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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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Migration: Greece-Turkey Border

Greece-Turkey Border: Migrants must not be used as a political tool. The EU and Member States must act in solidarity now.

Geneva/Budapest, 3 March 2020 – Women, children and men caught up in the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the land border between Greece and Turkey, in the Greek islands and in the Aegean Sea must not be “used as a political tool”, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) warned today.

Speaking of the deteriorating humanitarian situation, IFRC President Francesco Rocca said: “It is unacceptable that children and families are exposed to tear gas and violence or have to risk their lives in the Aegean Sea. We will not be silent in the face of this dire humanitarian situation, which may become even worse in the next hours and days.”

The IFRC is deeply concerned that thousands of people, including vulnerable children, may suffer the consequences of the recent surge of migrants trying to cross the border between Turkey and Greece. While Governments have the right and responsibility to set migration policies and to control their own borders, steps should be taken to ensure the implementation of such policies do not increase suffering.

“EU Member States should respond in a spirit of solidarity to the recent increase in numbers of people seeking refuge at the EU’s external borders. They must enact their responsibilities in protecting people and saving lives. EU governments cannot turn their backs on Turkey and Greece. Southern European States cannot be left alone. All States have a responsibility to protect people and save lives,” President Rocca said.

“We call on the EU and the national Governments to avoid using migrants as a political tool, to ensure that asylum seekers can apply for international protection, in line with international and EU laws. Access to humanitarian assistance and essential services, including healthcare, ought to be guaranteed for all people, in particular children and other vulnerable groups,” he ended.

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Greece

EU must address migration emergency as Greek islands reach breaking point

Statement 4 Mar 2020

In recent days, the Greek government took a series of harsh measures to push back thousands of asylum seekers and migrants attempting to enter from Turkey. Greece sent military forces to the border, said it would suspend asylum applications, and deport migrants who entered irregularly. One

child died and 47 migrants were rescued after their boat capsized off the island of Lesbos, the Greek coastguard said. Separately, video footage released by the Turkish government appears to show members of the Greek coastguard shooting into the water near migrants. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has urged authorities not to use excessive or disproportionate force and is calling for continued resources from other European states.

Stefano Argenziano, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) operations coordinator for Greece, gave the following statement calling on the Greek government and other European Union (EU) member states to take immediate action to address the ongoing emergency facing people trapped in horrific conditions:

“It is now almost four years since the EU-Turkey statement traded human lives for political gains.

Once again, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) sees that EU member states are willing to deter people from seeking safety at all cost, rather than providing the most basic assistance to men, women and children in need. This deterrence places them in further danger. In recent days, this has culminated with the death of a child, teargassing people at land-borders, and reports of coastguards violently interfering with, instead of helping, boats in distress.

With 40,000 people trapped on the Greek islands, the situation has reached breaking point for asylum seekers and local communities alike who have both been abandoned by European leaders for the sake of the EU-Turkey deal. Consequently, increased tensions have led to riots, roadblocks and attacks on those trying to provide assistance.

People in need on the islands are deprived of critical assistance as MSF teams and others have had to limit the volume of activity due to safety concerns. The Greek Government and the European Union must take immediate action to de-escalate the situation.

The emergency measures announced by the Greek government will have devastating consequences as they remove the right to claim protection and aim to push people fleeing war back to Turkey. This will only lead to more chaos, deaths at sea, escalating violence and a worsening humanitarian disaster.

EU member states must address the real emergency: evacuate people from the islands to EU countries, deliver an asylum system that works, and stop trapping people in horrific conditions.

MSF teams in Lesbos are currently adjusting their activities on daily basis according to the security conditions around Moria and Mytilene. We are committed to staying on Lesbos to ensure that asylum seekers receive the medical and mental healthcare they need.”

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[Lack of Quality Data Compounds Risks Facing Millions of Refugee and Migrant Children](#)

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UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, OECD, various countries and other partners join forces to protect children through the International Data Alliance on Children on the Move

New York - The widespread lack of quality data on millions of displaced and migrant children is compounding the serious risks they face, a coalition of international organizations announced today in New York during the launch of the **International Data Alliance on Children on the Move**.

The Alliance – led by UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency) and OECD, and currently including about 30 members from government agencies, NGOs, civil society and other partners – aims to improve data and statistics on this vulnerable group of children to support evidence-based policymaking that protects and empowers them.

Improving the availability of data on migrants in vulnerable situations, including children, was one of the main themes discussed during the second International Forum on Migration Statistics in Cairo earlier this year.

“Tens of millions of children have migrated across borders or been forcibly displaced, but in so many cases, we don’t have the information needed to keep them safe,” said Mark Hereward, UNICEF Associate Director for Data and Analytics. “If we don’t know who they are, where they’ve come from or whether they’re alone, how can we ensure they are protected and get the support they need? Improving data quality, availability and analysis is essential to properly identifying and reaching these children.”

“Between 2014 and 2018 more than 1,825 children – an average of almost one every day – were reported dead or missing. Many more such incidents go unrecorded. This is a grim reminder that children are among the most vulnerable groups of migrants,” said Frank Laczko, Director of IOM’s GMDAC.

The work of the Alliance will also support implementation of the two Global Compacts on Migration and Refugees as well as the child migration relevant targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

“Leaving no one behind is the central promise of the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs. We need more harmonised data, as a prerequisite for making sound policy decisions. This is the only way to show the extent of the challenges children on the move face and their vulnerability,” said Deputy Director General of Statistics Netherlands, Dr Bert Kroese.

Over the next two years, the Alliance will work to achieve three primary objectives:

[1] Support countries and regions to strengthen their capacities to collect, analyze and use data on migrant and refugee children.

[2] Produce an annual flagship report with data on migrant and refugee children to monitor global progress in improving data and highlight key knowledge gaps.

[3] Convene an annual conference and establish a global network to facilitate the exchange of local, national, regional and international good practices on data collection, analysis and dissemination to support data initiatives between and within countries.

The Alliance will also coordinate and work closely with other established groups and networks focusing on data in migration and displacement, including the UN Migration Network, the UN Expert Group on Migration Statistics (EGMS), the Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS), and the Global Compact on Youth in Humanitarian Action...



[World Could Achieve 'Gender Dividend' of \\$172 Trillion from Closing Lifetime Earnings Gaps](#)

WASHINGTON, March 3, 2020 —A new report from the World Bank Group released ahead of International Women's Day shows that the world could achieve a 'gender dividend' of \$172 trillion by closing gaps in lifetime labor earnings between women and men.

The study, "[How Large is the Gender Dividend? Measuring Selected Impacts and Costs of Gender Inequality](#)," finds that if women earned the same as men, global human capital wealth could increase by about one-fifth, and women's human capital wealth could increase by more than half.

"This report builds on past research to highlight the cost of the gender earnings gap, which holds countries back from achieving their full potential," said Caren Grown, Senior Director of Gender at the World Bank Group. "Improving women's lifetime earnings opportunities can be achieved by taking actions that redistribute and balance care responsibilities, create a pipeline of talent by closing the gender gap in employment and entrepreneurship, and tackling discriminatory laws and restrictive social norms that hold back girls and women."

'How Large is the Gender Dividend?,' supported by Global Affairs Canada, examines other domains of gender inequality in addition to the earnings gap, including: educational attainment, child marriage and early childbearing; fertility and population growth; health, nutrition, well-being, and violence; and agency, decision-making, and social capital.

It shows:

- :: Gender inequality impacts women throughout their lives but is especially detrimental in adolescence.
- :: Child marriage and early childbearing have lasting negative impacts on the health of young women and their children, and entrench gender inequalities.
- :: Gender inequality affects many development outcomes, with large intergenerational impacts...

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Freedom – Democracies

[NEW REPORT: Freedom in the World 2020 finds established democracies are in decline](#)

Press release March 4, 2020

[Full Report PDF](#)

Key Findings

:: **Of the 195 countries assessed, 83 (43 percent) were rated Free, 63 (32 percent) were Partly Free, and 49 (25 percent) were Not Free.** The share of Free countries has declined by 3 percentage points over the last decade, while the percentage of Partly Free and Not Free countries rose by two and one points, respectively.

:: **The gap between setbacks and gains widened.** People in 64 countries experienced deterioration in their political rights and civil liberties in 2019, while those in just 37 countries experienced improvements. The difference was smaller in 2018, when 68 countries declined and 50 made gains.

:: **The countries with the year's largest gains and declines were concentrated in Africa.**

Benin, Mozambique, and Tanzania suffered from flawed elections and state repression of dissent, while Sudan, Madagascar, and Ethiopia benefited from progress toward reform and more democratic rule.

:: **Most established democracies have experienced declines over the past 14 years.** Of the world's 41 established democracies as of 2005, defined as those that had been rated Free for each of the previous 20 years, 25 have since suffered net score declines.

:: **Mass protests yielded mixed results for each country or territory's overall score.** For example, Hong Kong slipped by four points due in part to acts of repression by police and progovernment thugs. Sudan's score improved by five points after its protest movement paved the way for a power-sharing transitional government.

:: As democratic states display faltering support for freedom on the international stage, **authoritarian powers have expanded their global influence** through proxy wars, election interference, and censorship beyond their borders.

"The report shows clearly once again, democracy is in decline," said Abramowitz. "Political rights and civil liberties are threatened in free societies and repressive ones alike. It is possible to turn the tide on this trend, but it is going to take concerted efforts from governments, pressure from the people, and partnership from the business community."

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Featured Journal Content

Lancet Public Health

Feb 2020 Volume 5 Number 2 e71-e126

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

Comment

[Authoritarianism, outbreaks, and information politics](#)

Matthew M Kavanagh

Are autocratic states such as China better equipped than their more democratic counterparts to respond to disease outbreaks? On Dec 31, 2019, China alerted WHO to an outbreak of pneumonia of unknown cause in the city of Wuhan in Hubei province. The epidemic quickly spread, with cases of a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) confirmed throughout China and elsewhere in Asia, Europe, North America, and Australia. The Chinese Government's forceful response has drawn praise from global health officials. Scholars and health leaders have long debated whether democracy improves, hinders, or is immaterial for public health.[1](#), [2](#), [3](#) Does this signal an authoritarian advantage in tackling outbreaks?

On the surface, the power of authoritarianism is on display in China's response to 2019-nCoV. The Huanan seafood market suspected as the outbreak source was closed and decontaminated within a day of the announcement. Within 3 days of confirmed human-to-human transmission, with cases rising and the world's largest mass travel event underway for the lunar new year Spring Festival, the Chinese Government imposed an unprecedented cordon sanitaire. Movement of more than 50 million people across Hubei province was rapidly restricted, curtailing transportation inside cities and outbound transportation by air, train, and bus.[4](#) Authorities halted Spring Festival celebrations in Beijing and restricted movement into other major cities. Two 1000-bed hospitals were built within days. These moves reflect a level of control only available to authoritarian governments. WHO officials have congratulated China for setting "a new standard for outbreak response".[5](#)

Yet, time is key to controlling outbreaks; getting good information and acting on it rapidly can halt outbreaks before they need emergency measures. The early history of the 2019-nCoV outbreak raises questions about whether this situation is an example of beneficial autocracy.

For Amartya Sen, authoritarian states face serious challenges in information and accountability.⁶ Governments in closed political systems, without open media and opposition parties, struggle to receive accurate information in a timely manner and to convey urgent information to the public. Governments can be the victims of their own propaganda, because the country's political institutions provide incentives to local officials to avoid sharing bad news with their central bosses and await instructions before acting.

Information politics in China undermined a rapid response to the 2019-nCoV outbreak. Health-care workers suspected an outbreak in early December, 2019,⁷ but information with which the public might have taken preventive measures was suppressed, and communication channels that might have alerted senior officials to the growing threat were shut down.⁸ Police detained a clinician and seven other people posting reports on 2019-nCoV, threatening punishment for spreading so-called rumors. Social media was censored; a preliminary analysis of Weibo and WeChat published on China's biggest online platform⁹ showed outbreak discussions were nearly non-existent through much of January, 2020, until the Chinese Government changed its official stance on Jan 20, 2020.

Through much of January, 2020, the Wuhan Municipal Health Commission reported no evidence of human-to-human transmission, no infection among health workers, that severe cases of disease caused by 2019-nCoV infection were confined to those with underlying conditions and older people, and that the Huanan seafood market was the source.¹¹ Reports in *The Lancet*⁷ and *New England Journal of Medicine*,¹² however, show that half of patients admitted to intensive-care units were aged 25–49 years, and two-thirds had no underlying illnesses. Human-to-human transmission and health-worker infection were evident before the Chinese Government made an announcement.¹² This information either did not make it to authorities or the public were misinformed. The Mayor of Wuhan has said publicly that not only was information not revealed in a timely manner but also they did not use information effectively.¹⁰ By the time quarantine went into effect on Jan 23, 2020, five million people had left the city of Wuhan for holiday travel.¹⁰ Outbreaks were subsequently reported throughout China.

Without open media and an opposition to check on bureaucratic hierarchy, knowledge from the front lines of the 2019-nCoV outbreak did not reach Beijing. Weeks into the outbreak, leaders were forced to publicly threaten that officials withholding information “will be nailed on the pillar of shame for eternity”.⁴

Is there an authoritarian advantage in disease response? It seems that authoritarian information politics inhibited a rapid response to the 2019-nCoV outbreak in China, which could have limited the crisis. It is not yet clear if the extraordinary cordons and influx of resources enabled by autocratic rule will prove a successful public health strategy. Yet, in building capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to outbreaks, democratic openness and competitive politics seem more asset than inadequacy.

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World Bank Group Announces Up to \$12 Billion Immediate Support for COVID-19 Country Response

Fast Track Financing for Developing Countries

ASHINGTON, March 3, 2020 — As COVID-19 reaches more than 60 countries, the World Bank Group is making available an initial package of up to \$12 billion in immediate support to assist countries coping with the health and economic impacts of the global outbreak. This financing is designed to help member countries take effective action to respond to and, where possible, lessen the tragic impacts posed by the COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Through this new fast track package, the World Bank Group will help developing countries strengthen health systems, including better access to health services to safeguard people from the epidemic, strengthen disease surveillance, bolster public health interventions, and work with the private sector to reduce the impact on economies. The financial package, with financing drawn from across IDA, IBRD and IFC, will be globally coordinated to support country-based responses.

The COVID-19 support package will make available initial crisis resources of up to \$12 billion in financing — \$8 billion of which is new — on a fast track basis. This comprises up to \$2.7 billion new financing from IBRD; \$1.3 billion from IDA, complemented by reprioritization of \$2 billion of the Bank's existing portfolio; and \$6 billion from IFC, including \$2 billion from existing trade facilities. It will also include policy advice and technical assistance drawing on global expertise and country-level knowledge.

"We are working to provide a fast, flexible response based on developing country needs in dealing with the spread of COVID-19," said World Bank Group President David Malpass. "This includes emergency financing, policy advice, and technical assistance, building on the World Bank Group's existing instruments and expertise to help countries respond to the crisis."...

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CEPI welcomes UK Government's funding and highlights need for \$2 billion to develop a vaccine against COVID-19

06 Mar 2020

"It is increasingly clear that containment measures for COVID-19 can only slow down its spread and the virus is now entering a stage of unprecedented threat in terms of its global impact. While we heartily support the range of public health measures that governments are putting in place to protect their populations, it is critical that we also invest in the development of a vaccine that will prevent people from getting sick in the first place. Working as part of the global response, CEPI has committed \$100 million of its own funds and moved with unprecedented speed to initiate a programme of vaccine development with the goal of having vaccine candidates in early stage clinical trials in as little as 16 weeks. However, these funds will be fully allocated by the end of March and without immediate additional financial contributions the vaccine programmes we have begun will not be able to progress and ultimately will not deliver the vaccines that the world needs.

