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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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Statelessness

[GUIDELINES ON STATELESSNESS NO.5: Loss and Deprivation of Nationality under Articles 5-9 of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness](#)

UNHCR

Distr. GENERAL HCR/GS/20/05 May 2020 Original: English 38 pages

Media Release

[UNHCR releases new guidelines on loss and deprivation of nationality](#)

21 May 2020

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has today issued [new guidelines](#) on the loss and deprivation of nationality. The guidance is intended to assist governments and policy makers in interpreting relevant international law.

“Decisions to deprive people of nationality have grave and far-reaching consequences not just for the individuals themselves but also for the broader community. It is by no means ideal nor in anyone or any State’s interest for people to be left stateless and on the margins of society,” said UNHCR’s Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, Gillian Triggs.

“While this is a practice that is increasingly being resorted to in most cases as a punitive measure, we hope this guidance will promote a principled and consistent approach to decision making, mitigating the risk of statelessness arising, in accordance with the law.”

The guidelines contain interpretive guidance on the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, one of two key statelessness treaties which together with the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, provide the legal framework to prevent statelessness from occurring and to protect people who are already stateless. They also contain guidance on complementary international human rights law relevant to deprivation of nationality.

The loss of nationality refers to circumstances where an individual’s nationality may be automatically withdrawn by the operation of the law, for example where national law provides that nationality will be lost in situations of prolonged residence abroad. Deprivation refers to situations where a State actively takes nationality away from its citizens.

With the right to a nationality widely recognized as a fundamental human right, international law prohibits the arbitrary deprivation of nationality, including on racial, ethnic, religious or political grounds.

As a general rule, the 1961 Convention also prohibits the deprivation of nationality where it would leave a person stateless. There are very limited exceptions to this rule, including where nationality has been acquired through misrepresentation or fraud.

In specific circumstances, where countries expressly retained their right to do so when joining the Convention and provisions already exist in national law, behavior inconsistent with the duty of loyalty to the State may also be grounds for exception to the prohibition where, for example, it is seriously prejudicial to a State's vital interests.

However, governments would still have a duty to determine whether decisions to deprive an individual of nationality would result in statelessness, as well as to ensure that procedural safeguards, such as the right to a fair hearing, are met.

In accordance with its mandate on statelessness, UNHCR provides guidance on relevant international law. The Guidelines on Loss and Deprivation of Nationality are the fifth in a series of guidelines on statelessness issued by the agency.

The full guidelines are available [here](#).

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Locusts

World Bank Announces \$500 Million to Fight Locusts, Preserve Food Security and Protect Livelihoods

Emergency Financing for Locust Affected Countries will help people recover from losses

WASHINGTON, May 21, 2020 — The World Bank Group approved today a US\$500 million program to help countries in Africa and the Middle East fight the locust swarms that are threatening the food security and livelihoods of millions of people.

The Emergency Locust Response Program (ELRP), approved today by the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors, will focus on providing immediate assistance to help poor and vulnerable farmers, herders, and rural households overcome one of the worst locust upsurges in decades. ELRP **will provide immediate support to affected households through targeted social safety nets like cash transfers, while investing in the medium-term recovery of agriculture and livestock production systems and rural livelihoods in affected countries.**

The first countries to be financed under the initial phase of the program are Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda, with a total financing package of US\$160 million.

"Locust swarms present a double crisis for countries that are also battling the COVID-19 pandemic," said World Bank Group President David Malpass. "Together, this food supply emergency combined with the pandemic and economic shutdown in advanced economies places some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people at even greater risk."

East Africa already has 22.5 million severely food insecure people and 10.8 million forcibly displaced people, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. **The World Bank has estimated that, without broad-scale, coordinated control measures to reduce locust populations and prevent their spread to new areas, potential damages and losses to crop and livestock production and related assets in the greater Horn of Africa, including Yemen, could reach as high as US\$8.5 billion by the end of this year.** By helping to mobilize a rapid response and more effective locust control measures, anticipated damages and losses will still be an estimated US\$2.5 billion. This is why the ELRP will fund measures to protect livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable impacted by the locust crisis.

In addition to protecting livelihoods, physical assets and human capital of affected households, the program will deliver seed packages and other inputs to affected households to help restore farm production and livelihoods as quickly as possible. It will also finance investments to strengthen surveillance and early warning systems so that countries are better prepared to combat future outbreaks.

As of early May 2020, locust swarms have infested 23 countries across East Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. This upsurge is the biggest outbreak faced by some countries in 70 years. Favorable breeding conditions through May will likely result in a new round of swarms in late June and July, coinciding with the start of the harvest season.

The program's design builds on the strong technical foundation of desert locust management created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), which is already working with affected countries to ensure locust control operations are done safely and effectively. The World Bank and the FAO will enhance their ongoing collaboration through the program...

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Stewardship

The State of the World's Forests – 2020 :: Forests, Biodiversity and People

FAO, UNEP

Rome, 2020 :: 214 pages

Excerpt

WHAT IS FOREST BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY?

Forest biological diversity is a broad term that refers to all life forms found within forested areas and the ecological roles they perform. As such, forest biological diversity encompasses not just trees, but the multitude of plants, animals and microorganisms that inhabit forest areas and their associated genetic diversity.

Forest biological diversity can be considered at different levels, including ecosystem, landscape, species, population and genetic. Complex interactions can occur within and between these levels. In biologically diverse forests, this complexity allows organisms to adapt to continually changing environmental conditions and to maintain ecosystem functions.

In the annex to Decision II/9 (CBD, n.d.a), the Conference of the Parties to the CBD recognized that:

"Forest biological diversity results from evolutionary processes over thousands and even millions of years which, in themselves, are driven by ecological forces such as climate, fire, competition and disturbance. Furthermore, the diversity of forest ecosystems (in both physical and biological features) results in high levels of adaptation, a feature of forest ecosystems which is an integral component of their biological diversity. Within specific forest ecosystems, the maintenance of ecological processes is dependent upon the maintenance of their biological diversity."

Media Release

UN report: As the world's forests continue to shrink, urgent action is needed to safeguard their biodiversity

22 May 2020, Rome/Nairobi – Urgent action is needed to safeguard the biodiversity of the world's forests amid alarming rates of deforestation and degradation, according to the latest edition of [The State of the World's Forests](#) released today.

Published on the International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May), [the report](#) shows that the conservation of the world's biodiversity is utterly dependent on the way in which we interact with and use the world's forests.

The report was produced by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in partnership, for the first time, with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and technical input from the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). It highlights that some 420 million hectares of forest have been lost through conversion to other land uses since 1990, although the rate of deforestation has decreased over the past three decades.

The COVID-19 crisis has thrown into sharp focus the importance of conserving and sustainably using nature, recognizing that people's health is linked to ecosystem health.

Protecting forests is key to this, as they harbour most of the Earth's terrestrial biodiversity. This report shows that forests contain 60,000 different tree species, 80 percent of amphibian species, 75 percent of bird species, and 68 percent of the Earth's mammal species.

FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment 2020, noted in the report, found that despite a slowing of the rate of deforestation in the last decade, some 10 million hectares are still being lost each year through conversion to agriculture and other land uses.

"Deforestation and forest degradation continue to take place at alarming rates, which contributes significantly to the ongoing loss of biodiversity," FAO Director-General, QU Dongyu, and the Executive Director of UNEP, Inger Andersen, said in the foreword.

The report presents a comprehensive overview of forest biodiversity, including world maps revealing where forests still hold rich communities of fauna and flora, such as the northern Andes and parts of the Congo Basin, and where they have been lost.

Conservation and sustainable use:

In this report, a special study from the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission and the US Forest Service found 34.8 million patches of forests in the world, ranging in

size from 1 hectare to 680 million hectares. Greater restoration efforts to reconnect forest fragments are urgently needed.

As FAO and UNEP prepare to lead the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration from 2021 and as countries consider a Global Biodiversity Framework for the future, Qu and Andersen both expressed their commitment for increased global cooperation to restore degraded and damaged ecosystems, combat climate change and safeguard biodiversity.

