 917 approved studies, 806 were included in our analyses. About half of the clinical studies which began were subsequently published as full articles, and the median time from study approval to publication was 10 years. Differences across model states were apparent; several factors were predictive of the transition from study approval to completion, while funding source and collaboration were predictive of the transition from completion to publication.

Conclusions

The proposed multi-state model approach permits a more comprehensive analysis of time to publication than a simple examination of the transition from approval to publication, and thus the findings represent an advance on previous studies of this aspect of the research process.

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The effects of communicating uncertainty on public trust in facts and numbers

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Significance

Does openly communicating uncertainty around facts and numbers necessarily undermine audiences' trust in the facts, or the communicators? Despite concerns among scientists, experts, and journalists, this has not been studied extensively. In four experiments and one field experiment on the BBC News website, words and numerical ranges were used to communicate uncertainty in news article-like texts. The texts included contested topics such as climate change and immigration statistics. While people's prior beliefs about topics influenced their trust in the facts, they did not influence how people responded to the uncertainty being communicated. Communicating uncertainty numerically only exerted a minor effect on trust. Knowing this should allow academics and science communicators to be more transparent about the limits of human knowledge.

Abstract

Uncertainty is inherent to our knowledge about the state of the world yet often not communicated alongside scientific facts and numbers. In the "posttruth" era where facts are increasingly contested, a common assumption is that communicating uncertainty will reduce public trust. However, a lack of systematic research makes it difficult to evaluate such claims. We conducted five experiments—including one preregistered replication with a national sample and one field experiment on the BBC News website (total $n = 5,780$)—to examine whether communicating epistemic uncertainty about facts across different topics (e.g., global warming, immigration), formats (verbal vs. numeric), and magnitudes (high vs. low) influences public trust. Results show that whereas people do perceive

greater uncertainty when it is communicated, we observed only a small decrease in trust in numbers and trustworthiness of the source, and mostly for verbal uncertainty communication. These results could help reassure all communicators of facts and science that they can be more open and transparent about the limits of human knowledge.

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The issue also comprises an applied perspective on organizational development in torture rehabilitation programs and two letters to the editor addressing involvement of medical personnel in torture in Syria and a response to the concept of psychological torture.

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