Dr. Richard Hatchett

Chief Executive Officer, CEPI

In response to this call, the UK government today announced £20m of additional funding and urged other donors to join the efforts to find a vaccine. This builds on £30 million of funding the UK Government has previously given to CEPI to support its vaccine development work against COVID-19 and other emerging infectious diseases.

Funding call

CEPI was founded as a global partnership between public, private, philanthropic, and civil society organisations to accelerate the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases and enable equitable access to these vaccines for people during outbreaks. CEPI has become the lead actor on COVID-19 vaccine development and has the institutional expertise, networks, and agility to move rapidly. However, while CEPI has begun the process by supporting 4 vaccine candidates with more programmes due to be announced, without additional funding no programme will be able to progress through the earliest phase of clinical testing.

Today's call for \$2 billion of new funding will enable CEPI to expand the number of vaccine candidates at the outset to increase our chances of success, and to fund the clinical trials for these candidate vaccines. Our ambition is to have at least 3 vaccine candidates, which could be submitted to regulatory authorities for licensure for general use/use in outbreaks.

CEPI has identified five funding phases:

\$100m immediately, to support

- o Vaccine development for 8 candidates through phase 1 clinical trials

\$375m by END OF MARCH, to support

- o Manufacturing of clinical trial material for phase 2/3 trials for 4-6 vaccine candidates
- o Preparation of phase 2/3 trials for 4-6 vaccine candidates (potential initiation of phase 2 trial for 1 candidate)
- o Initial investments to expand global manufacturing capacity. These investments are needed to ensure the vaccine is ultimately available at scale and globally

\$400m by END OF JUNE, to support

- o Execution of phase 2/3 trials for at least 2 candidates
- o Preparation of phase 2/3 clinical trials in a number of locations globally
- o Production of additional phase 2/3 clinical trial material
- o Further investment in scaling up / technology transfer of manufacturing process for up to 6 candidates

\$400m by END OF SEPTEMBER, to support

- o Conduct of phase 2/3 clinical trials for additional 4 candidates in a number of locations globally
- o Investment in large-scale manufacturing capacity for at least 3 vaccine candidates

\$500-750m in 2021, to support

- o Enhancing global manufacturing capacity with tech transfer to geographically distributed locations of up to 3 candidates
- o Completion of clinical trial testing
- o Completion of regulatory and quality requirements for at least 3 vaccines
- o Preparation of regulatory dossiers for emergency authorization/licensure submission

To ensure availability of funds and reflecting the many uncertainties that still surround COVID-19, the World Bank has created a financial vehicle whereby funds can be returned to donors if not used for the response or if the epidemiological picture changes and vaccine development is deemed unwarranted.

Alternatively, at the donor's discretion, funds may be retained at the World Bank for use in a future Disease X scenario...

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Situation report - 47 [WHO]

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

07 March 2020

[Excerpts]

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

Globally :: 101,927 confirmed [3735 new]

China :: 80,813 confirmed [102 new]

:: 3,073 deaths [28 new]

Outside of China

:: 21,110 confirmed [3633 new]

:: 93 countries/territories/areas [5 new]

:: 413 deaths [78 new]

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT

China - Very High

Regional Level – Very High

Global Level – Very High

HIGHLIGHTS

:: 5 new countries/territories/areas (Colombia, Holy See, Peru, Serbia, and Togo) have reported cases of COVID-19 in the past 24 hours.

:: The global number of reported cases of COVID-19 has surpassed 100,000.

:: OpenWHO has reached 161,000 learners in COVID-19 courses. The introductory course on COVID-19 has been partially or fully translated into 17 national languages. For more information, and to enroll in these free courses, please visit OpenWHO's COVID-19 channel.

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 82: 01 March 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation Update

From 24 February to 1 March 2020, no new confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) were reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Figure 1). In the past 21 days (10 February to 1 March), the outbreak has been confined to a relatively small geographic area. During this period, two new confirmed cases were reported from one health area in Beni Health Zone, North Kivu Province (Figure 2, Table 1). It has been more than 42 days since new cases were detected in all health zones except Beni and Mabalako, though surveillance activities are ongoing in all health zones to avoid resurgence of the outbreak...

...Conclusion

While there is room for cautious optimism around the absence of new confirmed cases this week, the outbreak remains active and risks of additional cases emerging remain high. Response activities must be maintained in all health zones.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)
<http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>

Polio this week as of 04 March 2020

:: In May 2019, Iran reported an isolation of a wild poliovirus type1 in a sewage sample from Sistan & Balochistan province. The virus was confirmed to be genetically linked to the wild poliovirus from Karachi, Pakistan. This development, per existing global polio programme guidelines, triggered opening of an 'Event'. After months of consultations and a high level of poliovirus surveillance sensitivity, the event has now been declared closed therefore eliminating Iran from the list of outbreak countries.

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

- :: ***Afghanistan:*** two WPV1 cases
- :: ***Pakistan:*** four WPV1 cases, 16 WPV1 positive environmental samples and six cVDPV2 cases
- :: ***Somalia:*** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: ***Angola:*** one cVDPV2 case and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: ***Chad:*** four cVDPV2 cases
- :: ***Côte d'Ivoire:*** one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- :: ***Democratic Republic of the Congo:*** two cVDPV2 cases
- :: ***Ethiopia:*** one cVDPV2 case
- :: ***Malaysia:*** three cVDPV1 positive environmental samples

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 7 Mar 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 82: 01 March 2020
[See Ebola above for detail]

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

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 7 Mar 2020]

Iran

:: WHO team arrives in Tehran to support the COVID-19 response 2 March 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*
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*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*
occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*
Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*
Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*
Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 1 Emergencies [to 7 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

:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Update No. 01 - 2 March 2020

:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria Flash Update - As of 5 March 2020

Yemen

:: 03 March 2020 Yemen: Al Jawf and Marib Flash Update No.1 | 3 March 2020 [EN/AR]

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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 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

6 March 2020

SG/SM/19995

[Ninety Per Cent of Global Population Has Bias against Women, Secretary-General Says, Urging More Action towards Gender Equality, in Remarks for International Observance](#)

5 March 2020

SG/SM/19994

[Amid Powerful Pushback, Governments Must Change Systems, Power Imbalances Thwarting Women's Full Potential, Secretary-General Says in International Observance Message](#)

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Top News

[Coronavirus: Human rights need to be front and centre in response, says Bachelet](#)

[International Women's Day - 8 March 2020 "The time to act is now" – UN experts urge men and boys to become women's rights defenders](#)

[Urgent appeal to Egypt: UN experts call for release of four minors facing death sentences](#)

[UN torture prevention body confirms upcoming visits and issues advice on compulsory quarantine for Coronavirus](#)

[El Salvador / Human Rights: UN experts call for urgent reforms against arbitrary detention of vulnerable women](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

[Human Rights Council celebrates International Women's Day, continues general debate on the Promotion and Protection of all Human Rights](#)

06/03/2020

[Human Rights Council discusses the protection of human rights while countering terrorism](#)

04/03/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/CRCIndex.aspx>
Latest News

[Child rights in the Pacific: UN body concludes historic session in Samoa](#)

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Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

[International Women's Day - 8 March 2020](#)

["The time to act is now" – UN experts urge men and boys to become women's rights defenders](#)

6 March 2020

[UN expert says States must step up efforts to eradicate the sale and exploitation of children](#)

3 March 2020

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

SRSB/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[International Women's Day - 8 March 2020](#)

["The time to act is now" – UN experts urge men and boys to become women's rights defenders](#)

6 March 2020

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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[UN expert on indigenous peoples' rights to visit Greenland and Denmark](#)

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Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

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UN OCHA [to 7 Mar 2020]

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[Syria anniversary press release \(6 March 2020\)](#)

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[UN releases \\$15 million to help vulnerable countries battle the spread of the coronavirus](#)

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Statement

[Statement by Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director for Partnerships, on coronavirus misinformation](#)

NEW YORK, 6 March 2020 – "All around the world, people are taking necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families from coronavirus. Sound preparation, based on scientific evidence, is what is needed at this time.

"However, while many people are sharing information about the virus and how to protect against it, only some of that information is useful or reliable. Misinformation during times of a health crisis can spread paranoia, fear, and stigmatization. It can also result in people being left unprotected or more vulnerable to the virus.

"For example, a recent erroneous online message circulating in several languages around the world and purporting to be a UNICEF communication appears to indicate, among other things, that avoiding ice cream and other cold foods can help prevent the onset of the disease. This is, of course, wholly untrue.

"To the creators of such falsehoods, we offer a simple message: STOP. Sharing inaccurate information and attempting to imbue it with authority by misappropriating the names of those in a position of trust is dangerous and wrong.

"To members of the public, we ask that you seek accurate information about how to keep yourself and your family safe from verified sources, such as UNICEF or WHO, government health officials and

trusted healthcare professionals; and that you refrain from sharing information from untrustworthy or unverified sources...

Press release

[Panama sees more than seven-fold increase in number of migrant children crossing through Darien Gap](#)

Nearly 24,000 people from more than 50 nationalities, 16 per cent of whom are children, crossed the dangerous jungle in 2019

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Press release

[UNICEF, WFP chiefs wrap up two-day visit to Syria, see impact of conflict on children and families](#)

UN officials call for cessation of hostilities and protection of children as conflict is about to enter its 10th year

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Press release

[25 years of uneven progress: Despite gains in education, world still a violent, highly discriminatory place for girls](#)

Two and a half decades after the historic Beijing women's conference, violence against women and girls still not only common, but accepted

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Statement

[Protecting children must be top priority, in latest refugee surge response](#)

Statement by Ms. Afshan Khan, UNICEF Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia and Special Coordinator for the Refugee and Migrant Response in Europe

03/03/2020

Press release

[Lack of quality data compounds risks facing millions of refugee and migrant children](#)

UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, OECD, countries and other partners join forces to protect children through the International Data Alliance on Children on the Move

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[UN releases \\$15 million to help vulnerable countries battle the spread of the coronavirus](#)

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UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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[UNHCR, partners seek US\\$621 million to support DRC refugees and hosting communities](#)

06 March 2020

[UN appeals for US\\$877 million for Rohingya refugee response in Bangladesh](#)

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[UNHCR statement on the situation at the Turkey-EU border](#)

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IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

[IOM Steps Up Humanitarian Response on Turkey's Land and Sea Borders](#)

2020-03-06 18:52

Edirne- As the situation on the Turkey/EU border enters its second week IOM, with its partners, continues to provide humanitarian aid to the thousands of vulnerable migrants who have been sleeping in rough conditions, without proper access to food, shelter or sanitary...

[Shipwreck Off Coast of Libya Pushes Migrant Deaths on the Mediterranean Past 20,000 Mark](#)

2020-03-05 09:16

Berlin – A tragic shipwreck off the coast of Libya last month and more than a dozen other recent fatalities elsewhere have pushed the death toll in the Mediterranean Sea to 20,014 since 2014, according to IOM's Missing Migrants Project.

[IOM Urges Restraint, Calls for a Humane Response on EU-Turkey Border](#)

2020-03-05 04:54

Geneva - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is urging all States to exercise restraint and adopt a balanced, humane approach to population movements across the EU-Turkey border.

[UN Appeals for USD 877m for Rohingya Refugee Response in Bangladesh](#)

2020-03-03 14:00

Joint IOM-UNHCR Press Release

Geneva – United Nations agencies and NGO partners today (03/03) launched the

[Humanitarian Leaders Gather in Saudi Arabia to Discuss World's Most Dangerous Migration Routes](#)

2020-03-03 13:30

Riyadh – Finding safe and dignified solutions that meet the needs of people embarking on precarious migration routes to and through countries in conflict was a key focus of this week's Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, hosted by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief...

[Lack of Quality Data Compounds Risks Facing Millions of Refugee and Migrant Children](#)

2020-03-03 13:15

UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, OECD, various countries and other partners join forces to protect children through the International Data Alliance on Children on the Move

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNAIDS [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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[**HIV data check in Papua New Guinea's National Capital District**](#)

5 March 2020

[**Community project helps families respond to stigma and discrimination**](#)

[**Raising the voices of women at the forefront of climate change**](#)

3 March 2020

[**Breaking the vicious cycle of HIV-related stigma in Tajikistan**](#)

[**Hollaback! Jakarta working to end harassment against women**](#)

[**Decriminalization works, but too few countries are taking the bold step**](#)

2 March 2020

[**Services tailored for women who inject drugs in India**](#)

WHO & Regional Offices [to 7 Mar 2020]

3 March 2020 *News release*

[**Shortage of personal protective equipment endangering health workers worldwide**](#)

Geneva

WHO calls on industry and governments to increase manufacturing by 40 per cent to meet rising global demand

The World Health Organization has warned that severe and mounting disruption to the global supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) – caused by rising demand, panic buying, hoarding and misuse – is putting lives at risk from the new coronavirus and other infectious diseases.

Healthcare workers rely on personal protective equipment to protect themselves and their patients from being infected and infecting others.

But shortages are leaving doctors, nurses and other frontline workers dangerously ill-equipped to care for COVID-19 patients, due to limited access to supplies such as gloves, medical masks, respirators, goggles, face shields, gowns, and aprons.

“Without secure supply chains, the risk to healthcare workers around the world is real. Industry and governments must act quickly to boost supply, ease export restrictions and put measures in place to stop speculation and hoarding. We can’t stop COVID-19 without protecting health workers first,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus...

1 March 2020 *News release*

[**UN releases US\\$15 million to help vulnerable countries battle the spread of the coronavirus**](#)

[See COVID-19 above for detail]

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

- :: WHO and key health partners join forces to fight COVID-19 in Africa 06 March 2020
- :: Inoculating against the 'infodemic' in Africa 05 March 2020
- :: The Democratic Republic of the Congo's last Ebola patient discharged 03 March 2020
- :: Senegal reports first COVID-19 case 02 March 2020

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

- :: PAHO Director: The Americas must prepare to respond to imported cases, outbreaks and community transmission of COVID-19 (03/07/2020)
- :: Communicating the risks to health posed by COVID-19 is key to protecting populations and mitigating spread (03/06/2020)
- :: A tool to investigate outbreaks, Go.Data, is rolled out for COVID-19 in Latin America :: PAHO/WHO and Mexico strengthen laboratory capacity to detect yellow fever in the Americas (03/02/2020)

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

- :: WHO emphasizes on agile response capacities, as South-East Asia Region confirms more COVID-19 cases 4 March 2020 *News release*
New Delhi - With India, Indonesia and Thailand confirming new cases of COVID-19, World Health Organization today asked countries in its South-East Asia Region to strengthen preparedness for all possible scenarios and ensure early containment measures.

WHO European Region EURO

- :: WHO rapid response team concludes mission to Italy for COVID-19 response 06-03-2020
- :: Where do we stand on women's health in 2020? 06-03-2020
- :: Statement at ministerial briefings on COVID-19 06-03-2020
- :: WHO/Europe hosts coronavirus briefing for ambassadors 05-03-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

- :: Joint agreement bolsters malaria prevention and control efforts in Yemen 5 March 2020
- :: WHO supports patients in Yemen with lifesaving dialysis treatment 3 March 2020
- :: WHO team arrives in Tehran to support the COVID-19 response 2 March 2020
- :: Pakistan confirms first two cases of COVID-19 1 March 2020

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

6 February 2020 *Press Release*

[UNFPA launches humanitarian aid appeal to urgently reach 48 million women and youth](#)

UNFPA needs \$683 million to urgently provide life-saving reproductive health and protection services in 57 conflict-affected countries.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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International Women's Day 2020

25 years after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action set out a clear path on how to achieve gender equality, the world has witnessed remarkable progress.

Posted on March 5, 2020

Almost 90% of Men/Women Globally Are Biased Against Women

The Gender Social Norms Index measures how social beliefs obstruct gender equality in areas like politics, work, and education, and contains data from 75 countries, covering over 80 percent of the...

Posted on March 5, 2020

World Wildlife Day highlights the importance of 'biodiversity super year'

World Wildlife Day is celebrated this year under the theme 'Sustaining all Life on Earth', highlighting the unique place of wild fauna and flora as essential components of the world's biodiversity, as...