"To turn the tide on deforestation and the loss of biodiversity, we need transformational change in the way in which we produce and consume food," said QU and Andersen. "We also need to conserve and manage forests and trees within an integrated landscape approach and we need to repair the damage done through forest restoration efforts."...

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Featured Journal Content

BMJ Global Health

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

Original research

[Arts-based approaches to promoting health in sub-Saharan Africa: a scoping review](#) (21 May, 2020)

Christopher Bunn, Chisomo Kalinga, Otiyela Mtema, Sharifa Abdulla, Angel Dillip, John Lwanda, Sally M Mtenga, Jo Sharp, Zoë Strachan, Cindy M Gray

Abstract

Introduction

Arts-based approaches to health promotion have been used widely across sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), particularly in public health responses to HIV/AIDS. Such approaches draw on deep-rooted historical traditions of indigenous groups in combination with imported traditions which emerged from colonial engagement. To date, no review has sought to map the locations, health issues, art forms and methods documented by researchers using arts-based approaches in SSA.

Methods

Using scoping review methodology, 11 databases spanning biomedicine, arts and humanities and social sciences were searched. Researchers screened search results for papers using predefined criteria. Papers included in the review were read and summarised using a standardised proforma. Descriptive statistics were produced to characterise the location of the studies, art forms used or discussed, and the health issues addressed, and to determine how best to summarise the literature identified.

Results

Searches identified a total of 59 794 records, which reduced to 119 after screening. We identified literature representing 30 (62.5%) of the 48 countries in the SSA region. The papers covered 16 health issues. The majority (84.9%) focused on HIV/AIDS-related work, with Ebola (5.0%) and malaria (3.3%) also receiving attention. Most studies used a single art form (79.0%), but a significant number deployed multiple forms (21.0%). Theatre-based approaches were most common (43.7%), followed by music and song (22.6%), visual arts (other) (9.2%), storytelling (7.6%) and film (5.0%).

Conclusions

Arts-based approaches have been widely deployed in health promotion in SSA, particularly in response to HIV/AIDS. Historically and as evidenced by this review, arts-based approaches have provided a platform to facilitate enquiry, achieved significant reach and in some instances supported demonstrable health-related change. Challenges relating to content, power relations and evaluation have been reported. Future research should focus on broadening application to other conditions, such as non-communicable diseases, and on addressing challenges raised in research to date.

Key questions

What is already known?

:: Arts-based approaches to health improvement have been used across sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), with some studies reporting positive outcomes.

:: No comprehensive scoping review of this work has been produced.

:: A rich array of approaches to using arts in support of health have been pursued in the global north, but the decolonising methodology movement suggests we should be careful not to import these into global south contexts.

What are the new findings?

:: Our review suggests that an overwhelming majority of studies have focused on HIV/AIDS, and that theatre-based approaches were the most common, but music and song, visual arts, storytelling and film have received sustained attention in the research literature.

:: Arts-based approaches have facilitated research enquiry, reach large numbers with health-promoting messages and initiatives, and in some instances supported demonstrable health-related change.

:: Challenges relating to the generation and suitability of content, power relations between researchers and target community and appropriate forms of evaluation have been reported.

What do the new findings imply?

:: In SSA, arts-based approaches to health promotion have yet to be widely applied by researchers outside of HIV/AIDS, suggesting that future research could develop approaches to non-communicable diseases, neglected tropical diseases and communicable diseases other than HIV/AIDS.

:: There is great scope to develop theories of and methodologies for arts-based approaches to health in SSA that dialogue with, but do not mimic, those developed in the global north.

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COVID-19 :: Human Development Index

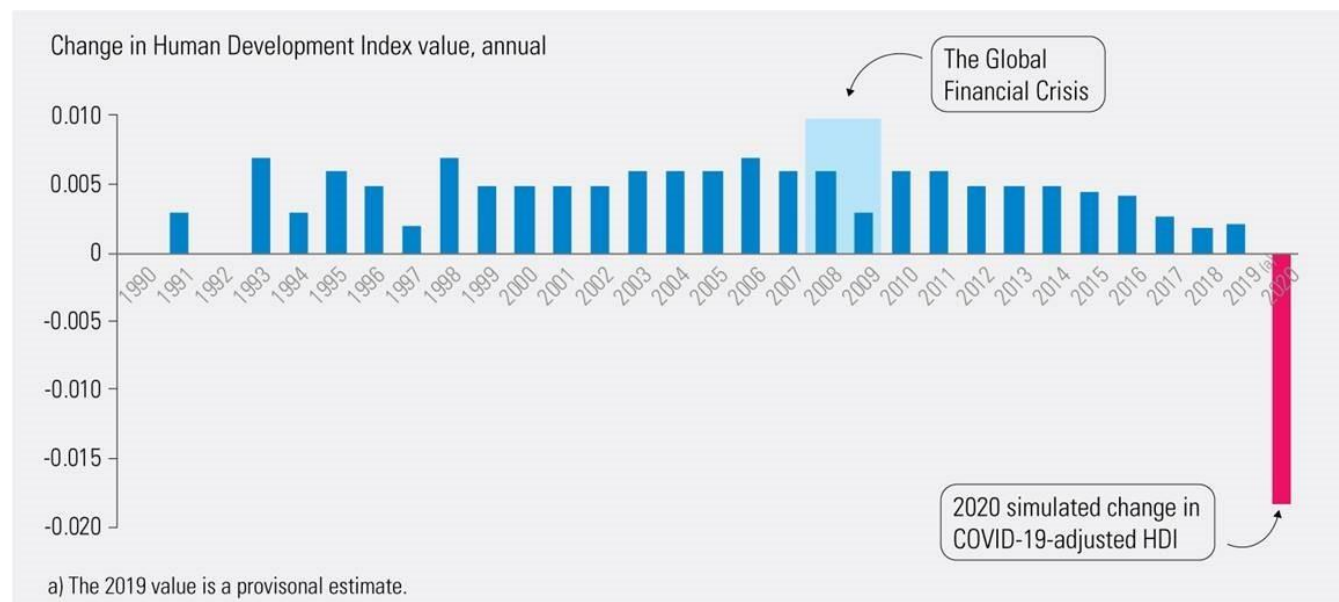
COVID-19: Human development on course to decline this year for the first time since 1990

Posted on May 20, 2020

Concerted action with a focus on equity could still limit the impacts of this unprecedented crisis: closing the digital divide would reduce by more than two-thirds the number of children currently not learning because of school closures.

New York – Global human development – which can be measured as a combination of the world's education, health and living standards – could decline this year for the first time since the concept was introduced in 1990, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) warned today.

"The world has seen many crises over the past 30 years, including the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-09. Each has hit human development hard but, overall, development gains accrued globally year-on-year," said UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner. "COVID-19 – with its triple hit to health, education, and income – may change this trend."



Declines in fundamental areas of human development are being felt across most countries - rich and poor - in every region.

COVID-19's global death toll has exceeded 300,000 people, while the global per capita income this year is expected to fall by four per cent.

With school closures, UNDP estimates of the "effective out-of-school rate"—the percentage of primary school-age children, adjusted to reflect those without Internet access—indicate that 60 per cent of children are not getting an education, leading to global levels not seen since the 1980s.

The combined impact of these shocks could signify the largest reversal in human development on record...

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COVID-19 :: World Health Assembly Action

Editor's Note:

We present below key text from the *COVID-19 Response* resolution adopted at World Health Assembly [WHA73] with Editor's text bolding.

SEVENTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY **COVID-19 response**

... **OP1** Calls for, in the spirit of unity and solidarity, intensification of cooperation and collaboration at all levels to contain, control and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic;

OP2 Acknowledges the key leadership role of WHO and the fundamental role of the United Nations system in catalysing and coordinating the comprehensive global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the central efforts of Member States therein;

OP3 Expresses its highest appreciation of and support to the dedication, efforts and sacrifices, above and beyond the call of duty of health professionals, health workers and other relevant frontline workers, as well as the WHO Secretariat, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;

OP4 Calls for the universal, timely and equitable access to and fair distribution of all quality, safe, efficacious and affordable essential health technologies and products including their components and precursors required in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic as a global priority, and the urgent removal of unjustified obstacles thereto; consistent with the provisions of relevant international treaties including the provisions of the TRIPS agreement and the flexibilities as confirmed by the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health;

OP5 Reiterates the importance of urgently meeting the needs of low- and middle-income countries in order to fill the gaps to overcome the pandemic through timely and adequate development and humanitarian assistance;

OP6 Recognizes the role of extensive immunization against COVID-19 as a global public good for health in preventing, containing and stopping transmission in order to bring the pandemic to an end, once safe, quality, efficacious, effective, accessible and affordable vaccines are available;...