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

03 Mar 2020 *Press release*

World Wildlife Day highlights importance of sustainable use of wildlife in "biodiversity super year"

Geneva/Montreal/Nairobi/New York, 3 March 2020 –Joining the global celebration of the United Nations World Wildlife Day, representatives of UN Member States, UN System organizations, international and non-...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

5 March 2020

[Empowering local communities for early action](#)

Extreme weather events now account for 90% of major disaster events globally. The number of weather and climate related disasters has more than doubled over the last twenty years and unless urgent action is taken to address the climate emergency, Sub

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Turning the tide to safeguard ocean life](#)

5 March 2020, New York

Humans depend on nature—including the ocean—for all of our needs: from the air we breathe to the food we eat and the energy we use. However, unsustainable human activities and overexploitation of the species and natural resources that make up the habitats and ecosystems of all wildlife are imperiling the world's biodiversity.

Ensuring healthy marine life is a major goal of the [2020 United Nations Ocean Conference](#), to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 2 to 6 June. One of the eight interactive dialogues to be addressed by countries and other ocean stakeholders in Lisbon is dedicated to managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems...

UNESCO [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Gender gap in primary school enrolment halved over past 25 years](#)

06/03/2020

UNESCO unveils [a new fact sheet on girls' education](#) today ahead of [International Women's Day](#). The data is published as part of the [#HerEducationOurFuture](#) initiative which focuses on the progress achieved over the past 25 years. It shows that girls' enrolment rates in primary and secondary education have almost doubled in low-income countries, and that the gender gap in primary enrolment has been halved. But it also shows that the pace of change is not fast enough. At the present rate, getting every girl into primary school will only happen in 2050.

[First UNESCO's Annual Report on Gender Equality](#)

05/03/2020

Gender equality continues to be a challenge at the start of the 21st century. It is a fundamental right, a matter of justice. Gender equality constitutes a powerful lever for the development of dynamic and just societies.

Yet, this promise is still far from being fulfilled. Despite progress in many areas over recent years, the situation of women and girls around the world remains of great concern.

To achieve gender equality, we need to increase our efforts. This is why, UNESCO is releasing its first annual report on its action promoting gender equality entitled [UNESCO and the promise of gender equality: key actions of 2018 and 2019](#).

Through this report, we wish to share with you the main initiatives that have been implemented over 2018 and 2019.

Download the report here: [English](#)

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Announcements

No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

06/03/2020

[UNODC head calls for elevated support to developing countries on global drug challenges, closing data gaps to leave no one behind](#)

[Statement of the UNODC Executive Director on International Women's Day, 8 March](#)

03/03/2020

[World Wildlife Day, 3 March 2020 - 'Sustaining All Life on Earth' Statement of UNODC Executive Director](#)

02/03/2020

[New UNODC chief addresses Commission on Narcotic Drugs, calls for unity in tackling diverse drug challenges](#)

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[Japan extends support to upgrade sanitation in Yemen](#)

Thursday 5 March, 2020

[UN-Habitat and partners convene workshop on financing urban development](#)

Wednesday 4 March, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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ILO International Labour Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Violence and harassment

[ILO welcomes commitments to ratify Convention on violence and harassment](#)

04 March 2020

Argentina, Finland, Spain and Uruguay have all formally committed to ratify the ILO's Convention that provides an international framework to end violence and harassment in the world of work.

Governing Body

[ILO Governing Body will not hold its March meeting due to Covid-19](#)

04 March 2020

The decision follows a risk assessment and consultations with the Swiss authorities. It means that Governing Body business will be dealt with later in the year.

Blog

[Having kids sets back women's labour force participation more so than getting married](#)

03 March 2020

Around the world, gendered social norms continue to shape women's and men's participation in the labour market, new data by household composition show.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

[ICAO-WHO publish joint statement on COVID-19](#)

6/3/20

[Salvatore Sciacchitano inaugurates 219th Session of the ICAO Council as its new President](#)

3/3/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

[The power of visibility – IMO launches photo search for women in maritime](#)

06/03/2020 IMO's gender programme is launching a photo search to build a bank of images of women in maritime.

[IMO postpones meetings due to COVID-19](#)

06/03/2020 IMO has decided to postpone a number of meetings following the global coronavirus outbreak.

[IMO 2020 sulphur limit implementation - carriage ban enters into force](#)

02/03/2020 MARPOL amendment prohibits carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship - unless the ship has an approved exhaust gas cleaning system ("scrubber") fitted.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release Publish Date: 2 March 2020

[WMO expects above average temperatures, but no El Niño](#)

Above average temperatures are expected in many parts of the globe in the next few months, even without the presence of a warming El Niño event, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

By Catherine Infante on 6 March 2020

[ISO brings gender to the forefront on International Women's Day](#)

Sunday 8 March is International Women's Day. In the spirit of celebrating the next generation of women and girl leaders, the United Nations' theme is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights". It's a call to action for everyone to push for complete gender equality. ISO is helping to advance ...

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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All Regions WHO

[COVID-19: UNWTO Calls on Tourism to be Part of Recovery Plans](#)

06 Mar 2020

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Mar 4, 2020 PR/2020/846

[WIPO's Coordination Committee Nominates Singapore's Daren Tang for Post of Director General](#)

The Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has nominated Mr. Daren Tang from Singapore for the post of Director General.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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USAID [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy

March 6, 2020

Today, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) announced our first-ever Policy on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA). Sexual exploitation and abuse of beneficiaries undermines the goals of international development and humanitarian assistance, and runs counter to our core values. This new Policy articulates how we will ensure people have safe access to USAID-funded services and activities.

USAID Announces an Additional \$10 Million in Humanitarian Assistance to Control Locusts in East Africa

March 6, 2020

The U.S. Government, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing an additional \$10 million in humanitarian assistance to support regional operations to control desert locusts in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Kenya, and the Federal Republic of Somalia. This announcement brings the U.S. Government's humanitarian response to the infestation of locusts to a total of \$19 million. By helping to reduce the size of the swarms, this aid is expected to have a positive impact on affected communities throughout the Horn of Africa.

Statement: America Announces New Humanitarian Assistance for the Syria Crisis Response

March 3, 2020

Today in Turkey, the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Kelly Craft, announced \$108 million in additional humanitarian assistance for the people of Syria in response to the ongoing crisis caused by Assad regime, Russian, and Iranian forces. This includes nearly \$56 million from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration and more than \$52 million from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). It brings the total U.S. humanitarian response to more than \$10.6 billion since the start of the Syria crisis. The United States remains the largest single donor of humanitarian assistance - both in Syria and around the world. This assistance is a component of our National Security Strategy to prioritize the reduction of human suffering. We appreciate all donors who have stepped up and continue to encourage both traditional and new donors to increase their efforts to help meet growing needs.

Statement by USAID Administrator Mark Green on the Commitment of \$37 Million in Assistance to Respond to Novel Coronavirus COVID-19

March 2, 2020

The U.S. Government announced today a commitment of \$37 million in financing from the Emergency Reserve Fund for Contagious Infectious Diseases at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for 25 countries affected by novel coronavirus COVID-19 or at high risk of its spread. The U.S. Government is providing these funds to the World Health Organization, other multilateral institutions, and programs led by USAID's implementing partners. These are the first U.S. Government funds committed from the pledge of up to \$100 million announced by the U.S. Department of State on February 7, 2020. Because an infectious-disease threat anywhere can be a threat everywhere, we call on other donors to contribute to the effort to combat COVID-19 as well.

DFID [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[UK aid protects victims of violence as Syrian regime increases attacks in Idlib](#)

International Development Secretary condemns bombing by Russia and the Assad regime.

From: Department for International Development and 1 others

Updated: 3 March 2020

[€5 million to help fight coronavirus in Iran: E3 statement, March 2020](#)

France, Germany and the UK commit to providing a comprehensive package of both material and financial support to combat the rapid spread of the disease.

From: Department for International Development and 1 others

Updated: 2 March 2020

[UK supercomputer to combat Africa's worst locust outbreak in decades](#)

A supercomputer funded by UK aid is helping countries in East Africa to tackle devastating locust outbreaks by tracking the insects' movements around the continent.

From: Department for International Development

Updated: 2 March 2020

ECHO [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[EU mobilises support to Greece via Civil Protection Mechanism](#)

06/03/2020

The European Commission is working at all levels to support Greece as it deals with increased numbers of refugees and migrants at its external borders. Already 14 European countries have offered nearly 70,000 items of assistance to Greece via the...

[Commission continues humanitarian support for refugees in Turkey](#)

05/03/2020

During a mission to Gaziantep in Turkey, Commissioner for Crisis Janez Lenarčič visited aid projects helping Syrian refugees and met with key partners providing cross-border assistance in Idlib. Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management,...

[Turkey: common interest to end conflict in Syria and cooperate on the refugee crisis](#)

04/03/2020

High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez Lenarčič concluded their 2-day visit to Ankara on Wednesday, where they discussed with Turkish partners the situation in northwest Syria and refugee flows...

[EU allocates €31 million for Bangladesh and Myanmar for Rohingya crisis](#)

03/03/2020

The European Commission is releasing €31 million in humanitarian aid to address the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh and Myanmar. "The Rohingya crisis is in its third year. It is more important than ever to maintain our support and not forget those..."

[European Union provides €30 million in humanitarian assistance for Sudan](#)

02/03/2020

The European Union provides €30 million in humanitarian funding for vulnerable people in Sudan to help address needs in the country. The announcement comes as High Representative/Vice-President, Josep Borrell, visited EU aid projects in El Fasher,...

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African Union [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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

[AU AND UN Join Efforts towards Developing an African Human Security Index](#)

March 05, 2020

...the proposed African Human Security Index (AHSI) is an attempt to provide a holistic assessment of human security through the seven dimensions of economic security, food security, health security environmental security, personal security, community security, and political security. It also directly responds to both Agenda 2063 and the 2030 Agenda on the centrality of human security as an enabler and precondition for sustainable and inclusive development...

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Secretariat News

[ASEAN develops code of conduct for online businesses](#)

JAKARTA, 6 March 2020 - The ASEAN Committee on Consumer Protection developed a Code of Conduct that provides guidance for online businesses in ASEAN on how to act responsibly and fairly towards consumers. The development of the Code is in-line with the initiatives under the ASEAN Strategic Action Plan for Consumer Protection 2025, and the ASEAN e-Commerce Work [...]

European Commission [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest •

Press release 6 March 2020

[COVID-19: Commission steps up research funding and selects 17 projects in vaccine development, treatment and diagnostics](#)

Following the publication of a €10 million call in January, the Commission has secured an additional €37.5 million for urgently needed research on COVID-19 vaccine development, treatment and diagnostics. This action is part of the coordinated EU response to the public health threat of COVID-19.

Press release 6 March 2020

[Migration: Commission takes action to find solutions for unaccompanied migrant children on Greek islands](#)

Press release 3 March 2020

[European Commission launches global coalition for biodiversity](#)

Press release 3 March 2020

[Rohingya crisis: EU allocates €31 million for Bangladesh and Myanmar](#)

Press release 1 March 2020

Sudan: European Union provides €30 million in humanitarian assistance

OECD [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

2 March 2020

Global economy faces gravest threat since the crisis as coronavirus spreads

The coronavirus Covid-19 presents the global economy with its greatest danger since the financial crisis, according to the OECD's latest Interim Economic Outlook.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC at Second Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum

The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr Yousef Al-Othaimeen, met Norwegian Refugee Council Secretary General Mr Jan Egeland, coinciding with his participation in the second Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum, held on 1-2 March 2020....

02/03/2020

Cooperation Program Signed Between OIC and KSrelief

Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), H.E. Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, and H.E. Dr. Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Rabiah, the General Supervisor of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSRelief), signed a cooperation and understanding programme with the view of providing further momentum to the mutual relations and establishing a strategic partnership between the two entities. The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of the 2nd Session of the Riyadh International Humanitarian Forum (RIHF)....

01/03/2020

Group of 77 [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

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UNCTAD [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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03 March 2020

[WCO celebrates World Wildlife Day under the theme “Sustaining all life on Earth”](#)

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press releases

06/03/2020

[25 years after Beijing, IPU analysis shows that gender parity is possible](#)

A quarter of a century after the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, the overall percentage of women in parliaments has reached 24.9 per cent in 2020, up from 11.3 per cent in 1995. In four countries (Rwanda, Cuba, Bolivia and the United Arab Emirates) women now account for 50 per cent or more MPs in their lower or single chambers compared with 1995 when no parliament had reached gender parity. Gender quotas remain critical success factors for women to be better represented in parliament, especially young women...

International Court of Justice [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 7 Mar 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

[Afghanistan: ICC Appeals Chamber authorises the opening of an investigation](#)

Press Release 4 March 2020

[Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, following the Appeals Chamber’s decision authorising an investigation into the Situation in Afghanistan: “Today is an important day for the cause of international criminal justice”](#)

Press Release 4 March 2020 Office of the Prosecutor

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World Bank [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional and global level initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

[World Bank Group Announces Up to \\$12 Billion Immediate Support for COVID-19 Country Response](#)

Fast Track Financing for Developing Countries WASHINGTON, March 3, 2020 — As COVID-19 reaches more than 60 countries, the World Bank Group is making available an initial package of up to \$12 billion in...

Date: March 03, 2020 Type: Press Release

[World Could Achieve 'Gender Dividend' of \\$172 Trillion from Closing Lifetime Earnings Gaps](#)

WASHINGTON, March 3, 2020 —A new report from the World Bank Group released ahead of International Women's Day shows that the world could achieve a 'gender dividend' of \$172 trillion by closing gaps in...

Date: March 03, 2020 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IMF [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

March 6, 2020

[Fiscal Policies to Protect People During the Coronavirus Outbreak – IMF Blog](#)

A plan to protect people and firms ... Give wage subsidies to people and firms to help curb contagion. ... China, Italy, and Vietnam are offering tax extensions to cash-strapped businesses.

March 4, 2020

[Joint Press Conference on Covid-19 by IMF Managing Director and World Bank Group President](#)

March 4, 2020

[Statement by the International Monetary and Financial Committee on the Coronavirus](#)

African Development Bank Group [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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

[African Development Bank and Association for the Development of Education in Africa urge partners to tackle skills mismatch](#)

04-Mar-2020 - The African Development Bank and the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) have called for stronger links between technical and vocational education and training and industry to equip young people with the skills they need to boost technological advancement, trade and growth in Africa.

Asian Development Bank [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]
6 Mar 2020

[COVID-19 Outbreak to Have Significant Economic Impact on Developing Asia](#)

The ongoing COVID-19 outbreak will have a significant impact on developing Asian economies through numerous channels, including sharp declines in domestic demand, lower tourism and business travel, trade and production linkages...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-level announcements are added each week]

News

Beijing, China, March 03, 2020

[USD200M AIIB Loan to Help Increase Electricity Access in Bangladesh](#)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a USD200-million loan to Bangladesh to increase access to electricity and improve service efficiency in the capital of Dhaka and the country's western zone.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

06 MAR

[India - economic and social empowerment for one million women](#)

03 MAR

[President Xi Jinping of China thanks IFAD, FAO and WFP for their support during COVID-19 outbreak](#)

03 MAR

[Guinea-Bissau and IFAD partner to build farmers' resilience to climate change](#)

Islamic Development Bank [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

[IsDB Statement on Coronavirus](#)

IsDB Group reiterates commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with its MCs to effectively tackle the threats posed by the COVID-19 virus.

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

We will monitor media releases and other announcements around key initiatives, new research and major organizational change from a growing number of global NGOs, collaborations, and initiatives across the human rights, humanitarian response and development spheres of action. WE will not reference fundraising announcements, programs, events or appeals, and generally not include content which is primarily photo-documentation or video in format.

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

No new digest content identified.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Aravind Eye Care System [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest

5 March 2020

[BRAC ranked #1 NGO in the world for the fifth consecutive year](#)

5 March 2020

[GoB will build international standard para-sports complex for athletes with disabilities](#)

01 March 2020

[Skills development to create employment for the youth](#)

CARE International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

[CARE Calls Upon the EU to Respect the Rights of Refugees at their Borders](#)

5th Mar 2020 Many

As several thousand refugees and asylum-seekers line Turkey's border with the European Union, CARE denounces acts of violence against vulnerable groups seeking protection at Europe's borders and calls for European member states to cooperate, share the responsibility, and accept refugees into Europe, including by offering safe asylum.

Clubhouse International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Danish Refugee Council [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

NEWS

[New Pact, new direction?](#)

06.03.20

The EU's upcoming Pact on Migration and Asylum provides an opportunity to choose another direction for EU asylum and migration policy.

[DRC urges Greece and the EU to protect people and safeguard the right to asylum](#)

05.03.20

The heightened tensions and the escalation of violence put men, women and children at risk and is testimony to the need for a new direction on asylum and migration in the EU.

[EU Member States Must Urgently Relocate Lone Children](#)

05.03.20

Joint NGO Urgent Call to Action: EU Member States Should Commit to the Emergency Relocation of Unaccompanied Children from the Greek Islands.

[Statement on The Humanitarian Situation in Northwest Syria](#)

02.03.20

The Danish Refugee Council is deeply concerned about the worsening humanitarian situation and wide-scale suffering of civilians in Syria's northwest after recent conflict escalation, which has driven more than 950,000 people fr...

ECPAT [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News & Updates

[Together to protect Phuket's children from sexual exploitation](#)

02/03/2020

For the first time ever, the local Network on Child Protection in Phuket and Patong Municipality signed an agreement on continuing efforts to protect children from sexual exploitation in travel and tourism.

Fountain House [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

All news

[Fleeing violence in Syria: Osama has been a refugee in a wheelchair for 8 years](#)

6 March 2020

25- year-old Osama was living in a nice house with his family in the south of Syria until his neighbourhood was bombed in 2012. His 13-year old little brother died and the family had to flee. A missile fragment entered one of his 12th vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

Heifer International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[eBay, Heifer International, Award Winning Actress Uzo Aduba Partner on International Women's Day](#)

March 6, 2020

[Heifer International and Columbia University Among Top 100 Proposals for MacArthur \\$100 Million Dollar Grant](#)

March 5, 2020

[500,000 Women and Girls Complete Gap's Global Education and Life Skills Training Program](#)

March 4, 2020

In advance of International Women's Day, Gap Inc. announced today that over 500,000 women and girls have completed its signature education and...

HelpAge International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Ethiopia: Food and safety highest priorities for older refugees in Gambella](#)

Gambella, 3rd March 2020: Older refugees from South Sudan living in camps in Ethiopia need more food and safe access to bathrooms and toilets, HelpAge International said today following a study of the needs of older people living in the Gambella refugee camps. They are short of money and...

Posted: 06 March 2020

ICRC [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

[Yemen: Thousands of people in need of food and shelter as fighting intensifies](#)

Sanaa/Geneva (ICRC) - Intense fighting on the frontline between Sanaa and Al Jawf Governorate in Northern Yemen has displaced tens of thousands of people to Marib Governorate, leaving families without food, shelter and access to medical care.

07-03-2020 | News release

[Life without fear is overdue in Colombia](#)

The growing number of victims of explosive devices and anti-personnel mines, the confinement of communities, ongoing forced displacement and disappearances, attacks on health-care personnel and facilities and breaches of international humanitarian law

04-03-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Europe, Greece, Turkey

[Greece-Turkey Border: Migrants must not be used as a political tool. The EU and Member States must act in solidarity now.](#)

Geneva/Budapest, 3 March 2020 – Women, children and men caught up in the ongoing humanitarian crisis at the land border between Greece and Turkey, in the Greek islands and in the Aegean Sea must not be “used as a political tool”, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) says.

3 March 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

[Syrians Need Help Now: Global Emergency Response Coalition Raises Funds to Save Lives](#)

March 5, 2020

Press Release

[Children in Idlib suffering from staggering levels of emotional distress, says IRC](#)

March 5, 2020

Perspective

[Joint statement on the attacks on civilians in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon](#)

March 4, 2020

Press Release

[As Greece reaches breaking point, the International Rescue Committee urges Europe to step in](#)

March 3, 2020

Perspective

[As peace talks in Afghanistan move forward, the IRC calls for urgent investment in long-term development](#)

March 3, 2020

IRCT [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Blogs

[Faith and gender: The gender gap is closing – but not quickly enough](#)

Published: 5 March, 2020

Landsea [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Published on 6 March 2020

[Where is humanity ?](#)

Since Turkey decided at the end of February to open its borders so that an estimated one million people fleeing bombs in northwest Syria can reach Europe, the continental management have shown its worst face. Both the Turkish authorities, using those who are suffering to put pressure on the European Union, and the Greek ones, illegally nullifying the right of asylum, and also the EU, which is allowing the violation of international treaties that it should be guaranteeing.

:: Doctors of the World denounces the weaponization and victimization of refugees trying to reach Greece and the overcrowding situation of reception centres on the islands

:: The organization is also alarmed by the harassment of humanitarian organizations

:: In Turkish towns where people are on the move, water, food or health care cannot be reached.

Children are in extreme vulnerability.

Mercy Corps [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

March 05, 2020

[Syrians Need Help Now: Global Emergency Response Coalition Raises Funds to Save Lives](#)

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Haiti

[**Port-au-Prince: Over 360 people admitted for lifesaving care in three months ...**](#)

Project Update 6 Mar 2020

Non-communicable diseases

[**Why are so many women dying of cervical cancer?**](#)

Project Update 5 Mar 2020

Afghanistan

[**Afghans face impossible choices in their struggle for medical care**](#)

Press Release 5 Mar 2020

Afghanistan

[**Reality check: Afghanistan's neglected healthcare crisis**](#)

Report 5 Mar 2020

Greece

[**EU must address migration emergency as Greek islands reach bre...**](#)

Statement 4 Mar 2020

Social violence and exclusion

[**Violence in southwestern Colombia leaves people struggling to access ass...**](#)

Statement 3 Mar 2020

South Sudan

[**Thousands flee into the bush as conflict intensifies in east South...**](#)

Statement 2 Mar 2020

Syria

[**People in northwestern Syria forced to move as frontlines move**](#)

Voices from the Field 2 Mar 2020

Libya

[**Arbitrary detention in Libya must end as asylum seeker dies in d...**](#)

Press Release 2 Mar 2020

Operation Smile [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

85 Greek and international organizations condemn violence against migrants and NGO workers

6 March 2020

The extreme actions taken by security forces against people seeking asylum and the recent violent attacks against workers for human rights and humanitarian organizations in Greece are an alarming development, said 85 organizations in a joint statement on Friday.

EU must follow up on climate law with swift and decisive action, says Oxfam

4 March 2020

The proposed EU climate law is a good framework for EU climate action over the next decades, Oxfam says. The Commission, national governments and the European Parliament now must enact the law and take swift and decisive action to drastically reduce climate-heating emissions.

EU member states must urgently relocate separated children from Greece, say 65 NGOs

4 March 2020

European Union member states should urgently relocate unaccompanied children from the Greek islands to safety in their territory, 65 human rights, humanitarian and civil society organisations said in a statement today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Europe | 06. Mar 2020

Q&A: What does the Turkish border situation mean for Europe?

Turkey recently announced that they will no longer be preventing refugees and migrants from crossing the border into Europe. Since then, tens of thousands of refugees and migrants have arrived at the border area between Turkey and mainland Greece, according to the UN. Greek authorities have responded by announcing that they will not allow people to seek asylum and will be sending people back to Turkey. The Greek police are reportedly using tear gas to stop people from getting into the country.

Greece | 05. Mar 2020

Urgent need to relocate refugees from Greece

The large number of asylum seekers currently trying to cross the EU's external border from Turkey is making it ever more urgent to relocate people from overcrowded camps in Greece and ensure better European responsibility sharing, argues the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).

Cameroon | 04. Mar 2020

Joint statement on attacks on civilians in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) call upon all parties to the conflict in the North-West and South-West regions of Cameroon to uphold international human rights and international humanitarian law and cease all attacks on civilians without delay.

Pact [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

Mar 06, 2020

[Celebrating International Women's Day](#)

Inspiring women on PIH teams around the world mark the annual event by sharing thoughts about their work, values, and equality for all. [Read More](#)

Mar 05, 2020

[Care Must Be Key to Defeating Coronavirus Globally](#)

CEO Dr. Sheila Davis provides an update on how PIH is monitoring the novel coronavirus, while planning for a swift clinical response for patients around the world. [Read More](#)

PATH [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

4 March 2020 - *Brussels*

[A letter to EU Foreign Ministers: Put an end to violence in Northern Syria](#)

4 March 2020 - *Syria*

[New analysis reveals scale of destruction and displacement in Idlib: Civilians forced into shrinking space as conflict intensifies](#)

2 March 2020 - *Greece*

[Save the Children: Fears grow for children caught up in chaos and violence at Greek borders](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Youth Employability

[Barriers to work: Young African women challenge gender inequality](#)

March 6 2020 - Fueled by limited economic opportunities, increasing migration into packed urban areas and staggering population growth rates, women are suffering the brunt of Africa's growing youth unemployment challenge.

Statement

Children should always be treated as children

March 4 2020 - Amidst increasing tensions at the Turkish-Greek border, SOS Children's Villages International calls for the immediate protection of children and their families.

YouthCan!

Global partnership for youth employability celebrates successful third year: YouthCan!

March 2 2020 - With more than one in five young people neither in education, employment or training, tackling the global youth employment crisis is crucial to fostering inclusive, resilient and sustainable societies.

Tostan [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

When She Leads Everyone Succeeds: Tostan and Global Affairs Canada Announce Initiative for Women and Girls

Mar 4, 2020

6,000 women and girls in rural Senegalese villages will participate in Tostan's Community Empowerment program thanks to a \$3.9 million partnership with Global Affairs Canada. As Canada celebrates the "Year of Canada in Senegal," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited...

Women for Women International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

World Vision [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | March 3, 2020

Redditor Wins Fight to Stay Anonymous

San Francisco – A Reddit commenter has won their fight to stay anonymous after facing an improper copyright claim from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, a group that publishes doctrines for Jehovah's Witnesses. A U.S. District Court judge has granted a motion to quash a subpoena for the...

Freedom House [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

News

[As Trump Returns from India, Others in U.S. Must Press Modi on Human Rights in Kashmir](#)

Perspectives

March 4, 2020

[NEW REPORT: Freedom in the World 2020 finds established democracies are in decline](#)

Press release

March 4, 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

Human Rights Watch [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

March 6, 2020

[Interview: What's Happening to Refugees in Greece](#)

Tensions are running high on the Greek island of Lesbos, as migrants and asylum seekers arrive on its shores only to be greeted by thugs with wooden bats and police with batons. In response to Turkey's government recently opening its western border with the European Union, Greece has slammed its border shut.

[VIDEO: Greece Cracks Down on Refugees](#)

Europe/Central Asia

March 6, 2020 *Dispatches*

[Coronavirus Shows England's Urgent Need for Social Care Reforms](#)

Bethany Brown

Researcher, Rights of Older People

Africa

March 6, 2020 *News Release*

[Governments Should Fulfill Women's Rights Pledges](#)

Asia

March 5, 2020 *News Release*

[China: Tibetan Children Denied Mother-Tongue Classes](#)

Transparency International [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

5 Mar 2020

[Constitutional Court in Guatemala should reject oppressive NGO law](#)

- Transparency International, together with our Guatemalan chapter, Acción Ciudadana, urge the Constitutional Court of Guatemala to reject a series of Congressional amendments recently signed into law by President Alejandro Giammattei.

Issued by [Acción Ciudadana](#)

5 Mar 2020

[New report finds sexual extortion ignored, under-reported and unpunished worldwide](#)

- A new report from Transparency International provides a comprehensive overview of sexual extortion as a form of corruption and highlights examples from around the world, including cases in schools, police stations, immigration centres, court houses, refugee camps and many other places. The analysis ...

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ChildFund Alliance [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

News

No new digest content identified.

Evidence Aid [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Content

[COVID-19: A Call for Science-Informed Management](#)

Claire Allen March 3, 2020

Gavi [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Getty Conservation Institute [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

[Terra 2021 World Congress on Earthen Architectural Heritage](#)

Looking Back, Moving Forward—Advances in Conservation

Call for Abstracts

June 8–11, 2021

Santa Fe Community Convention Center
Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA

Co-organized by Getty Conservation Institute; National Park Service, Vanishing Treasures Program; and University of Pennsylvania, Stuart Weitzman School of Design
Under the aegis of The International Council on Monuments and Sites, International Scientific Committee on the Conservation of the Earthen Architectural Heritage
Visit the [Terra 2021 website](#) for complete congress information.

Global Fund [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News & Stories

Feature Story

[COVID-19 Threatens the Poor and Marginalized More than Anyone](#)

06 March 2020

Feature Story

[Women Leading the Fight for Better Health](#)

06 March 2020

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

[COVID-19 Impact on Supply Chain Logistics](#)

06 March 2020

The global response to control the outbreak of the new coronavirus, COVID-19, may influence health product supply chains including logistics and shipping, as almost all finished health products or ingredients used in health products originate from China.

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that all Global Fund implementing partners place orders 30 days earlier than normal to better manage any disturbances that may emerge in being able to deliver products on-time...

News

[Global Fund Issues New Guidance in Response to COVID-19](#)

04 March 2020

GENEVA – The Global Fund announced today new guidance to enable countries to strengthen their response to the new coronavirus, COVID-19, by using existing grants in a swift, nimble and pragmatic way.

Working within its mandate to fight HIV, TB and malaria and to strengthen systems for health, the Global Fund is encouraging countries to reprogram savings from existing grants and to redeploy underutilized resources to mitigate the potential negative consequences of COVID-19 on health and health systems. In exceptional cases, countries may be able to reprogram funding from existing grants to COVID-19 response...

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

[Risk and Humanitarian Culture](#)

March, 2020

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.

Risk and Humanitarian Culture Briefing Paper

https://www.icvanetwork.org/system/files/versions/Risk%20and%20Humanitarian%20Culture_Briefing%20Paper%202020.pdf

InterAction [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

Global & Public Policy Positions

[#GenerationEquality: InterAction Celebrates International Women's Day](#)

Kelsey Harris

Mar 6, 2020

Global Development Practice

[Climate Change and Environment Resource Page](#)

Lindsey Doyle

Mar 6, 2020

Global Development Practice

[Turning Up the Heat](#)

Lindsey Doyle

Mar 5, 2020

Humanitarian Coordination

[More Than Four Walls and a Roof](#)

Mohamed Hilmi

Mar 3, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Blogs

[Empowering women through National Rural Livelihoods Mission](#)

Ritwik Sarkar, Zeba Siddiqui | 8 March 2020

Empowering women through Self-Help Groups: Evidence of effectiveness, questions of scale

Thomas de Hoop, Stuti Tripathi | 8 March 2020

Vocational training helps women find better employment

Paul Thissen | 5 March 2020

CHS Alliance [to 7 Mar 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

CERAH News

No new digest content identified.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

[Sphere releases new training tool tailored to Syria response](#)

02 March 2020 | Sphere

Humanitarian practitioners working in Syria can now have a revamped tool to support them in providing high quality and accountable assistance. Sphere recently released an updated version of its Syria training pack...

Start Network [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News and Blog

[How women and girls are disproportionately affected by humanitarian crises](#)

International Women's Day 2020

by Michaela Larson

06 Mar 20 *Blog Post*

On International Women's Day, we take time to reflect on the achievements of women and girls as well as understanding the strides that must be made for further gender equity around the world. At Start Network, we are beginning a gender review of the Start Fund's projects and processes to see what more can be done to reach women and girls during humanitarian emergencies.