OP8 CALLS on international organizations and other relevant stakeholders to:

...OP8.2 Work collaboratively at all levels to develop, test, and scale-up production of safe, effective, quality, affordable diagnostics, therapeutics, medicines and vaccines for the COVID-19 response, including, existing mechanisms for voluntary pooling and licensing of patents to facilitate timely, equitable and affordable access to them, consistent with the provisions of relevant international treaties including the provisions of the TRIPS agreement and the flexibilities as confirmed by the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health;

OP9 REQUESTS the Director-General to:

OP9.1 Continue to work with the United Nations Secretary-General and relevant multilateral organizations, including the signatory agencies of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-Being, on a comprehensive and coordinated response across the United Nations system to support Member States in their responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in full cooperation with governments, as appropriate, demonstrating leadership on health in the United Nations system, and continue to act as the health cluster lead in the United Nations humanitarian response;

OP9.2 Continue to build and strengthen the capacities of WHO at all levels to fully and effectively perform the functions entrusted to it under the IHR;

OP9.3 Assist and continue to call upon all States' Parties to take the actions according to the provisions of the IHR, including by providing all necessary support to countries for building, strengthening and maintaining their capacities to fully comply with the IHR;

OP9.5 Assist countries upon request in developing, implementing and adapting relevant national response plans to COVID-19, by developing, disseminating and updating normative products and technical guidance, learning tools, data and scientific evidence for COVID-19 responses, including to counter misinformation and disinformation, as well as malicious cyber activities, and continue to work against substandard and falsified medicines and medical products;

OP9.6 Continue to work closely with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and countries, as part of the One-Health Approach to identify the zoonotic source of the virus and the route of introduction to the human population, including the possible role of intermediate hosts, including through efforts such as scientific and collaborative field missions, which will enable targeted interventions and a research agenda to reduce the risk of similar events as well as to provide guidance on how to prevent SARS-COV2 infection in animals and humans and prevent the establishment of new zoonotic reservoirs, as well as to reduce further risks of emergence and transmission of zoonotic diseases;...

OP9.8 Rapidly, and noting OP2 of RES/74/274 and in consultation with Member States,¹ and with inputs from relevant international organizations civil society, and the private sector, as appropriate, identify and provide options that respect the provisions of relevant international treaties, including the provisions of the TRIPS agreement and the flexibilities as confirmed by the Doha Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health to be used in scaling up development, manufacturing and distribution capacities **needed for transparent equitable and timely access to quality, safe, affordable and efficacious diagnostics, therapeutics, medicines, and vaccines for the COVID-19** response taking into account existing mechanisms, tools, and initiatives, such as the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) accelerator, and relevant pledging appeals, such as "The Coronavirus Global Response" pledging campaign, for the consideration of the Governing Bodies;...

OP9.10 Initiate, at the earliest appropriate moment, and in consultation with Member States,¹ a stepwise process of impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation, including using existing mechanisms,² as appropriate, to review experience gained and lessons learned from the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19, including (i) the effectiveness of the mechanisms at WHO's disposal; (ii) the functioning of the IHR and the status of implementation of the relevant recommendations of the previous IHR Review Committees; (iii) WHO's contribution to United Nations-wide efforts; and (iv) the actions of WHO and their timelines pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, and make recommendations to improve global pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capacity, including through strengthening, as appropriate, WHO's Health Emergencies Programme...

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COVID-19: Impacts

At least 80 million children under one at risk of diseases such as diphtheria, measles and polio as COVID-19 disrupts routine vaccination efforts, warn Gavi, WHO and UNICEF

Agencies call for joint effort to safely deliver routine immunization and proceed with vaccination campaigns against deadly vaccine-preventable diseases.

GENEVA/NEW YORK, 22 May 2020 – COVID 19 is disrupting life-saving immunization services around the world, putting millions of children – in rich and poor countries alike – at risk of diseases like diphtheria, measles and polio. This stark warning comes from the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance ahead of the Global Vaccine Summit on 4 June, at which world leaders will come together to help maintain immunization programmes and mitigate the impact of the pandemic in lower-income countries.

According to data collected by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Gavi and the Sabin Vaccine Institute, provision of routine immunization services is substantially hindered in at least 68 countries and is likely to affect approximately 80 million children under the age of 1 living in these countries...

MASS IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS TEMPORARILY DISRUPTED

Many countries have temporarily and justifiably suspended preventive mass vaccination campaigns against diseases like cholera, measles, meningitis, polio, tetanus, typhoid and yellow fever, due to risk of transmission and the need to maintain physical distancing during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Measles and polio vaccination campaigns, in particular, have been badly hit, with measles campaigns suspended in 27 countries and polio campaigns put on hold in 38 countries. At least 24 million people in 21 Gavi-supported lower-income countries are at risk of missing out on vaccines against polio, measles, typhoid, yellow fever, cholera, rotavirus, HPV, meningitis A and rubella due to postponed campaigns and introductions of new vaccines...

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL MEASURES FOR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN LOW CAPACITY AND HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

Interim Guidance Version 1

Inter-Agency Standing Committee :: Developed by ICRC, IFRC, IOM, NRC, UNICEF, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, WHO in consultation with IASC members

May 2020 :: 29 pages

OBJECTIVES AND TARGET AUDIENCE

This Interim Guidance outlines how key public health and social measures needed to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread and the impact of the disease can be adapted for use in low capacity and humanitarian settings. The recommendations outlined here need to be adjusted to the scale of transmission¹, context and resources, in order to achieve the objective of managing COVID-19, namely to reduce transmission and facilitate the detection and management of infected and exposed individuals within the population. The Guidance is intended for humanitarian and development actors of all operational levels working with communities, as well as local authorities involved in COVID-19 preparedness and response operations in these settings, in support of national and local governments and plans. Additional considerations for support to residents of urban informal settlements and slums are available in Annex 1.

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Editor's Note:

We certainly recognize the velocity of global developments in the COVID-19 pandemic. While we have selected some key announcements and reports here and above, COVID-19 announcements, analysis and commentary will be found throughout this issue, in all sections. Beyond the considerable continuing coverage in the global general media, the WHO's authoritative guidance is available here:
:: **Daily WHO situation reports** here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
:: **WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) daily press briefings** here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/media-resources/press-briefings>

Situation report - 124 [WHO]

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

23 May 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation in numbers (by WHO Region)

Total (new cases in last 24 hours)

Globally	5 103 006 cases (109 536)	333 401 deaths (5 663)
Africa	74 256 cases (2 504)	2 040 deaths (59)
Americas	2 282 488 cases (62 221)	135 184 deaths (3 579)
Eastern Mediterranean	402 919 cases (13 331)	10 806 deaths (158)
Europe	1 987 657 cases (21 413)	172 958 deaths (1 631)
South-East Asia	182 278 cases (9 119)	5 556 deaths (209)
Western Pacific	172 696 cases (948)	6 844 deaths (27)

HIGHLIGHTS

:: WHO has published a [COVID-19 Monitoring and Evaluation Framework](#) listing the key public health and essential health services and systems indicators to monitor preparedness, response, and situations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

:: WHO has updated a document on [Operational Planning Guidelines to Support Country Preparedness and Response](#). The document provides a practical guide that can be used by national authorities to develop and update their COVID-19 national plans across the major pillars of COVID-19 preparedness and response.

:: WHO published an interim guidance on [Framework for decision-making: implementation of mass vaccination campaigns in the context of COVID-19](#). The document describes the principles to consider when deliberating the implementation of mass vaccination campaigns for prevention of vaccine-preventable diseases and high impact diseases (VPD/HID), and when assessing risks and benefits of conducting outbreak-response vaccination campaigns to respond to VPD/HID outbreaks.