[Reflecting on six years of the Start Fund](#)

Interview with Sean Lowrie, former director of Start Network

by Helen Guyatt 05 Mar 20

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Brookings

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

Accessed 7 Mar 2020

Latest Research

India

[Is India still the neighbourhood's education hub?](#)

Constantino Xavier, Aakshi Chaba, and Geetika Dang

Friday, March 6, 2020

Report

[Optimizing Assessment for All: Focus on Asia](#)

Esther Care, Alvin Vista, and Helyn Kim

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Report

[Employment creation potential, labor skills requirements, and skill gaps for young people: A methodological framework](#)

Haroon Borhat, Caitlin Allen, Zaakhir Asmal, Robert Hill, and Christopher Rooney

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Access to Health Care

[Medicines in India: Accessibility, affordability and quality](#)

Prachi Singh, Shamika Ravi, and David Dam

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Health Care Policy

[The ACA's individual mandate in retrospect: What did it do, and where do we go from here?](#)

Matthew Fiedler

Monday, March 2, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

March 4, 2020

[Why Congress Should Authorize the IFC Capital Increase](#)

In May 2018, the shareholders of the International Finance Corporation (IFC)—the private sector arm of the World Bank—agreed to increase its paid-in capital by \$5.5 billion as part of the \$13 billion capital increase for the World Bank Group (WBG). The US administration agreed to the increase but declined to contribute to the additional capital. But for the increase to take effect, Congress must authorize it.

Thus far, it has not done so. Why?

[Nancy Lee](#) and [Mark Plant](#)

CSIS [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

[Special Obfuscations: The Strategic Uses of Special Operations Forces](#)

March 6, 2020 | [Alice Hunt Friend](#) The change of focus to strategic competition is an inflection point for America's special operations forces. CSIS experts explain how policymakers must give clear policy guidance and make decisions about ongoing conflicts and priorities to use these forces effectively.

Report

[Colombia at a Stabilization Crossroads](#)

March 5, 2020 | [Janina Staguhn](#), [Erol Yayboke](#), [Melissa Dalton](#) Colombia was on the verge of becoming a failed state 20 years ago. Today, Colombia finds itself at a crossroads. A more promising future hinges on the Colombian government pursuing an integrated and conflict-aware approach to stabilization in Colombia's territories.

Report

[Afghanistan at Peace or Afghanistan in Pieces – Part One: The First Phase](#)

March 3, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The current coverage of the initial U.S. announcement to begin peace talks in Afghanistan ignores critical issues beyond an immediate U.S. military withdrawal, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

[Actual Obligation Rates versus Comptroller Projected Obligation Rates](#)

March 2, 2020 | [Seamus P. Daniels](#), [Todd Harrison](#) CSIS provides its assessment of budget execution for DoD acquisition accounts. This report compares obligation rate projections released by the DoD Comptroller with traditional DoD budget execution benchmarks and the actual obligation rates for acquisition accounts.

Report

[The Age of Mass Protests: Understanding an Escalating Global Trend](#)

March 2, 2020 | [Samuel Brannen](#), [Christian Stirling Haig](#) We are living in an age of global mass protests that are unprecedented in frequency, scope, and size. Last year's mass protests are part of a decade-long trend affecting every region of the world, the frequency of which have increased by an annual average of 11.5 percent.

ODI [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

[Disruptive technologies in agricultural value chains: insights from East Africa](#)

Working and discussion papers | March 2020 | Aarti Krishnan, Karishma Banga and Maximiliano Mendez-Parra

This working paper explores the implications of the digitalisation of agriculture, with a focus on East Africa.

[Historical lessons on gender norm change, with case studies from Uganda and Nepal](#)

Briefing papers | March 2020 | Caroline Harper, Carol Watson, Grace Kyomuhendo Bantebya, Anita Ghimire and Rachel George

This ALIGN briefing paper reflects on progress achieved in shifting gender norms over the past 50 years, with a specific focus on Uganda and Nepal.

[Why look back? It's not where we are going: the value of history in understanding gender and development](#)

Working and discussion papers | March 2020 | Caroline Harper

This ALIGN think piece highlights why taking a long view of the past is crucial for addressing gender norm change and inequalities in the future.

['We can change our destiny': an evaluation of Standard Chartered's Goal programme](#)

Research reports and studies | March 2020 | Rachel Marcus and Maria Stavropoulou

This report evaluates the flagship education programme launched by Standard Chartered bank, as part of its global initiative to tackle inequality.

[Adaptation in practice: lessons from teenage pregnancy programmes in Sierra Leone](#)

Briefing papers | March 2020 | Clare Castillejo and Stephanie Buell

A discussion of initial learning emerging from the SLRC 'Adaptive approaches to reducing teenage pregnancy in Sierra Leone' action research project.

[Public narratives and attitudes towards refugees and other migrants: US country profile](#)

Briefing papers | March 2020 | Kerrie Holloway with Marta Foresti and Amy Leach

An overview of public perceptions and political narratives on refugees and other migrants in the US.

[The gendered dynamics of trafficking in persons across Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand](#)

Research reports and studies | March 2020 | Abigail Hunt, Maria Quattri, Briana Mawby, Georgia Plank and Shan-non Phillip, with Sokchar Mom, Khin Zar Naing and Sanda Thant

This report examines the gendered effects of human trafficking in Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand.

[Lessons from Institutions for Inclusive Development in Tanzania](#)

Briefing papers | March 2020 | Ed Laws

Gender mainstreaming, local partnerships and value for money in the Institutions for Inclusive Development governance programme in Tanzania.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

Publications

[A Tangled Net: Food Insecurity and Supports for Low-Income Students in Virginia's Community Colleges](#)

Students enrolled in two-year colleges tend to live in households that experience food insecurity at rates higher than national levels. Food insecurity—and broader financial insecurity—can lead to negative outcomes, affecting mental and physical health and academic outcomes. Several federal,

state, and campus resources aim to reduce financial insecurity among college students, but students may lack access to a single,

[Kristin Blagg](#), [Macy Rainer](#), [Kelia Washington](#)

March 5, 2020

Research Report

[An Analysis of Former Vice President Biden's Tax Proposals](#)

In this brief, we estimate the revenue and distributional effects of former vice president Joe Biden's 2020 campaign tax proposals. Biden's spending proposals would also have important distributional and economic effects, but we have not estimated the distributional effects of those initiatives. Our modeling assumptions are based on information released by the Biden campaign and conversations with its staff; we detail these

[Gordon B. Mermin](#), [Surachai Khittrakun](#), [Chenxi Lu](#), [Thornton Matheson](#), [Jeffrey Rohaly](#)

March 5, 2020

Brief

[The Termination of LIBOR An Update on Implications for the Mortgage Market](#)

An examination of the status of the US mortgage market in preparing for the transition at the end of 2021 from the LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) to the SOFR (the Secured Overnight Financing Rate) index; LIBOR is the index used to set interest rates on mortgages and millions of other financial contracts. The authors see signs of progress, albeit less than might have been expected. They believe that many

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Edward Golding](#)

March 4, 2020

Brief

[Expanding and Improving Work-Based Learning in Community Colleges](#)

Work-based learning (WBL) as an important strategy for helping students prepare for and access good jobs. Across the country and at all levels of government, efforts are underway to expand and diversify WBL. Because they enroll diverse student bodies and providing career-focused education and training, community colleges are poised to play a role in these efforts. This brief explores the current state of knowledge about WBL in

[Shayne Spaulding](#), [Ian Hecker](#), [Emily Bramhall](#)

March 3, 2020

Research Report

[Student Supports for Online Learning Fact Sheets](#)

These fact sheets are a companion to the report, Supporting Community College Learners Online. The fact sheets highlight key findings in two areas: Promising practices for community college staff, administrators, and policymakers to consider as part of their efforts to support and improve outcomes for online learners at community colleges; and Five key knowledge gaps that need to be addressed to effectively support community

[Amanda Briggs](#), [Semhar Gebrekristos](#), [Shayne Spaulding](#)

March 3, 2020

Fact Sheet

[Supporting Community College Learners Online](#)

Online enrollment at public two-year colleges has increased over the last decade and is expected to continue expanding in response to a changing labor market that requires frequent job changes and upskilling. Fully online courses and degree programs can provide accessible and flexible options for learners, but some studies have pointed to challenges with course completion for online students.

Community colleges need to identify

[Amanda Briggs](#), [Semhar Gebrekristos](#), [Shayne Spaulding](#)

March 3, 2020

Research Report

The Wistar Institute [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Media

[First Facial Recognition Framework Released for Engineers and Policy Makers to Build Transparency](#)

News 02 Mar 2020

:: Facial recognition has emerged as one of the most powerful biometric tools, but the lack of regulation and a misuse of the technology can put users at risk.

:: To combat these challenges, the World Economic Forum released a new framework for the safe and ethical use of facial recognition technology.

:: For the first time, engineering teams and policy makers can work off the same development guide, mitigating risks and creating a common approach, where no safeguards currently exist.

:: Read more here: <https://www.weforum.org/projects/responsible-limits-on-facial-recognition-technology>

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:: Foundation/Major Donor Watch

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

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

[Competition yields new approaches to trace development, cell by cell](#)

March 4, 2020

The Allen Institute and Sage Bionetworks announced winners of the Allen Institute Cell Lineage Reconstruction DREAM Challenge

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

MARCH 04, 2020

[Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Commits \\$5 Million to Help Public Health Agencies in Greater Seattle Area Respond to COVID-19](#)

SEATTLE March 4, 2020 – The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced today that it will commit an additional \$5 million to help public health agencies in the greater Seattle region enhance their capacity to detect novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in King County, Snohomish County and other surrounding communities.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

Newsroom

[More than \\$1.8 Million Raised To Support Entrepreneurs of Color in Baltimore](#)

Posted March 4, 2020

Six local organizations have received grants in a collaborative effort to help entrepreneurs of color overcome obstacles to starting and growing businesses in Baltimore City and the surrounding region. Learn how funders are supporting local small businesses.

Clinton Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 7 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.

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Equals Change Blog 4 March 2020

[The Unfinished Business of Gender Equality](#)

By Hilary Pennington

News 2 March 2020

[Ford Foundation Names Thomas L. Kempner Jr. to Board of Trustees](#)

The Ford Foundation trustees elected to the board Thomas L. Kempner Jr., co-founder of Davidson Kempner Capital Management LP.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest News

March 05, 2020

[Getty Museum Presents Mesopotamia: Civilization Begins](#)

LOS ANGELES – The J. Paul Getty Museum presents the most important exhibition of Mesopotamian art ever assembled on the West Coast in Mesopotamia: Civilization Begins, on display March 18 – July 27, 2020 at the Getty Villa Museum. The works of art come from the collection of the Department of Near Eastern Antiquities at the Musée du Louvre, Paris, with select additional loans from the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Organized by the Getty Museum and the Musée du Louvre, Paris, the exhibition covers the three millennia of Mesopotamian history, from the appearance of the first cities in about 3300 BC to Alexander the Great's conquest of Babylon in 331 BC. On view will be many of the most renowned masterpieces of Mesopotamian art, including the silver cult vase of the Sumerian king Enmetena, the cylinder seal of the royal scribe Ibni-sharrum, statues of Gudea and other kings of Babylonia, and a glazed brick lion from the Ishtar Gate in Babylon...

GHIT Fund [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Latest Updates

[Hewlett Foundation, Packard Foundation, and Getty Images champion positive visual representation of women with expansion of the Images of Empowerment collection](#)

MENLO PARK, Calif. – As individuals around the world celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, they can use powerful, positive photographs from Getty Images that show women's lives and their work in eleven countries. The newly expanded Images of Empowerment collection, created by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the David and Lucile...

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Our News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Stories

[Women working for change](#)

We have just 10 years to end all forms of discrimination against women and girls, everywhere, if we are to meet the sustainable development goal for gender equality by 2030....

March 5, 2020

[Entrepreneurs learn skills for the future](#)

Basic skills training can lead to brilliant results! Our partner African Entrepreneur Collective (AEC) is enabling people at Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya to create thriving businesses. Kakuma refugee camp...

March 4, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Research Mar 5 2020

[Resurrecting Ancient Protein Partners Reveals Origin of Protein Regulation](#)

After reconstructing the ancient forms of two cellular proteins, scientists discovered the earliest known instance of a complex form of protein regulation.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

March 4, 2020 *News Release*

[New Interactive Map Offers State Data on What Democratic Primary Voters Say About Health Care](#)

Democratic voters across the primary states that have already cast their ballots for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination consistently name health care as the top issue or among the top issues in this year's election. A new interactive map highlights what Democratic primary voters are saying about health care as...

March 2, 2020 *News Release*

[Abortion is Back at the Supreme Court: New Analysis of June Medical Services LLC v. Russo](#)

A KFF brief explains June Medical Services LLC v. Russo, a challenge to a Louisiana abortion regulation that will be heard at the Supreme Court on March 4, 2020.

Kellogg Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Aga Khan Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

MacArthur Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

[**Funding opportunities in diagnostic excellence**](#)

March 4, 2020

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Diagnostic Excellence Initiative recently announced a [funding opportunity soliciting novel ideas and approaches](#) for developing new clinical quality measures to improve diagnosis, specifically targeting three major categories of disease: acute vascular events (such as stroke and myocardial infarction), infections (such as sepsis and pneumonia) and cancer (such as lung and colorectal). Successfully funded proposals will form our second cohort of grantees in this area. The [first cohort](#) has already begun working on promising and interesting projects...

Open Society Foundations [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press release March 02, 2020

[**Open Society Foundations Announce 2020 Leadership in Government Fellows**](#)

Among others, the 2020 class features a groundbreaking Indian American elected official, a former chief of staff for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and an expert on federal consumer regulations.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

News

[**Hewlett Foundation, Packard Foundation, and Getty Images Champion Positive Visual Representation of Women with Expansion of the Images of Empowerment Collection**](#)

March 3, 2020

As individuals around the world celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, they can use powerful, positive photographs from Getty Images that show women's lives and their work in eleven countries. The newly expanded Images of Empowerment collection, created by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, features 2,000 high-quality, editorial images of women working, accessing and providing reproductive health information and services, and as active participants in their communities in Colombia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, and the United States. The photographs are available free of charge to noncommercial users, as well as for licensing to Getty Images' global customer base of creative agencies, news organizations, and editorial clients...

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

Event

March 20, 2020

[Mitigation Matters: How Cities and States Along the Mississippi River Should Plan for Flooding](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

The Latest

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 7 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.

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Selects 2020 RWJF Culture of Health Prize Finalists](#)

March 4, 2020

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation announced eight communities chosen as finalists for the 2020 RWJF Culture of Health Prize.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 7 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 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Opinion | 4 March 2020

[Lab leaders must create open and safe spaces to improve research culture](#)

by Ricardo Henriques

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 7 Mar 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control

March 2020 Volume 48, Issue 3, p239-354

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

March 2020 Volume 58, Issue 3, p313-472

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

March 2020 110(33)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 102, Issue 3, March 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/102/3>

Perspective Piece

[Putting Guidance into Practice: Interpretation of the Oral Cholera Vaccine Recommendations for U.S. Travelers](#)

[Erin E. Conners](#), [Kristina M. Angelo](#) and [Allison T. Walker](#)

Pages: 491–493

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0511>

[Challenges and Strategies for Biomedical Researchers Returning to Low- and Middle-Income Countries after Training](#)

[Ayman Ahmed](#), [Johanna P. Daily](#), [Andres G. Lescano](#), [Linnie M. Golightly](#) and [Abiola Fasina](#)

Pages: 494–496

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0674>

Annals of Internal Medicine

3 March 2020 Vol: 172, Issue 5

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

Clinical Guidelines

[Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule, United States, 2020](#)

Editorials

[Narrowing Vaccination Exemption Laws: Lessons From California and Beyond](#)

Letters

[Assessment of Exemptions From Vaccination in California, 2015 to 2027](#)

[Paul L. Delamater](#), PhD; [Alison M. Bутtenheim](#), PhD; [Nicola P. Klein](#), MD, PhD; [Salini Mohanty](#), DrPH; [Daniel A. Salmon](#), PhD; [Saad B. Omer](#), MBBS, PhD

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/>

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

March 2020 - Volume 5 - 3

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/2>

Editorial

[Making sense of emerging evidence on the non-specific effects of the BCG vaccine on malaria risk and neonatal mortality](#) (5 March, 2020)

Quique Bassat, Gemma Moncunill, Carlota Dobaño

Analysis

[Ending TB in Southeast Asia: current resources are not enough](#) (5 March, 2020)

Vineet Bhatia, Rahul Srivastava, K Srikanth Reddy, Mukta Sharma, Partha Pratim Mandal, Natasha Chhabra, Shubhi Jhalani, Sandip Mandal, Nimalan Arinaminpathy, Tjandra Yoga Aditama, Swarup Sarkar

Original research

[Seasonal variation in the non-specific effects of BCG vaccination on neonatal mortality: three randomised controlled trials in Guinea-Bissau](#) (5 March, 2020)

Kristoffer Jarlov Jensen, Sofie Biering-Sørensen, Johan Ursing, Poul-Erik Lund Kofoed, Peter Aaby, Christine Stabell Benn

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[Knowledge implementation in health care management: a qualitative study](#)

The gap between knowledge and practice is a global issue, which increases wasteful spending in healthcare. There are several models and frameworks to address this gap and try to solve the challenge. Promoting ...

Authors: G. Roohi, G. Mahmoodi and H. Khoddam
Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:188
Content type: Research article
Published on: 6 March 2020

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[A systematic review of patient access to medical records in the acute setting: practicalities, perspectives and ethical consequences](#)

Internationally, patient access to notes is increasing. This has been driven by respect for patient autonomy, often recognised as a primary tenet of medical ethics: patients should be able to access their records to be fully engaged with their care. While research has been conducted on the impact of patient access to outpatient and primary care records and to patient portals, there is no such review looking at access to hospital medical records in real time, nor an ethical analysis of the issues involved in such a change in process.

Authors: Stephanie N. D'Costa, Isla L. Kuhn and Zoë Fritz

Content type: Research article

2 March 2020

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[Quantifying the economic cost of antibiotic resistance and the impact of related interventions: rapid methodological review, conceptual framework and recommendations for future studies](#)

Antibiotic resistance (ABR) poses a major threat to health and economic wellbeing worldwide. Reducing ABR will require government interventions to incentivise antibiotic development, prudent antibiotic use, in...

Authors: Mark Jit, Dorothy Hui Lin Ng, Nantasit Luangasanatip, Frank Sandmann, Katherine E. Atkins, Julie V. Robotham and Koen B. Pouwels

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:38

Content type: Correspondence

Published on: 6 March 2020

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[Interventions for women who report domestic violence during and after pregnancy in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic literature review](#)

Domestic violence is a leading cause of social morbidity and may increase during and after pregnancy. In high-income countries screening, referral and management interventions are available as part of standard...

Authors: Diandra Daley, Mary McCauley and Nynke van den Broek

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2020 20:141

Content type: Research article

Published on: 6 March 2020

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[Knowledge about cervical cancer and HPV immunization dropout rate among Brazilian adolescent girls and their guardians](#)

Infections with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) are the main cause of cervical cancer. Since 2014, the HPV vaccine was introduced in the Brazilian National Vaccination Calendar. The purpose of this study was to ass...

Authors: Ana Carolina da Silva Santos, Nayara Nascimento Toledo Silva, Cláudia Martins Carneiro, Wendel Coura-Vital and Angélica Alves Lima

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:301

Content type: Research article

Published on: 6 March 2020

[Are countries' self-reported assessments of their capacity for infectious disease control reliable? Associations among countries' self-reported international health regulation 2005 capacity assessments and infectious disease control outcomes](#)

This study aimed to evaluate associations among countries' self-reported International Health Regulation 2005 (IHR 2005) capacity assessments and infectious disease control outcomes.

Authors: Feng-Jen Tsai and Mathuros Tipayamongkhogul

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:282

Content type: Research article

Published on: 4 March 2020

[Impact of mother's education on full immunization of children aged 12–23 months in Eritrea: population and health survey 2010 data analysis](#)

Although vaccination coverage in Eritrea has improved in recent years, some children are still missing out, and it's important to identify risk factors for lower coverage in order to target campaigns and inter...

Authors: Fitsum Kibreab, Sonia Lewycka and Andebrhan Tewelde

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:267

Content type: Research article

Published on: 22 February 2020

[Culture competence and mental health across different immigrant and refugee groups](#)

Over the last decades, due to high rates of immigration, many high-income countries have witnessed demographic shifts towards more cultural diversity in the population. Socio-economic deprivation and traumatic...

Authors: Brit Oppedal, Serap Keles, Charissa Cheah and Espen Røysamb

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:292

Content type: Research article

Published on: 6 March 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 7 Mar 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

March 2020 - Volume 10 - 3

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

[Original research: Anaesthesia care providers employed in humanitarian settings by Médecins Sans Frontières: a retrospective observational study of 173,084 surgical cases over 10 years](#) (4 March, 2020)

Søren Kudsk-Iversen, Miguel Trelles, Elie Ngowa Bakebaanitsa, Longin Hagabimana, Abdul Momen, Rahmatullah Helmand, Carline Saint Victor, Khalid Shah, Adolphe Masu, Judith Kendell, Hilary Edgcombe, Mike English

Conclusion Our findings contribute to existing knowledge of the nature of anaesthetic provision in humanitarian settings, while demonstrating the value of high-quality, routine data collection at scale in this sector. Further evaluation of perioperative outcomes associated with different models of humanitarian anaesthetic provision is required.

Strengths and limitations of this study

:: This is the largest study detailing how anaesthetic task sharing and shifting is employed in the humanitarian sector.

:: Additionally, we believe this is the first study to describe the extent of the presence and caseload of uncertified anaesthetic providers in humanitarian surgical projects.

:: Due to the nature of the linked data, we were unable to connect anaesthetic provider with individual operations.

:: Therefore, to limit the misclassification bias, we do not ascribe a provider to each case, but rather describe the most senior provider available in the surgical project (the 'anaesthetic lead').

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 3, March 2020, 149-228

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/3/en/>

EDITORIALS

[Data sharing for novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

— Vasee Moorthy, Ana Maria Henao Restrepo, Marie-Pierre Preziosi & Soumya Swaminathan

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.251561>

[A disclosure form for work submitted to medical journals – a proposal from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors](#)

— Darren B. Taichman, Joyce Backus, Christopher Baethge, Howard Bauchner, Annette Flanagin, Fernando Florenzano, Frank A. Frizelle, Fiona Godlee, Laragh Gollogly, Abraham Haileamlak, Sung-Tae Hong, Richard Horton, Astrid James, Christine Laine, Pamela W. Miller, Anja Pinborg, Eric J. Rubin & Peush Sahni

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.252353>

RESEARCH

[Measuring antibiotic availability and use in 20 low- and middle-income countries](#)

— Rebecca Knowles, Mike Sharland, Yingfen Hsia, Nicola Magrini, Lorenzo Moja, Amani Siyam & Elizabeth Tayler

<http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.19.241349>

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

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

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Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 101 March 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/101/suppl/C>

Research article Abstract only

[Analyzing and improving national and local child protection data in Nepal: A mixed methods study using 2014 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey \(MICS\) data and interviews with 18 organizations](#)

Amiya Bhatia, Nancy Krieger, Cesar Victora, Sumnima Tuladhar, ... Jason Beckfield

Article 104292

Research article Abstract only

[Factors that prevent, prompt, and delay disclosures in female victims of child sexual abuse](#)

Nancy D. Kellogg, Wouter Koek, Shalon M. Nienow

Article 104360

Clinical Therapeutics

January 2020 Volume 42, Issue 1, p1-236

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 1, February 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

Conflict and Health

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

[Accessed 7 Mar 2020]

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Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 89 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/89/suppl/C>

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The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 1 / February 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/1>

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Current Genetic Medicine Reports

Volume 8, Issue 1, March 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/8/1>

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Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases

April 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 2

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

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Volume 19, Issue 4 Pages: 187-247 December 2019

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

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Development in Practice

Volume 30, Issue 1, 2020

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

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Development Policy Review

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

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

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Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 1, 2020

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

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Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 13 - Issue 5-6 - December 2019

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

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

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Volume 21 Issue 2 5 February 2020

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

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Emergency Medicine Journal

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

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Volume 26, Number 3—March 2020

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[**Potential Presymptomatic Transmission of SARS-CoV-2, Zhejiang Province, China, 2020**](#)

Z. Tong et al.

May 2020

[**COVID-19 in 2 Persons with Mild Upper Respiratory Tract Symptoms on a Cruise Ship, Japan**](#)

T. Arashiro et al.

June 2020

[**Lack of Vertical Transmission of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2, China**](#)

Y. Li et al.

June 2020

[Community Transmission of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2, Shenzhen, China, 2020](#)

J. Liu et al.
June 2020

Epidemics

Volume 29 December 2019

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

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Epidemiology and Infection

Volume 148 - 2020

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

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Ethics & Human Research

Volume 42, Issue 1 Pages: 1-40 January–February 2020

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

Off-Trial Access :: Deception :: Crowdsourced Research :: Single IRBs

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Winter 2019 (33.4) | December 2019

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/winter-2019-33-4/>

[Reviewed earlier]

The European Journal of Public Health

Volume 30, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/1>

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Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 91 February 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/91/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Security

Volume 12, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/1>

[Reviewed earlier]

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.

Forum for Development Studies

Volume 46, 2019 - Issue 3

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

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Gates Open Research

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

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

[Accessed 7 Mar 2020]

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Geoheritage

Volume 12, Issue 1, March 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/1>

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Global Health Action

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)

Vol. 7, No. 4 December 23, 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

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

[Accessed 7 Mar 2020]

[Public-private knowledge transfer and access to medicines: a systematic review and qualitative study of perceptions and roles of scientists involved in HPV vaccine research](#)

Public research organizations and their interactions with industry partners play a crucial role for public health and access to medicines. The development and commercialization of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines illustrate how licensing practices of public research organizations can contribute to high prices of the resulting product and affect accessibility to vulnerable populations. Efforts by the international community to improve access to medicines have recognised this issue and promote the public health-sensitive management of research conducted by public research organizations. This paper explores: how medical knowledge is exchanged between public and private actors; what role inventor scientists play in this process; and how they view the implementation of public health-sensitive knowledge exchange strategies.

Authors: Rosa Jahn, Olaf Müller, Stefan Nöst and Kayvan Bozorgmehr

Content type: Research

5 March 2020

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 3 March 2020

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

The Affordable Care Act Turns 10

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Health and Human Rights

Volume 21, Issue 2, December 2019

<https://www.hhrjournal.org/volume-21-issue-2-december-2019/>

Viewpoints

[Human Rights and Coronavirus: What's at Stake for Truth, Trust, and Democracy?](#)

Alicia Ely Yamin and Roojin Habibi

2 March 2020

Although World Health Organization (WHO) Director General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus has called for solidarity, not stigma, it is notable that to date WHO has not issued any substantive guidance on how countries can take public health measures that achieve health protection while respecting human rights.^[2] Amid growing public fears, confusion, and misinformation, as well as government reactions that may fuel rather than mitigate intolerance, discrimination and exclusion, it is critical to set out some key human rights principles and the guidance they provide.^[3]

Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 15 - Issue 1 - January 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Policy and Planning

Volume 34, Issue Supplement_3, December 2019

https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/34/Supplement_3

Access to Medicines through Health Systems in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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[Examining partnerships within an international knowledge translation network focused on youth mental health promotion](#)

Systems transformation for health promotion, involving engagement from multiple disciplines and levels of influence, requires an investment in partnership development. Integrated youth service is a collaborative model that brings organisations together to provide holistic care for youth. Frayme is an international knowledge translation network designed to support the uptake and scaling of integrated youth service. Social network analysis (SNA) is the study of relationships among social units and is useful to better understand how partners collaborate within a network to achieve major objectives. The purpose of this paper is to apply SNA to the Frayme network in order to (1) examine the level and strength of partnerships, (2) identify the strategies being employed to promote the main objectives and (3) apply the findings to current research in youth mental health and system transformation.

Authors: T. Halsall, I. Manion, J. Henderson, P. Robeson, R. Purcell, P. Liversidge and S. N. Iyer

Content type: Research

4 March 2020

Human Gene Therapy

Volume 31, Issue 3-4 / February 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/3-4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 1, February 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 76, January 2020

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

The Crisis in Yemen

by HPN

This edition of Humanitarian Exchange focuses on the crisis in Yemen. Since the war there began in 2014, thousands of civilians have been killed or injured and air strikes and ground operations have destroyed hospitals, schools and critical infrastructure. An estimated 80% of Yemenis need humanitarian assistance.

In the lead article, Laurie Lee highlights the critical role Yemenis and Yemeni organisations are playing in addressing the humanitarian challenges in the country, and how NGOs can better support them. Genevieve Gauthier and Marcus Skinner reinforce this point with reference to two local organisations, the Yemen Women's Union and Al Hikma. Warda Saleh, the founder of another Yemeni grassroots organisation, discusses the increased risk of gender-based violence facing women and girls, while Ibrahim Jalal and Sherine El Taraboulsi-McCarthy focus on internal displacement and the opportunities for a more effective humanitarian response. Reflecting on child protection programming in Yemen, Mohammed Alshamaa and Amanda Brydon conclude that multisectoral approaches with local authorities result in better and more sustainable outcomes. Padraic McCluskey and Jana Brandt consider the ethical dilemmas Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) faced in trying to balance quality and coverage in a mother and child hospital in Taiz. Lindsay Spainhour Baker and colleagues reflect on the challenges involved in gathering and analysing information on the humanitarian situation while Lamis Al-Iryani, Sikandra Kurdi and Sarah Palmer-Felgate discuss the findings from an evaluation of the Yemen Social Fund for Development (SFD) Cash for Nutrition programme. An article by Kristine Beckerle and Osamah Al-Fakih details Yemeni and international organisations' efforts to document and mitigate harm to civilians caught up in the conflict. The edition ends with a piece by Fanny Pettibon, Anica Heinlein and Dhabie Brown outlining CARE's advocacy on the arms trade.

Finally, readers will note that this edition is shorter than usual, largely because it was very difficult to persuade potential authors to write on the Yemen crisis. Many of the individuals and organisations we contacted were either too busy responding or were concerned that writing frankly about their work could negatively affect their operations. HPN has covered many similarly sensitive contexts in Humanitarian Exchange over the last 26 years, but this is the first time we have experienced such reluctance to engage. A worrying sign.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 7 Mar 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 7 Mar 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

International Health

Volume 12, Issue 2, February 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/2>

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International Human Rights Law Review

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

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/8/2/hrlr.8.issue-2.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

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>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction

Volume 42 January 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/42/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Epidemiology

Volume 48, Issue 6, December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 4 2020

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjhs20/current>

Article

[Musicalizing heritage and heritagizing music for enhancing community awareness of preserving world heritage sites in Africa](#)

[Elgidius B. Ichumbaki](#) & [Claudia B. Lubao](#)

Pages: 415-432

Published online: 18 Jul 2019

Book Review

[Safeguarding intangible heritage: practices and politics](#)

edited by [Natsuko Akagawa](#) and [Laurajane Smith](#), London and New York, Routledge, 2019, 260 pp., 29.99 GBP (paperback), ISBN 9781138580749

[Michelle L. Stefano](#)

Pages: 434-437

Published online: 10 Dec 2019

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 12 Issue 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

March 2020 Volume 92, p1-272

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(20\)X0002-6](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(20)X0002-6)

Review

[Vaccinating pregnant women against influenza needs to be a priority for all countries: An expert commentary](#)

Philippe Buchy, Selim Badur, George Kassianos, Scott Preiss, John S. Tam

p1–12

Published online: December 18, 2019

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 3, 2020, Vol 323, No. 9, Pages 809-902

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

Drug Pricing

Original Investigation

[Profitability of Large Pharmaceutical Companies Compared With Other Large Public Companies](#)

Fred D. Ledley, MD; Sarah Shonka McCoy, PhD; Gregory Vaughan, PhD; et al.

has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;323(9):834-843. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.0442

Key Points

Question

How do the profits of large pharmaceutical companies compare with those of other companies from the S&P 500 Index?