:: WHO has published an interim guidance on [Controlling the spread of COVID-19 at ground crossings](#) advising countries to reduce the spread of COVID-19 resulting from travel, transportation, and trade on and around ground crossings

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 93: 19 May 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation Update

From 11 to 17 May 2020, there have been no new confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) reported in Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since the resurgence of the outbreak on 10 April 2020, seven confirmed cases have been reported from Kasanga, Malepe and Kanzulinzuli Health Areas in Beni Health Zone. So far, no definitive source of infection has been identified...

Conclusion

Despite the launch of the 42-day countdown, efforts to retrieve the missing confirmed case and investigations into the origin of the latest cluster are still ongoing. Given the long duration and large magnitude of the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri Provinces in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, there is a risk of re-emergence of the virus during the lead up to the declaration of the end of the outbreak, and for several months following that declaration. In the coming weeks and months, it is crucial to maintain a strong and robust surveillance system in order to detect, isolate, test and treat new suspected cases as early as possible, to improve outcome of potential cases, and to break new chains of transmission. Maintaining strong communication and coordination among partners, authorities and affected communities, as well as continuing support for and engagement with EVD survivors are essential in this outbreak response.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 19 May 2020

:: The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) of the GPEI has announced the appointment of new members of a reconstituted polio Transition Independent Monitoring Board (TIMB). Read more *[see below]* ...

:: This month, world leaders have joined together to make several important commitments to strengthening public health infrastructure during the COVID-19 response – investments that will go a long way in protecting the most vulnerable communities, including those affected by polio. Read more...

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

:: ***Afghanistan:*** one WPV1 positive environmental sample and five cVDPV2 cases

:: ***Pakistan:*** nine WPV1 positive environmental samples and one cVDPV2 case

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 23 May 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 93: 19 May 2020

[See Ebola above for detail]

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 23 May 2020]

Burkina Faso [in French]

:: Riposte contre le COVID-19 au Burkina Faso : L'OMS offre au ministère de la santé un...
22 mai 2020

Myanmar

:: Weekly Situation Report 6 - 19 May 2020 pdf, 335kb

HIGHLIGHTS

:: A total of 191 COVID-19 positive cases have been reported in Cox's Bazar district (including Rohingya camps) as of 17 May 2020 as per Civil Surgeon Office, Cox's Bazar. From the laboratory confirmed cases, the average age is 33.9 years (median 31, range 2-90) and around 75% of them are male

:: Five confirmed cases have been reported in Rohingya camps as of 17 May 2020. A total of 80 individuals are in institutional quarantine in the camps

:: Partners who are managing health facilities were briefed on "Home-based care for mild and moderate COVID-19 symptoms and isolation support" initiative on 11 May 2020. Partners expressed their willingness to support the activity in the event of widespread community transmission in the camps

Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Afghanistan - *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*

Iran - *No new digest announcements identified*

Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

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 23 May 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 Response Update No. 04 - 18 May 2020
:: Syrian Arab Republic: COVID-19 Update No. 10 - 16 May 2020

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

:: 20 May 2019 Mozambique: Cyclone Idai & Floods Situation Report No. 22 (As of 20 May 2019)
:: 21 May 2020 Zimbabwe Situation Report, 21 May 2020

:: 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 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

22 May 2020

SG/SM/20093

What Afflicts One Part Hurts All, Secretary-General Says in Talks with Organization of Islamic Cooperation on 'COVID-19 Solidarity'

Following are UN Secretary-General remarks to the virtual interactive discussion with member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on "COVID-19 Solidarity: Promoting Co-Existence and Shared Responsibility" on 22 May:

19 May 2020

SG/SM/20086

Nature Holds Solution to Preventing Pandemics, Secretary-General Says in Observance Message, Stressing Need for Sustainable Management of Biological Diversity

Following is UN Secretary-General António Guterres' message on the International Day for Biological Diversity, observed on 22 May:

This year's message for the International Day for Biological Diversity is clear.

Our solutions are in nature. Preserving and sustainably managing biodiversity is necessary for mitigating climate disruption, guaranteeing water and food security and even preventing pandemics.

COVID-19 — which emanated from the wild — has shown how human health is intimately connected with our relationship to the natural world. As we encroach on nature and deplete vital habitats, increasing numbers of species are at risk. That includes humanity and the future we want.

As we seek to build back better from the current crisis, let us work together to preserve biodiversity so we can achieve our Sustainable Development Goals. That is how we will protect health and well-being for generations to come.

21 May 2020

DSG/SM/1413

Women-Led Countries Responded Better to COVID-19, Outperforming Those Run by Men, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Creative Diversity Dialogue "Build Back Better"

Following are UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed's remarks, as prepared for delivery, to the BBC creative diversity dialogue "Build Back Better", on 21 May:

20 May 2020

SC/14193

Real Negotiation among Venezuela's Main Political Actors 'Only Way Forward' to Resolving Protracted Crisis, Under-Secretary-General Tells Security Council

Venezuela is mired in a protracted crisis that only its people can resolve, the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs told the Security Council during a 20 May videoconference meeting.

20 May 2020

SC/14192

Israel's Threat of Partial West Bank Annexation Will Deal 'Devastating Blow' to Two-State Solution, Middle East Coordinator Warns Security Council

Israel's stated intention to annex parts of the occupied West Bank will deal a devastating blow to the two-State solution and close the door to fresh negotiations with the Palestinians towards peace in the Middle East, the top United Nations official for the peace process said during a videoconference meeting of the Security Council on 20 May.

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 23 May 2020]
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true>

Top News

South Sudan: Bachelet calls for accountability as hundreds reported killed in intercommunal violence

Africa: We must act now to avoid a catastrophe, say rights chiefs

GENEVA (20 May 2020) – Human rights chiefs from the United Nations and the African Commission today warned that tens of millions may become destitute in Africa as a result of COVID-19 and its economic impact with catastrophic human rights consequences.

Michelle Bachelet, the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Solomon Dersso, Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR), called for urgent measures to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

As of 19 May, the disease had reached all 54 African States, infecting nearly 88,172 people. South Africa had the highest number of cases, with nearly 16,433 affected. The death toll on the continent stood at 2,834.

"We cannot afford to stand idly by and hope this most viral and deadly of diseases bypasses Africa, which is home to many of the world's poorest countries who are simply not in position to handle such a pandemic," Bachelet and Dersso said.

"The lives and livelihoods of hundreds of millions Africans are at stake not just due to COVID-19, but mostly due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 response measures adopted both continentally and globally."

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 23 May 2020]

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

Council News

No new digest content identified.

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

Canada urged to repatriate orphaned five-year-old girl held in Syrian camp

20 May 2020

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

[UN experts urge States to protect children from sale, sexual exploitation & recruitment & use in hostilities](#)

Friday, 22 May 2020

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 23 May 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 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

[UN experts urge States to protect children from sale, sexual exploitation & recruitment & use in hostilities](#)

Friday, 22 May 2020

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

[Malaysia / COVID-19: "Stop crackdown on migrants, journalists and civil society" – UN rights experts](#)

21 May 2020

[Canada urged to repatriate orphaned five-year-old girl held in Syrian camp](#)

20 May 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest news

"COVID-19 is devastating indigenous communities worldwide, and it's not only about health" – UN expert warns

18 May 2020

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

Latest News

Malaysia / COVID-19: "Stop crackdown on migrants, journalists and civil society" – UN rights experts

21 May 2020

Canada urged to repatriate orphaned five-year-old girl held in Syrian camp

20 May 2020

UN OCHA [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

21 May 2020

Syria Humanitarian Fund commits \$23m for rapid support to communities to contain COVID-19 [EN/AR]

20 May 2020

Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan condemns killing of aid workers in Jonglei and calls for a stop to the recurring acts of violence

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UNICEF [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press releases/Announcements

Statement

Remarks by Henrietta Fore UNICEF Executive Director at joint press briefing on immunization with WHO and Gavi, 22 May

22/05/2020

Press release

At least 80 million children under one at risk of diseases such as diphtheria, measles and polio as COVID-19 disrupts routine vaccination efforts, warn Gavi, WHO and UNICEF

Agencies call for joint effort to safely deliver routine immunization and proceed with vaccination campaigns against deadly vaccine-preventable diseases.