Findings

In this cross-sectional study that compared the profits of 35 large pharmaceutical companies with those of 357 large, nonpharmaceutical companies from 2000 to 2018, the median net income (earnings) expressed as a fraction of revenue was significantly greater for pharmaceutical companies compared with nonpharmaceutical companies (13.8% vs 7.7%).

Meaning

Large pharmaceutical companies were more profitable than other large companies, although the difference was smaller when controlling for differences in company size, research and development expense, and time trends.

Abstract

Importance

Understanding the profitability of pharmaceutical companies is essential to formulating evidence-based policies to reduce drug costs while maintaining the industry's ability to innovate and provide essential medicines.

Objective

To compare the profitability of large pharmaceutical companies with other large companies.

Design, Setting, and Participants

This cross-sectional study compared the annual profits of 35 large pharmaceutical companies with 357 companies in the S&P 500 Index from 2000 to 2018 using information from annual financial reports. A statistically significant differential profit margin favoring pharmaceutical companies was evidence of greater profitability.

Exposures Large pharmaceutical vs nonpharmaceutical companies.

Main Outcomes and Measures

The main outcomes were revenue and 3 measures of annual profit: gross profit (revenue minus the cost of goods sold); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA; pretax profit from core business activities); and net income, also referred to as earnings (difference between all revenues and expenses). Profit measures are described as cumulative for all companies from 2000 to 2018 or annual profit as a fraction of revenue (margin).

Results

From 2000 to 2018, 35 large pharmaceutical companies reported cumulative revenue of \$11.5 trillion, gross profit of \$8.6 trillion, EBITDA of \$3.7 trillion, and net income of \$1.9 trillion, while 357 S&P 500 companies reported cumulative revenue of \$130.5 trillion, gross profit of \$42.1 trillion, EBITDA of \$22.8 trillion, and net income of \$9.4 trillion. In bivariable regression models, the median annual profit margins of pharmaceutical companies were significantly greater than those of S&P 500 companies (gross profit margin: 76.5% vs 37.4%; difference, 39.1% [95% CI, 32.5%-45.7%]; $P < .001$; EBITDA margin: 29.4% vs 19%; difference, 10.4% [95% CI, 7.1%-13.7%]; $P < .001$; net income margin: 13.8% vs 7.7%; difference, 6.1% [95% CI, 2.5%-9.7%]; $P < .001$). The differences were smaller in regression models controlling for company size and year and when considering only companies reporting research and development expense (gross profit margin: difference, 30.5% [95% CI, 20.9%-40.1%]; $P < .001$; EBITDA margin: difference, 9.2% [95% CI, 5.2%-13.2%]; $P < .001$; net income margin: difference, 3.6% [95% CI, 0.011%-7.2%]; $P = .05$).

Conclusions and Relevance

From 2000 to 2018, the profitability of large pharmaceutical companies was significantly greater than other large, public companies, but the difference was less pronounced when considering company size, year, or research and development expense. Data on the profitability of large pharmaceutical companies may be relevant to formulating evidence-based policies to make medicines more affordable.

Editorial

[Affording Medicines for Today's Patients and Sustaining Innovation for Tomorrow](#)

Kenneth C. Frazier, JD

[Are Pharmaceutical Companies Earning Too Much?](#)

David M. Cutler, PhD

Relentless Prescription Drug Price Increases

Chaarushena Deb; Gregory Curfman, MD

Estimated Research and Development Investment Needed to Bring a New Medicine to Market, 2009-2018

Olivier J. Wouters, PhD; Martin McKee, MD, DSc; Jeroen Luyten, PhD

JAMA. 2020;323(9):844-853. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1166

This study uses publicly available data to analyze research and development spending to win FDA approval and bring new drugs to market between 2009 and 2018.

Research Letter

Sponsorship and Funding for Gene Therapy Trials in the United States

Zachary Kassir, BA; Ameet Sarpatwari, PhD, JD; Brian Kocak, BS; et al.

March 3, 2020

JAMA. 2020;323(9):890-891. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.22214

Since 2017, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved 4 gene therapies: tisagenlecleucel (Kymriah) and axicabtagene ciloleucel (Yescarta) for cancer, voretigene neparvovec-rzyl (Luxturna) for a genetic form of blindness, and onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi (Zolgensma) for spinal muscular atrophy. Although clinically transformative, they carry list prices of \$475 000, \$373 000, \$425 000, and \$2.1 million, respectively, for 1-time infusions. High development costs and the need to incentivize innovation are common justifications for such prices. However, public funding played an important role in each product's invention and clinical testing.[1-5](#)

JAMA Pediatrics

March 2020, Vol 174, No. 3, Pages 226-308

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

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JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

February 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 2

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

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Journal of Adolescent Health

February 2020 Volume 66, Issue 2, Supplement, S1-S146

[https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X\(19\)X0008-7](https://www.jahonline.org/issue/S1054-139X(19)X0008-7)

Adolescent Health: Transforming Risk to Wellness

11 March 2020 - 14 March 2020

43. Mental Health of Syrian Refugee Adolescents: How Far Have We Come?

Sinem Akgül, Şenel Hüsnü Raman, Orhan Derman, Elif Nursel Özmert, Aysun Bideci, Enver Hasanoğlu
S23-S24

Published in issue: February 2020

45. Food Insecurity and Adolescent Mental Health in 156 Countries

Allison H. MacNeil, Melanie Dirks, Frank Elgar

S24–S25

Published in issue: February 2020

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 67 (2020)

<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>

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Journal of Community Health

Volume 45, Issue 1, February 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/45/1>

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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 41 Pages 1-270 (January–February 2020)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/journal-of-cultural-heritage/vol/41/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

2019: Volume 9 Issue 4

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Development Economics

Volume 143 March 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/74/3>

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Journal of Evidence-Based Medicine

Volume 13, Issue 1 Pages: 1-88 February 2020
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/17565391/current>
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Journal of Global Ethics

Volume 15, Issue 3, 2019
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rjge20/current>
Special Issue: Global Justice and Childhood
[Reviewed earlier]

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

Volume 31, Number 1, February 2020
<https://muse.jhu.edu/journal/278>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Human Trafficking

Volume 5, Issue 4, 2019
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

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>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

Volume 22, Issue 1, February 2020
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10903/22/1>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies

Volume 18, 2020_ Issue 1
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/wimm20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Infectious Diseases

Volume 221, Issue 3, 1 February 2020
<https://academic.oup.com/jid/issue/221/3>
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Journal of International Development

Volume 32, Issue 2 Pages: 129-261 March 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/10991328/current>

Research Articles

Scaling Up for Sustainable Development: Benefits and Costs of Expanding and Optimizing Balance Sheet in the Multilateral Development Banks

Waqas Munir, Kevin P. Gallagher

Pages: 222-243

First Published: 08 January 2020

Developmental Humanitarianism, Resilience and (Dis)empowerment in a Syrian Refugee Camp

Suraina Pasha

Pages: 244-259

First Published: 19 November 2019

Abstract

Through a case study on Za'atari camp in Jordan, this paper joins a growing body of critical studies highlighting discrepancies between developmental humanitarian policies promoting the resilience and empowerment of refugees vis-à-vis realities inside camps. It shows how camp authorities incrementally unwound and stifled refugee self-governance structures and informal entrepreneurialism. It also highlights the influence of Jordanian state priorities over the aid operation and the supportive role played by the UN Refugee Agency in affirming state priorities. The paper argues that even if well-intentioned developmental humanitarianism can ultimately diminish the scope for meaningful refugee empowerment.

Journal of Medical Ethics

March 2020 - Volume 46 - 3

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Operations Management

Volume 66, Issue 1-2 Pages: 1-256 January/March 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/18731317/current>

Special Issue: Delivering Effective Healthcare at Lower Cost

[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Patient-Centered Research and Reviews

Volume 7, Issue 1 (2020)

<https://digitalrepository.aurorahealthcare.org/jpcrr/>

[Reviewed earlier]

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 7 Mar 2020]

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Journal of Public Health Management & Practice

March/April 2020 - Volume 26 - Issue 2

<https://journals.lww.com/jphmp/pages/currenttoc.aspx>

Practice Full Report

[Beyond Research Ethics: Novel Approaches of 3 Major Public Health Institutions to Provide Ethics Input on Public Health Practice Activities](#)

Klingler, Corinna; Barrett, Drue H.; Ondrusek, Nancy; More

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. 26(2):E12-E22, March/April 2020.

Research Full Report

[Vaccination Capability Inventory of Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers: A Survey Report](#)

Federally funded Community, Migrant, and Homeless Health Centers provide health services to the most vulnerable communities in the United States. However, little is known about their capabilities and processes for providing vaccinations to adults....Health centers provide most adult vaccines to their patients despite financial and technological barriers to optimal provisioning. Further studies at point of care could help identify mechanisms for system improvements.

Lewis, Joy H.; Whelihan, Kate; Roy, Debosree; More

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. 26(2):139-147, March/April 2020.

[Local Health Department Interest in Implementation of a Jail-Based Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Program in Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska](#)

Local health departments (LHDs) play a vital role in community vaccination programs for human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, but little research has been done to assess LHD interest in cross-sectoral partnerships to vaccinate high-risk groups, specifically incarcerated persons... Nearly half of LHDs in the region expressed interest in partnering with local entities to meet HPV vaccination needs of high-risk groups. Research on cross-sectoral partnerships and what these collaborations look like in practice is needed for public health impact.

Ramaswamy, Megha; Allison, Molly; Musser, Brynne; More

Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. 26(2):168-175, March/April 2020.

Journal of Public Health Policy

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Research articles

[Emergent social cohesion for coping with community disruptions in disasters](#)

Chao Fan, Yucheng Jiang and Ali Mostafavi

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Social cohesion is an important determinant of community well-being, especially in times of distress such as disasters. This study investigates the phenomena of emergent social cohesion, which is characterized by abrupt, temporary and extensive social ...

Journal of Travel Medicine

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The Lancet

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Editorial

[COVID-19: too little, too late?](#)

The Lancet

Although WHO has yet to call the outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 infection a pandemic, it has confirmed that the virus is likely to spread to most, if not all, countries. Regardless of terminology, this latest coronavirus epidemic is now seeing larger increases in cases outside China. As of March 3, more than 90 000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in 73 countries. The outbreak in northern Italy, which has seen 11 towns officially locked down and residents threatened with imprisonment if they try to leave, shocked European political leaders. Their shock turned to horror as they saw Italy become the epicentre for further spread across the continent. As the window for global containment closes, health ministers are scrambling to implement appropriate measures to delay spread of the virus. But their actions have been slow and insufficient. There is now a real danger that countries have done too little, too late to contain the epidemic.

By striking contrast, [the WHO-China joint mission report](#) calls China's vigorous public health measures toward this new coronavirus probably the most "ambitious, agile and aggressive disease containment effort in history". China seems to have avoided a substantial number of cases and fatalities, although there have been severe effects on the nation's economy. In its report on the joint mission, WHO recommends that countries activate the highest level of national response management protocols to ensure the all-of-government and all-of-society approaches needed to contain viral spread. China's success rests largely with a strong administrative system that it can mobilise in times of threat,

combined with the ready agreement of the Chinese people to obey stringent public health procedures. Although other nations lack China's command-and-control political economy, there are important lessons that presidents and prime ministers can learn from China's experience. The signs are that those lessons have not been learned.

SARS-CoV-2 presents different challenges to high-income and low-income or middle-income countries (LMICs). A major fear over global spread is how weak health systems will cope. Some countries, such as Nigeria, have so far successfully dealt with individual cases. But large outbreaks could easily overwhelm LMIC health services. The difficult truth is that countries in most of sub-Saharan Africa, for example, are not prepared for an epidemic of coronavirus. And nor are many nations across Latin America and the Middle East. Public health measures, such as surveillance, exhaustive contact tracing, social distancing, travel restrictions, educating the public on hand hygiene, ensuring flu vaccinations for the frail and immunocompromised, and postponing non-essential operations and services will all play their part in delaying the spread of infection and dispersing pressure on hospitals. Individual governments will need to decide where they draw the line on implementing these measures. They will have to weigh the ethical, social, and economic risks versus proven health benefits.

The evidence surely indicates that political leaders should be moving faster and more aggressively. As Xiaobo Yang and colleagues [have shown](#), the mortality of critically ill patients with SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia is substantial. As they wrote recently in *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*, "The severity of SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia poses great strain on critical care resources in hospitals, especially if they are not adequately staffed or resourced." This coronavirus is not benign. It kills. The political response to the epidemic should therefore reflect the national security threat that SARS-CoV-2 represents.

National governments have all released guidance for health-care professionals, but published advice alone is insufficient. Guidance on how to manage patients with COVID-19 must be delivered urgently to health-care workers in the form of workshops, online teaching, smart phone engagement, and peer-to-peer education. Equipment such as personal protective equipment, ventilators, oxygen, and testing kits must be made available and supply chains strengthened. [The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#) recommends that hospitals set up a core team including hospital management, an infection control team member, an infectious disease expert, and specialists representing the intensive care unit and accident and emergency departments.

So far, evidence suggests that the colossal public health efforts of the Chinese Government have saved thousands of lives. High-income countries, now facing their own outbreaks, must take reasoned risks and act more decisively. They must abandon their fears of the negative short-term public and economic consequences that may follow from restricting public freedoms as part of more assertive infection control measures.

The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health

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Comment

[Children on the move—a call for active screening in migrants](#)

Ulrich von Both

Paediatricians, general practitioners, and family doctors are increasingly confronted with medical symptoms previously not on their radar, because of a rise in migration. In the past 5 years, an

estimated 1 million displaced children and adolescents have entered the EU and European Economic Area (EEA), many of them unaccompanied. This vulnerable group faces great challenges and health risks. Societies should welcome migrant families, and medical professionals should help integrate migrant children into health-care systems to ensure high quality care is delivered sustainably. Besides obvious benefits for the individual, it is in the interest of societies to prevent increased incidence of infectious diseases that are currently well controlled, such as tuberculosis. Three infectious diseases—tuberculosis, schistosomiasis, and strongyloidiasis—are particularly relevant and should be seen as priorities for screening and treatment in migrant children.

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Editorial

Child and adolescent health in the digital age

The Lancet Digital Health

On 18 February, 2020, The Lancet published the report of the WHO-UNICEF-Lancet Commission, calling for a refocus of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) around child and adolescent health. All sectors are responsible for children's wellbeing, with digital platforms and artificial intelligence (AI) playing an increasing role in child and adolescent health.

The Commission argues that open dialogue across generations is essential to understand the needs of children and adolescents, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) where 90% of the global youth population currently live. Digital technologies, such as social media and AI-based chatbots, have much to offer in this regard. The Commission highlights that adolescents are enthusiastic users of technology, with those aged 11–16 years posting on social media on average 26 times a day. With a predicted 40 times increase of their global volume of data, adolescents who might seldom access traditional health services, could more easily be reached through digital health platforms. For example, the Commission describes U-Report, a mobile-based online poll for real-time data collection, which collates opinions from approximately 1 million youths from over 50 LMICs to better communicate with government officials to strengthen public health campaigns, such as immunisation awareness.