22/05/2020

Press release

Surge in violent attacks during COVID-19 lockdown puts children's lives at risk in eastern Ukraine

UN Children's Agency calls for all parties to the conflict to join global ceasefire and end more than six years of fighting

22/05/2020

Press release

COVID-19: Dangers mount for migrant children forcibly returned to northern Central America and Mexico during pandemic

Virus fears compound existing discrimination and violence for returned migrant children, leaving them doubly at risk, UNICEF warns

21/05/2020

Press release

At least 19 million children at imminent risk as Cyclone Amphan makes landfall in Bangladesh and India

Cyclone and COVID-19 present dual threats to children and families in the region, warns UNICEF

20/05/2020

Press release

UNICEF and Airtel Africa announce partnership to support children and families affected by COVID-19

As millions of children are affected by school closures due to COVID-19, Airtel Africa will help provide access to online learning and better enable cash transfers for children and their families in sub-Saharan Africa

20/05/2020

Press release

Escalating violence in eastern DRC is straining humanitarian assistance to women and children

20/05/2020

Press release

Over quarter of a million children in Libya are at risk from vaccine-preventable diseases

Joint UNICEF & WHO Press Release

19/05/2020

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

UNHCR, IOM, urge European states to disembark rescued migrants and refugees on board the Captain Morgan vessels

21 May 2020

WHO and UNHCR join forces to improve health services for refugees, displaced and stateless people

21 May 2020

The World Health Organization (WHO) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency today signed a new agreement to strengthen and advance public health services for the millions of forcibly displaced people around the world.

The agreement updates and expands an existing 1997 agreement between the two organizations. A key aim this year will be to support ongoing efforts to protect some 70 million forcibly displaced people from COVID-19. Around 26 million of these are refugees, 80 per cent of whom are sheltered in low and middle-income countries with weak health systems. Another 40 million internally displaced people also require assistance.

For more than 20 years, UNHCR and WHO have worked together worldwide to safeguard the health of some of the world's most vulnerable populations. They have collaborated to provide health services to refugees in every region - from the onset of an emergency and through protracted situations, consistently advocating for the inclusion of refugees and stateless people in the national public health plans of host countries.

Today, the two organizations are working side by side to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure that forcibly displaced people can access the health services they need, to keep safe from COVID-19 and other health challenges...

UNHCR releases new guidelines on loss and deprivation of nationality

21 May 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

Combatting Xenophobia is Key to an Effective COVID-19 Recovery

2020-05-22 14:24

Geneva - Few crises in our collective memory have had the global reach of COVID-19. Across our societies, communities have responded to this pandemic with strong cooperation and solidarity.

IOM Joins Call to Action on Socioeconomic Impacts of COVID-19 on Remittances

2020-05-22 13:31

Geneva - As the world faces the economic and broader development repercussions of COVID-19, remittances to low- and middle-income countries are projected to fall sharply in 2020 - by about 20 percent or US \$110 billion. A reduction in remittances, in particular for remittance...

New IOM Data Innovation Directory Provides Insight on Migration and Mobility in Times of Crisis

2020-05-22 13:00

Berlin, Brussels – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has launched a new data platform to better understand migration and human mobility in times of crisis through new data sources and methodologies such as satellite imagery, artificial intelligence and machine...

United States Funds IOM Humanitarian Assistance for Vulnerable Migrants Affected by COVID-19

2020-05-22 12:50

Washington DC – The Government of the United States is providing nearly USD 28.5 million in new funds to support the International Organization for Migration (IOM) COVID-19 response globally. The contribution will provide vital humanitarian assistance to refugees, vulnerable...

UNAIDS [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements

22 May 2020

UNAIDS and civil society helping stranded people living with HIV

21 May 2020

Mapping community responses to COVID-19 and HIV in eastern Europe and central Asia

21 May 2020

Communities strengthening the AIDS response in Nepal

20 May 2020

Kenyan sex workers abandoned and vulnerable during COVID-19

19 May 2020

The high possible cost of COVID-19 on new HIV infections among children

19 May 2020

Gender-based violence and COVID-19—“When we are silent, we allow these crimes to multiply”

Unitaid [to 23 May 2020]

<https://unitaid.org/>

Featured News

20 May 2020

World Health Assembly puts multilateral cooperation and equity at heart of COVID-19 response

Unitaid welcomes the adoption of a key [Resolution](#) by the World Health Assembly that sets out its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, that places multilateral cooperation and equity at its heart.

The Resolution calls for universal, timely and equitable access to and fair distribution of all quality, safe, efficacious and affordable essential health technologies and products as a global priority.

In particular Unitaid notes the call for collaboration to develop, test, and scale-up production of safe, effective, quality, affordable diagnostics, therapeutics, medicines and vaccines for the COVID-19 response, including, existing mechanisms for voluntary pooling and licensing of patents to facilitate timely, equitable and affordable access.

Speaking after the adoption of the Resolution, Dr Philippe Duneton, Unitaid Executive Director a.i. said, “Unitaid is committed to working with its partners in the [Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator](#)

initiative to ensure that innovations to detect, treat and prevent COVID-19 are adapted and available to the most vulnerable populations.”

He continues, “As highlighted in the Resolution, Unitaid encourages all partners to take advantage of existing mechanisms for voluntary pooling and licensing of intellectual property rights for these global public goods, in particular the [Medicines Patent Pool](#). We also recognise the importance of involving civil society and communities in shaping and delivering the response.”

For the text of Resolution A73/CONF./1 Rev.1, adopted on 19 May 2020, please [see here](#).

WHO & Regional Offices [to 23 May 2020]

News release

22 May 2020 *News release*

[At least 80 million children under one at risk of diseases such as diphtheria, measles and polio as COVID-19 disrupts routine vaccination efforts, warn Gavi, WHO and UNICEF](#)

[See Milestones above for detail]

21 May 2020 *News release*

[WHO and UNHCR join forces to improve health services for refugees, displaced and stateless people](#)

19 May 2020 *News release*

[Historic health assembly ends with global commitment to COVID-19 response](#)

[See Week in Review above for detail]

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WHO Regional Offices

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

WHO African Region AFRO

:: [Africa COVID-19 cases top 100 000](#) 22 May 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic today reached a milestone in Africa, with more than 100 000 confirmed cases. The virus has now spread to every country in the continent since the first case was confirmed in the region 14 weeks ago.

:: [WHO showcases leading African innovations in COVID-19 response](#) 21 May 2020

A community of African innovators is stepping up support to the continent’s fight against COVID-19 pandemic, collaborating with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop solutions to help contain the spread of the virus.

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: [India elected chair of WHO’s Executive Board](#) 22 May 2020

WHO European Region EURO

:: [Embracing cultural diversity unlocks key resources for more inclusive health systems](#) 20-05-2020

:: [WHO report on health behaviours of 11–15-year-olds in Europe reveals more adolescents are reporting mental health concerns](#) 19-05-2020

:: HealthBuddy: a new chatbot to engage with communities in Europe and central Asia on COVID-19
18-05-2020

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: Statement by WHO's Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ahmed Al-Mandhari on regional solidarity during the COVID-19 pandemic

20 May 2020 – The current COVID-19 pandemic has shown us all the severe and unimaginable impact that a public health threat can have on individuals, communities and nations. We have often said that infectious diseases respect no borders, and that an outbreak in one country can threaten the health security of the Region and beyond. Today, we are witnessing...

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

20 May 2020

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND AND PREZI LAUNCH #YOUTHAGAINSTCOVID19 VIDEO CAMPAIGN TO INFORM AND EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

Prezi, a leading visual communications software company, and UNFPA, the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency, have launched a joint COVID-19 awareness campaign to encourage and equip young people to lead...