Despite the development of promising digital interventions, the Commission calls for further research to understand ways to positively engage with adolescents about health issues using digital technology. A paper in The Lancet Digital Health, by Maree Teesson and colleagues, reported a cluster-randomised controlled trial in 71 schools in Australia, which showed efficacy of an online digital intervention for prevention of substance use, depression, and anxiety in adolescents. This digital intervention allows scaling up of prevention programmes, which could reduce costs and increase accessibility to lower resource settings. However, further trials are necessary to determine whether this intervention is cost effective and if the benefits are sustained beyond the trial phase.

The Commission cites several digital interventions that have shown potential in engaging adolescents about health issues; however, the report does not mention augmented reality, a burgeoning area of research in child and adolescent health. In The Lancet Digital Health, Kollins and colleagues describe a randomised controlled trial to test the efficacy of a video game-like interface designed to support children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The results of the trial show that this digital intervention can increase attentional functioning of children with the disorder, but future trials are necessary to examine the durability and time course of the intervention.

The prevalent use of digital platforms, such as social media, has encouraged speculation that their regular use might negatively effect child and adolescent health, a concern echoed within the Commission. However, current evidence supporting this idea is controversial due to the nature of the large-scale social datasets used in many studies which could be prone to potential false positives and conflicting results. A study attempted to address these challenges using three large-scale social datasets and found no significant correlational evidence for detrimental effects of digital technology on adolescent health.

The Commission ends with the quote “what gets measured, gets done”, which highlights a well known barrier to achieving the SDGs: inability to collect the necessary quality and volume of data to monitor progress. Open data is needed to overcome the barriers to collect and share data for SDG progress, and the Commission authors rightly demand better use of data from publicly available sources. However, there are concerns regarding the few safeguards to protect children's data, especially against data manipulation through black box and biased algorithms. The Commission also highlights the shortcomings of current data privacy regulations, emphasising that public sector bodies and commercial organisations have failed to ensure privacy, transparency, security, and redress when handling children's data. The assurance of privacy and security of data is key to the success of digital innovation and transformation of health care.

Digital platforms and AI are necessary tools to enable children and adolescents to be agents of change, encouraging open dialogue between children, international agencies, and governments to achieve the SDGs for a better future.

Comment

3D technology and telemedicine in humanitarian settings

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Worldwide, sizeable populations are living with disabling and disfiguring injuries and are unable to access rehabilitation services.[1](#), [2](#)

In 2017, the Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Foundation initiated a pilot project with the MSF Reconstructive Surgery Program (RSP; established in 2006) in Amman, Jordan, to help to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services for patients with facial burns and upper limb differences. A multidisciplinary team, spanning specialists with expertise in prosthetics and orthotics, physical and occupational therapy, rehabilitation medicine, surgery, and biomedical engineering, collaborated on development of personalised prosthetic and orthotic devices using 3D technologies and telemedicine ([appendix](#)).

...Despite the many challenges, our experience suggests that 3D technologies and telemedicine can serve as useful tools for increasing access to comprehensive rehabilitation care in certain humanitarian contexts. However, more objective measures and longer-term follow-up are needed to determine the efficacy and effectiveness of implementing this technology to deliver prosthetics and orthotics. Well designed randomised control trials are needed to determine whether the digital approach can improve clinical outcomes or reduce cost without compromising the quality of care. Also, patients living in low-resource settings often require more durable devices that can withstand difficult conditions with minimal maintenance. Lastly, implementing a programme that focuses entirely on delivering devices and neglects the need for comprehensive rehabilitation care would probably result in rejection of the devices and inadequate patient care...

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Editorial

Challenges of coronavirus disease 2019

The Lancet Infectious Diseases

Yet again, the world is experiencing a global viral epidemic of zoonotic origin. As of Feb 12, 45 204 confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and 1116 deaths had been reported in 25 countries. The majority of cases and, at the time of writing, all but one death have been in China, despite efforts in the country to halt transmission through shutting down transport, quarantining entire cities, and enforcing the use of face masks. International flights have been cancelled and affected cruise ships quarantined. At this stage, it is unclear whether the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV)-2 outbreak will run its course, as SARS-CoV did in 2003, or will become an endemic cause of viral pneumonia.

In our January issue we announced the formation of The Lancet Infectious Diseases Commission on Preparedness for Emerging Epidemic Threats. The Commission will revisit global preparedness planning and assumptions underlying agreements such as the International Health Regulations. It aims to account for new challenges in preparing for and responding to infectious disease outbreaks. These challenges, which are political and institutional, social, environmental, technological, and pathogen-related, are being brought to the foreground by the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak.

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One issue is how prepared the world's health systems are to respond to an outbreak of this scale. It's clear the large number of cases of COVID-19 is testing the health system in China. Yet, China was able to build a hospital for affected patients in a matter of days. No other country could mobilise resources and manpower at such speed. While health systems in high-income countries would be stretched by the outbreak, the most devastating effects would be in countries with weak health systems, ongoing conflicts, or existing infectious disease epidemics.

In these countries, it is imperative to rapidly detect and contain the virus at points of entry to prevent community transmission and health systems from being overwhelmed. Health authorities in Africa are on high alert for the virus, given the continent's extensive trade and transport links with Asia. The capacity in Africa to screen, isolate, and treat patients and perform contact tracing is being built under the leadership of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and WHO.

As in all outbreaks, there is an urgent need to develop effective diagnostics, therapeutics, and vaccines. Several experimental diagnostic platforms are already in use in China and elsewhere. The whole-genome sequence of SARS-CoV-2 had been obtained and shared widely by mid-January, a feat not possible at such speed in previous infectious disease outbreaks. This sequence will allow fine-tuning of existing technologies and development of better diagnostics and targeted therapeutics. Several potential treatments have been proposed, including a Janus kinase inhibitor known as [baricitinib](#). However, no antiviral treatment has been approved for coronaviruses, and despite two outbreaks of

novel coronaviruses in the past two decades, vaccine development is still in its infancy. WHO has announced that a vaccine for SARS-CoV-2 should be available in 18 months, but achieving this will require funding and public interest to be maintained even if the threat level falls.

Social media and sensationalist reporting are challenging outbreak response efforts. Misinformation and conspiracy theories spread on social media have generated panic and mistrust among the general public, diverted attention away from the outbreak response, and impeded the activities of health-care workers. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said WHO is tackling the spread of false information with a “four-pronged approach”, including using its WHO Information Network for Epidemics platform to track misinformation in multiple languages and collaborating with social and digital companies such as Facebook, Weibo, and Twitter to filter out false information.

How prepared the world was for the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak will surely be discussed in its aftermath. The initial response in China to contain the virus was applauded by WHO and considered much improved compared with its response to the 2003 SARS-CoV epidemic. Internationally, we have seen rapid generation and sharing of knowledge to the benefit of the outbreak response, but also counterproductive actions by some countries, including limiting trade and shutting of borders, to its detriment. With the increasing frequency of zoonotic spillovers leading to human infections and transmission, it's apparent that pandemic preparedness has become a priority for the global health agenda.

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Comment

[**Authoritarianism, outbreaks, and information politics**](#)

Matthew M Kavanagh

[See Week in Review above for full text]

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Saturation point

Tropical forests, such as the one in the Democratic Republic of the Congo pictured, are important carbon sinks, removing about 15% of anthropogenic carbon dioxide over the course of the 1990s and early 2000s. In this week's issue, [Wannes Hubau](#) and his colleagues examine the rates at which such forests in Africa and Amazonia have taken up carbon between 1983 and 2015 — and find marked differences between the two regions. They reveal that the ability of forests in Africa to act as a carbon sink was stable until the 2010s when it began to decline, in contrast to the previously documented decline in Amazonian forests since the 1990s. They conclude that both continents show a pattern of carbon-sink saturation and decline, with asynchronous timing and different rates of reduction. The researchers extrapolate their findings to predict that by 2030 the carbon sink in Africa will have shrunk by 14% compared with 2010–15, and that the Amazonian sink will reach zero in 2035. This decline has significant implications for the goal of limiting global warming to below 2 °C

Editorial | 04 March 2020

[Warning from the tropics: rainforests are losing their ability to help humanity](#)

New analysis of carbon from tropical forests suggests the need for yet faster emissions reductions.

Article | 04 March 2020

[Asynchronous carbon sink saturation in African and Amazonian tropical forests](#)

Unlike Amazonian forests, African forests have maintained their carbon sink until recently but by 2030 the African carbon sink will have shrunk by 14 per cent and the Amazonian sink will reach almost zero. Wannes Hubau, Simon L. Lewis[[...\]](#) & Lise Zemagho

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Editorial | 05 March 2020

[Whole tumor genomes across cancers](#)

The Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes (PCAWG) Consortium project, led by the International Cancer Genome Consortium (ICGC) and The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), coordinated the sequencing

and analysis of 2,583 tumor whole genomes across 38 cancer types. This impressively large project, comprising many working groups focusing on various molecular or genetic features of cancer, has generated valuable data for the cancer research community that will continue to be mined for many years to come.

Article | 05 February 2020 | Open Access

[The landscape of viral associations in human cancers](#)

Viral pathogen load in cancer genomes is estimated through analysis of sequencing data from 2,656 tumors across 35 cancer types using multiple pathogen-detection pipelines, identifying viruses in 382 genomic and 68 transcriptome datasets.

Marc Zapatka, Ivan Borozan[...] & Marc Zapatka

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[Comprehensive analysis of chromothripsis in 2,658 human cancers using whole-genome sequencing](#)

Analysis of whole-genome sequencing data across 2,658 tumors spanning 38 cancer types shows that chromothripsis is pervasive, with a frequency of more than 50% in several cancer types, contributing to oncogene amplification, gene inactivation and cancer genome evolution.

Isidro Cortés-Ciriano, Jake June-Koo Lee[...] & Peter J. Park

Special: [Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes](#)

Nature Medicine

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Editorial | 03 February 2020

[Communication, collaboration and cooperation can stop the 2019 coronavirus](#)

As the outbreak of a deadly new coronavirus in China and its rapid spread is rattling countries, only the collective international experience and advances derived from past outbreaks can accelerate its control.

Perspective | 03 February 2020

[Single-cell genomic approaches for developing the next generation of immunotherapies](#)

Amit and colleagues discuss where single-cell genomic technologies can be applied both in trial design and in the clinical trial stage to improve the development of immunotherapies.

Ido Yofe, Rony Dahan & Ido Amit

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Perspective

[Social Spending to Improve Population Health — Does the United States Spend as Wisely as Other Countries?](#)

Roosa S. Tikkanen, M.P.H., M.Res., and Eric C. Schneider, M.D.

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[Illness-related suffering and need for palliative care in Rohingya refugees and caregivers in Bangladesh: A cross-sectional study](#)

In this study we found that many individuals with serious health problems experienced significant physical, emotional, and social suffering due to a lack of access to pain and symptom relief and other essential components of palliative care. Humanitarian responses should develop and incorporate

palliative care and symptom relief strategies that address the needs of all people with serious illness-related suffering and their caregivers.

Megan Doherty, Liam Power, Mila Petrova, Scott Gunn, Richard Powell, Rachel Coghlan, Liz Grant, Brett Sutton, Farzana Khan

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[Maternal perceptions of father involvement among refugee and disadvantaged families in Beirut, Lebanon](#)

Sascha Hein, Johanna Bick, Ghassan Issa, Lara Aoude, Cosette Maalouf, Abir Awar, Sawsan Nourallah, Anna L. Zonderman, Sarah Householder, Liliya Katsoyich, Kaveh Khoshnood, Christina Moore, Rima Salah, Pia R. Britto, James F. Leckman, Liliana Angelica Ponguta

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Abstract

The role of fathers in (co-)parenting their children among refugee and disadvantaged families in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) remains poorly understood. This study sought to examine the associations among mothers' perceptions of their husband's involvement (hereafter referred to as paternal involvement), and her perceptions of her own well-being and a number of other variables, as well as observed mother-child interactions in families living in refugee and disadvantaged communities in Beirut, Lebanon. We analyzed baseline data from 104 mother-child dyads (mean age of children = 4.34 years; range = 2.05 to 7.93 years of age) who participated in a randomized controlled trial aimed at evaluating the impact of the Mother-Child Education Program in Beirut. In addition to the mother's perception of paternal involvement and the videotaped mother-child interactions, data were collected concerning the mother's well-being and her level of social support, as well as her level of stress as a parent and the way her children were disciplined in the family. Mother-child pairs were videotaped while completing a puzzle together and dyadic interactions were coded. Path analysis showed that paternal involvement was significantly associated with a higher level of maternal well-being and lower distress levels. In addition, higher levels of maternal distress were associated with higher levels of harsh discipline and parenting stress. Correlation analysis showed that higher perceptions of paternal involvement were associated with more positive affect displayed by the child, more positive regard for the child, and better mother-child synchrony during the dyadic interactions. Limitations include the cross-sectional design and the modest sample size, which hinder causal inferences and generalizability of the findings. These preliminary findings suggest that higher levels of paternal involvement may have an impact on markers of maternal mental health and positive mother-child interactions in families living in disadvantaged communities or humanitarian settings. Paternal involvement should be considered when designing and implementing parenting programs in LMICs.

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[Chromosome-free bacterial cells are safe and programmable platforms for synthetic biology](#)

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[**"Promote locally led initiatives to fight female genital mutilation/cutting \(FGM/C\)" lessons from anti-FGM/C advocates in rural Kenya**](#)

Authors: Purity Mwendwa, Naomi Mutea, Mary Joy Kaimuri, Aoife De Brún and Thilo Kroll

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In Depth

[Can China's COVID-19 strategy work elsewhere?](#)

By Kai Kupferschmidt, Jon Cohen

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Rapid decline in cases is real, expert mission concludes—but it came at a high cost.

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Research article Abstract only

[Health for all? A qualitative study of NGO support to migrants affected by structural violence in northern France](#)

Benita Pursch, Alexandra Tate, Helena Legido-Quigley, Natasha Howard

Article 112838

France hosts approximately 368,000 'persons of concern' (e.g. refugees, stateless, people in refugee-like situations, asylum-seekers). Northern France has become a focal area, due to its proximity to the Dover entry-point to the UK and larger numbers of migrants. This study used a structural violence lens to explore the provision of health services to migrants in Calais and La Linière in northern France, to contribute to discourse on the effects of structural violence on non-state service providers and migrants in precarious conditions and inform service provision policies.

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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Creating lasting social change often requires changing public attitude, not just public policy. Take the movements for marriage equality and against smoking in the United States, for example. Learn the six-step framework that others have used to successfully change public opinion in the cover article "Aspirational Communication" in the Winter 2020 issue of *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

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[Precarious employment and migrant workers' mental health: a protocol for a systematic review of observational studies](#)

Precarious employment has become an urgent public health issue at a global scale with potential consequences for quality of life and health of employees, especially in vulnerable groups such as migrants.

Authors: Ozlem Koseoglu Ornek, Tobias Weinmann, Julia Waibel and Katja Radon

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[Benefits and harms of the human papillomavirus \(HPV\) vaccines: systematic review with meta-analyses of trial data from clinical study reports](#)

To assess the benefits and harms of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines.

Authors: Lars Jørgensen, Peter C. Gøtzsche and Tom Jefferson

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[What the systematic review of HPV vaccine clinical study reports does, and does not, reveal: commentary on Jørgensen et al.](#)

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This issue of the Torture Journal takes its focus on measuring torture rehabilitation processes and results. Scientific contributions on this subject include a measurement of rehabilitation outcomes with an instrument designed at the Marjorie Kovler Center in Chicago; a validation study examining diagnoses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) in refugee and torture survivor populations; and a study of gender-based violence in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

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.

Finally, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Lisa Henry, and Chief Executive Officer of STARTTS Centre in Australia, Jorge Aroche, provide an open letter to the Torture Journal readers and a celebratory text of STARTTS' 30th anniversary respectively.

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