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases/Announcements

UNCDF and UNDP join forces to improve flow of remittances and counter socio-economic impacts of COVID-19

UNCDF and UNDP today announce their joint support for a Member State-led initiative to call on policymakers, regulators and remittance service providers to improve migrants' access for sending and...

Posted on May 22, 2020

COVID-19: UNDP urges swift action to address violence against women and girls during pandemic

Governments across the world must act urgently to prevent and tackle the rising rates of violence against women and girls during the COVID-19 crisis by putting stronger measures in place such as...

Posted on May 22, 2020

Russia and UNDP announce US\$30m top-up in joint fund

The Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development replenishment comes at a crucial time in the global push to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Posted on May 21, 2020

COVID-19 sparks urgency around justice for women, new report calls for action

A new report documents major challenges to women's access to justice in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and puts forth recommendations to accelerate action and push back against threats to progress.

Posted on May 21, 2020

COVID-19: Human development on course to decline this year for the first time since 1990

Concerted action with a focus on equity could still limit the impacts of this unprecedented crisis: closing the digital divide would reduce by more than two-thirds the number of children currently not...

Posted on May 20, 2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 23 May 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 23 May 2020]

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

News

Press release

UN report: As the world's forests continue to shrink, urgent action is needed to safeguard their biodiversity

22 May 2020, Rome/Nairobi – Urgent action is needed to safeguard the biodiversity of the world's forests amid alarming rates of deforestation and degradation, according to the latest edition of The State of the...

[See Week in Review above for detail]

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 23 May 2020]

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

Updates

20 May 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT: Launch of an online training course on building business resilience in the face of COVID-19 for small and medium enterprises

BANGKOK - The Regional Office for Asia and Pacific of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), in collaboration with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), announces the launch of an online training course to help small and

Statements and messages

18 May 2020

The human rights dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic

Statement delivered by the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mami Mizutori, to a webinar on the Human Rights Dimensions of the COVID-19 Pandemic, hosted by UNDRR's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

Coordination essential to beat coronavirus, keep development goals on track

19 May 2020, New York

As the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis continues to wreak havoc across the world – with the most vulnerable suffering the most – the UN chief said on Tuesday that the task of eradicating poverty and achieving the development goals “has never been more challenging, more urgent and more necessary”...

UNESCO [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

The right to education of Venezuelan migrant and refugee children and adolescents: multidimensional risks and exacerbation of vulnerabilities during the pandemic

23/05/2020

Integrating ethical considerations in COVID-19 response critical

21/05/2020

Contributing during an international webinar on ethical considerations in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, prominent experts and field practitioners emphasised the important role that national ethics and bioethics committees can play as advisory bodies in shaping holistic approaches and building trust in COVID-19 responses.

More than 250 participants from around the world took part in the webinar held on 18th May 2020. Professor Peter-Paul Verbeek, Chair of UNESCO's World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology; Professor Ames Dhai, Chair of the South Africa National Bioethics Committee; Professor Joseph Mfutso Bengo, Chair of the Malawi National Bioethics Committee; and Professor Gyonggu Shin, Human Rights and International Advisor to Gwangju City in the Republic of Korea, were among the participating experts.

Held as part of the “Inclusion in the time of COVID-19” webinar series, the meeting analysed how ethical frameworks can advise and guide decision-makers and professionals who are in the frontline in fighting the pandemic.

There is an urgent need for governments to anticipate the unforeseen consequences of containment measures on the most vulnerable. Article 8 of the [UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights](#) stipulates that in applying and advancing scientific knowledge, medical practice and associated technologies, human vulnerability, dignity and integrity should be taken into account. In this context, the national ethics and bioethics committees play a unique role in fostering public multidisciplinary reasoning on complex questions raised by the pandemic, and ensuring that there are no blind spots in policymakers’ view...

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 23 May 2020]

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

Announcements

[Cultural Rights and Climate Change | Contribution to the UN Special Rapporteur Report](#)

18 May 2020.

Karima Bennoune, United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, recently addressed a call for inputs for a report on “Cultural Rights and Climate Change” to be presented at the United Nations General Assembly in October 2020. The Special Rapporteur believes it is critical to think more broadly about the relationship between culture and cultural rights on the one hand, and addressing climate change on the other.

The report will address both the threats posed by climate change to culture, heritage and the cultural rights guaranteed by international law, including the right to take part in cultural life without discrimination, the rights to artistic and scientific freedom, the right to enjoy and access cultural heritage, as well as the positive potential of culture, heritage, and traditional knowledge, and the enjoyment of cultural rights, to help avoid catastrophic climate change and to adapt to the changes already in motion.

As the Special Rapporteur wrote in her letter inviting all stakeholders to take part, “...cultural resources, such as heritage, traditional knowledge, creativity and scientific freedom, can represent powerful resources for preventing and addressing challenges caused by climate change in a human rights respecting manner. In other words, culture and cultural rights are not only potential casualties; they are also part of the response, part of the solution.”

We are pleased to share ICOMOS’s submission to the call, which was prepared jointly by 3 ICOMOS Working Groups: the Climate Change and Heritage Working Group (CCHWG), the Our Common Dignity Initiative – Rights Based Approaches Working Group (OCDI-RBA WG), and the Sustainable Development Working Group (SDGWG)...

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 23 May 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

[Guaranteeing equity and access to all in the post-COVID era #BeyondTheOutbreak](#)

Saturday 23 May, 2020

[Urban thinkers look at the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on informal workers and small businesses](#)

Friday 22 May, 2020

[Urban planning crucial for better public health in cities](#)

Wednesday 20 May, 2020

[New publications on urban-rural linkages in the West Bank, Palestine published](#)

Monday 18 May, 2020

[UN-Habitat's work on sustainable metropolitan development will be strengthened in Colombia](#)

Monday 18 May, 2020

[A new publication by UN-Habitat and UCLG aims at bettering monitoring and evaluation](#)

Monday 18 May, 2020

Monitoring and Evaluating National Urban Policy: A Guide is a timely and long awaited tool seeking to help countries, national and local governments, know when, and if, urban policies are working and if they fit for purpose for a more resilient World. The Guide highlights how solidarity is needed between national, local and regional governments, along with other stakeholders. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), becomes very critical to check if indeed all relevant actors are those who count are involved in the development and implementation of urban policies...

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

COVID-19: Supporting enterprises, jobs and incomes

[ILO issues guidance for safe, healthy, return to work during COVID-19](#)

22 May 2020

Return to work policies should be informed by a human-centred approach that puts rights and international labour standards at the heart of economic, social and environmental strategies and ensures that policy guidance is embedded in national occupational safety and health systems.

Q&A

[ILO support for employers during COVID-19 crisis](#)

20 May 2020

The COVID-19 crisis has put extraordinary pressure on employers and private sector businesses, to survive and continue to provide decent work. Deborah France Massin, Director of the ILO's Bureau for Employers' Activities, explains how they have been helping with services and tools, and ensuring that the views of enterprise are represented to decision-makers.

Greening the transport sector

Greening the transport sector in the post COVID-19 recovery could create up to 15 million jobs worldwide

19 May 2020

Investment in transforming the transport sector could create millions of new jobs and help countries move to greener, healthier economies, says report from the International Labour Organization and the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

No new digest content identified.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Release

WMO strengthens commitment to science

Publish Date: 20 May 2020

The World Meteorological Organization's Scientific Advisory Panel has elected a new chair and vice-chair to cement engagement with the broad science community and support the evolution of its mandate in weather, climate, water and related environmental and social sciences. As a part of historical WMO reform process two new scientific bodies have been established. Scientific Advisory Panel, consisting of world leading scientists, serves as a major think tank giving strategic guidance in decadal timeframe. Research Board consists of high-level experts on weather, climate and water research related to service and infrastructure development.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

New publication to mark World Metrology Day 2020

VIENNA, 20 May 2020 – On the occasion of World Metrology Day on 20 May, UNIDO has published insights on the relevance of quality, standards and testing in the fight against COVID-19. Quality control, standards and metrology play a particularly important role in mitigating the negative effects of the global pandemic.

UNIDO and Japan to tackle impact of COVID-19 pandemic

VIENNA, 19 May 2020 - Amidst escalating global uncertainty and the spectre of socio-economic upheaval brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Japan is providing nearly US\$4m to help the transfer of Japanese technology to developing countries, with a view to strengthening their capacity to cope with the crisis.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

19 May 2020

COVID-19: National resources

This page is dedicated to featuring national resources developed by ISO members to support the fight against COVID-19.

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 23 May 2020]

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

Announcements

22.05.2020 International Day for Biological Diversity 2020

9.05.2020 World celebrates nature as a source of solutions to global challenges.

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USAID [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Statements, Announcements

USAID Announces Nearly \$23.4 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance to Contain Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo

May 19, 2020

The United States, through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is providing nearly \$23.4 million in additional humanitarian assistance to help end the ongoing outbreak of Ebola in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and neighboring countries, the second-largest outbreak of the disease on record. This brings the total funding from USAID since the beginning of the outbreak in August 2018 to over \$340 million, which includes support for regional Ebola-preparedness activities in the DRC and neighboring countries. Across the U.S. Government, since the beginning of the outbreak, the United States has contributed nearly \$600 million in support of the efforts of the Government of the DRC and partners to end the Ebola outbreak, including more recently through the new U.S.-DRC Privileged Partnership for Peace and Prosperity.

Acting Administrator John Barsa Letter to UN Secretary General Guterres

May 18, 2020

As the largest donor of global health and humanitarian assistance, the United States always has led the world through times of strife, turmoil, and uncertainty. The current pandemic of COVID-19 is no different. Thus far, of the \$650.7 million allocated from supplemental funding by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to combat the pandemic globally, we have provided \$45.3 million to UN agencies. This is a fraction of USAID's overall financial support for the UN's activities, which in Fiscal Year 2019 totaled more than \$3.5 billion in funds disbursed.

DFID [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

UK aid supporting the fight against coronavirus in the Middle East

The United Kingdom is working together with countries across the Middle East to tackle coronavirus and protect the most vulnerable

Updated: 23 May 2020

UK calls for global action to protect vital money transfers

UK and Switzerland call for countries to work together to make sure people can continue sending money to relatives in other countries during coronavirus outbreak

Updated: 22 May 2020

UK to work with African Union to slow spread of coronavirus in Africa

The UK will invest up to £20 million in the African Union's new 'African Union Covid19 Response Fund' to tackle coronavirus and save lives.

Updated: 20 May 2020

ECHO [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

Coronavirus: EU channels assistance to Ukraine

18/05/2020

In response to a request from Ukraine via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, Slovakia has offered protective facemasks, disinfectants, blankets, among other items to help the country tackle the coronavirus pandemic. The EU will coordinate and co-...

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African Union [to 23 May 2020]

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

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

[African Union COVID19 Response Fund aims to raise \\$1 Million on Africa Day](#)

May 24, 2020

The African Union has created an African Union COVID-19 Response Fund with the aim of strengthening the continental

[Africa Regional Integration Index: build resilient economies through integration](#)

May 22, 2020

[Call for push in implementation of Africa's digital transformation strategy](#)

May 22, 2020

[Energy Transition at the Heart of Africa's COVID-19 Response](#)

May 20, 2020

["Technology can support Africa's COVID-19 response and recovery", H.E. Abou-Zeid](#)

May 20, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 23 May 2020]

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

Secretariat News

[ASEAN calls for nature's conservation to prevent future pandemics](#)

JAKARTA, 20 May 2020 - The ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC) and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) held their first webinar on May 20, underscoring the linkages of biodiversity and health and regional efforts to integrate biodiversity conservation into the COVID-19 response. Gathering a panel of experts, the webinar entitled "Biodiversity and Preventing Future Pandemics" took [...]

[ASEAN Health Experts share government policies in tackling COVID-19 pandemic](#)

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 May 2020 - The ASEAN Emergency Operations Centre Network for Public Health Emergencies (ASEAN EOC Network) hosted another video conference among ASEAN Member States (AMS) health officials focusing on major government policies for containment, mitigation, and recovery phases in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials from Thailand and Viet Nam described the implementation [...]

European Commission [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest

Press release 20 May 2020

Coronavirus global response: EU allocates additional €50 million in humanitarian aid

Press release 20 May 2020

Reinforcing Europe's resilience: halting biodiversity loss and building a healthy and sustainable food system

Statement 20 May 2020

Joint statement ahead of the 2nd year anniversary of the General Data Protection Regulation

Press release 19 May 2020

Coronavirus: Commission boosts urgently needed research and innovation with additional €122 million

Statement 18 May 2020

United Nations: Joint statement by High Representative Borrell, Vice-President Jourová and Commissioner Dalli on the rights of persons with disabilities

OECD [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

OIC Rejects Annexation by Israel of Palestinian Land and Calls on International Community to Assume its Responsibility

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) emphasized that any unilateral action by Israel to annex Arab land would not serve the peace process and would contravene internationally binding resolutions....

21/05/2020

OIC Commends UNRWA for its Services to Palestinian Refugees

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) commended the efforts made by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in providing basic services for the Palestinian refugees, especially in light of the repercussions of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The OIC General Secretariat stressed its commitment to enhancing cooperation, coordination, and partnership with UNRWA in line with the relevant resolutions of the Islamic Summit

and the Council of Foreign Ministers....
18/05/2020

OIC Islamic Solidarity Fund Delivers First Tranche of Coronavirus Urgent aid to Least Developed Member States

In follow-up to the initiative of the OIC Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), aimed at supporting the least developed Member States in their response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, especially in the health sector, a first tranche of the ISF's urgent financial assistance was delivered at the Jeddah-based OIC General Secretariat, on 17 May 2020, to the representatives of Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Djibouti. The financial grant was handed over by ISF Project Director Mr Abdulrazzaq Mohamed, in the presence of the OIC Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Social and Cultural Affairs, Ambassador Tareq Ali Bakheet....

17/05/2020

Group of 77 [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest Statements and Speeches

No new digest content identified.

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UNCTAD [to 23 May 2020]

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

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Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Customs Organization – WCO [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

20 May 2020

119 seizures from 14 WCA countries during WCO operation ALAMBA 2020 targeting suspected transnational terrorist organizations

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 23 May 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

WTO establishes nomination window for DG selection

20 May 2020

WTO members have established a month-long period in which candidates seeking to succeed Roberto Azevêdo as Director-General may submit their nomination bids. General Council Chair David Walker of New Zealand informed members on 20 May the appointment process for the next Director-General would formally commence on 8 June with nominations accepted from that date until 8 July.

WTO report looks at standards and regulations notified by members in COVID-19 response

20 May 2020

The WTO Secretariat has issued a new information note on the standards- and regulation-related policies WTO members have adopted in response to COVID-19 and formally notified to the WTO. Around half of the measures are trade facilitating.

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

International Court of Justice [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 23 May 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

No new digest content identified.

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World Bank [to 23 May 2020]

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

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[Remarks by World Bank Group President David Malpass during Press Call on the Emergency Locust Response Program](#)

Good to be on with everybody, thanks to the people that are joining the call. I hope you and your families are staying well during this challenging time. Yesterday, I had the privilege to announce that...

Date: May 21, 2020 Type: Speeches and Transcripts Language: English

[World Bank Announces \\$500 Million to Fight Locusts, Preserve Food Security and Protect Livelihoods](#)

Emergency Financing for Locust Affected Countries will help people recover from losses WASHINGTON, May 21, 2020 — The World Bank Group approved today a US\$500 million program to help countries in Africa...

Date: May 21, 2020 Type: Press Release

[See Week in Review above for detail]

[Remarks by World Bank Group President David Malpass during Press Call on 100 Countries Milestone for COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Emergency Health Support](#)

Thank you David and thanks everybody for joining on a call today and first I hope you and your families are staying well. I have several things I want to touch on it the opening and then I will take questions...

Date: May 19, 2020 Type: Speeches and Transcripts L

New purchasing power parities show low- and middle-income economies account for half of the global economy

WASHINGTON, May 19, 2020 — New purchasing power parities (PPPs) for reference year 2017 that adjust for differences in the cost of living across economies were released today by the International Comparison...

Date: May 19, 2020 Type: Press Release

IMF [to 23 May 2020]

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

News, Announcements

No new digest content identified.

African Development Bank Group [to 23 May 2020]

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

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Retool annual budgets toward agriculture production and expand food reserves, as COVID-19 exacerbates food scarcity, urges African Development Institute seminar

22-May-2020

Asian Development Bank [to 23 May 2020]

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

[We generally limit coverage to regional or Asia-wide initiatives, recognizing that a number of country-• 18 May 2020]

ADB's 2019 Operations Reach \$33.74 Billion

ADB's projects, programs, and other development support for its developing members in Asia and the Pacific amounted to \$33.74 billion in 2019, underscoring ADB's strong commitment to its vision of a prosperous, inclusive...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 23 May 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, May 19, 2020

AIIB Launches 2020 Presidential Election

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has opened the nomination process for the election of its next President.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Development Bank [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

The IsDB President welcomes the partnership with the American private sector to support development in MCs

21 May 2020

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 23 May 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Coronavirus

Covid-19 : L'aide humanitaire à distance en Irak et en Jordanie

Posté le 13 mai 2020

Dans le contexte d'une crise sanitaire globale et de mesures de confinement généralisées, les organisations humanitaires trouvent des solutions alternatives pour, d'un côté, assurer la continuité de leurs interventions et, de l'autre, protéger travailleurs humanitaires et populations.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 23 May 2020]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

Innovative Health Services & Solutions

[A Mobile Phone-Based Training Platform for Health Extension Professionals to Fight COVID-19 Pandemic Launched](#)

May 20, 2020

Addis Ababa, 18 May 2020: As part of the Ethiopia Government's Preparedness and Response Plan for...

Strategic Partnerships

[Amref Health Africa in Kenya Partners with the Coca-Cola Foundation to Enhance Personal Protective Equipment Production](#)

May 19, 2020

Aravind Eye Care System [to 23 May 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest

May 23, 2020

[COVID-19: Update from Asif Saleh \(23 May 2020\)](#)

May 21, 2020

[The Khichuri Index: Measuring the economic stress level in Bangladesh](#)

May 20, 2020

[COVID-19: The communication crisis](#)

Clubhouse International [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

[Coronavirus -- Weekly Updates from the Clubhouse Community](#)

Danish Refugee Council [to 23 May 2020]

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

NEWS

[DRC work in Torino](#)

In northern Italy, refugees and migrants are living a very challenging life, after COVID-19 has limited the possibility to get food and find shelter for the night.

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ECPAT [to 23 May 2020]

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

News & Updates

UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children sends a special message to ECPAT

22/05/2020

The UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children, Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid, has shared with us a special message. To commemorate our 30th anniversary, she honoured our work and how it enables victims and survivors to make their voices heard, the strength and spread of our network and how we bring light to aspects of problems that are neglected—such as sexual exploitation in travel and tourism and the sexual exploitation of boys. Here's her full message.

Fountain House [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 23 May 2020]

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

All news

No new digest content identified.

Heifer International [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Heifer International CEO Focused on Only What He Can Do During Pandemic

by Denver Frederick | May 18, 2020 | *Guest Interview*

HelpAge International [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Malicious use of cyber technology can cause suffering during armed conflicts

As delivered by Ms. Laetitia Courtois, Permanent Observer to the United Nations and Head of Delegation, ICRC New York Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Thank you for the opportunity to address the Council on Cyber Stability and Conflict Prevention.

22-05-2020 | Statement

COVID-19: Millions dealing with sporadic water shortages, crippled health services in north-east Syria

In north-east Syria, millions are dealing with sporadic water shortages, crippled health services along with the COVID-19 pandemic.

21-05-2020 | Statement

Statement from ICRC's head of health: COVID-19 crisis underlines a chasm

A statement from Esperanza Martinez, the head of health for the International Committee of the Red Cross, on the COVID-19 crisis

19-05-2020 | News release

IFRC [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Africa, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

East Africa: Red Cross raises the alarm over a "triple menace" of floods, COVID-19 and locusts

Nairobi/Geneva, 20 May 2020—A series of mutually exacerbating disasters is unfolding in East Africa, on a scale rarely seen in decades, warned the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Ongoing heavy rain—which has kil ...

20 May 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 23 May 2020]

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

Story

SRUs, Developed to Fight Ebola, Can Help Contain COVID-19

May 19, 2020

In the midst of the West African Ebola outbreak of 2014–2015, International Medical Corps teams developed a simple but effective low-tech way to detect the highly contagious virus early. Now, we are adapting that same idea in many parts of the world to track and contain the spread of COVID-19.

Known as screening and referral

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 23 May 2020]

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

Media highlights

Press Release

COVID-19 has reached IRC shelter along the US-Mexico border in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, compounding vulnerabilities on asylum seekers fleeing violence

May 22, 2020

Press Release

IRC: Coronavirus testing shortfall in crisis-affected states risks undetected outbreaks, imperilling COVID-19 fight worldwide

May 22, 2020

Press Release

Indefinite Suspension of the US Border Will Worsen Public Health Crisis

May 20, 2020

Press Release

UN Security Council Fails to Support Global Ceasefire, Shows No Response to COVID-19
May 19, 2020

IRCT [to 23 May 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

IRCT elects new Council 2020-2023

19 May 2020

In the midst of COVID-19 pandemic the IRCT 158 strong global membership completed a virtual election process with healthy competition for all seats and with 84% of registered voters electing a 19 member Council for the period 2020-2023.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

Cyclone Amphan leaves millions vulnerable as COVID-19 challenges recovery efforts

Published: 22 May, 2020

How you are helping us fight against COVID-19

Published: 22 May, 2020

Eid al-Fitr this year is a chance to focus on the things we can do, not those we can't

Published: 22 May, 2020

Islamic Relief welcomes new appointment to World Food Programme USA leadership team

Published: 19 May, 2020

Landsea [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Mercy Corps [to 23 May 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Nigeria

MSF statement on inquiry in Borno, Nigeria

Statement 22 May 2020

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has taken note of the first public communication from the Committee set up by the Governor of Borno state, Nigeria, regarding the inquiry into the COVID-19 index case...

Yemen

Catastrophe unfolding in Aden's only COVID-19 treatment centre

Press Release 21 May 2020

South Sudan

Renewed violence in Pieri kills and wounds dozens, including MSF staff

Press Release 19 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

MSF opens a COVID-19 treatment centre in Haiti

Project Update 18 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

Five things we can do to protect people on the move during COVID-19

Project Update 18 May 2020

Operation Smile [to 23 May 2020]

<http://www.operationssmile.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 23 May 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements [

Oxfam responds to devastation in the wake of Cyclone Amphan

21 May 2020

Cyclone Amphan has left a trail of devastation throughout north-east India and the Bangladesh coast, with over 80 deaths reported so far, destroying homes, embankments and crops, and compounding the suffering in many communities already hit by coronavirus and the impact of the lockdown.

Oxfam accelerates new strategic changes to its global operations

20 May 2020

Oxfam today announced that it is bringing forward a reorganization of its global operations as it implements its new strategic framework and adapts to the continuing financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

US scapegoating overshadows call for People's Vaccine at World Health Assembly - Oxfam

19 May 2020

"We needed the World Health Assembly to unite behind a People's Vaccine, not a Trump Administration seeking scapegoats for a pandemic it has mis-handled from the start", said Anna Marriott, Health Policy Manager at Oxfam, commenting at the closure of the World Health Assembly today.

'Crisis on top of crisis' as India and Bangladesh brace for super Cyclone Amphan - Oxfam

19 May 2020

Cyclone Amphan, the strongest ever cyclone recorded over the Bay of Bengal, is expected to hit north-east India and Bangladesh tomorrow (Wednesday, 20 May) threatening millions of people in vulnerable communities already affected by Covid-19 outbreaks and lockdown.

Massive number of rejections in Greece deny people fair asylum process, Oxfam and GCR say

19 May 2020

The Greek Asylum Service has issued thousands of rejections to asylum-seekers while its public-facing services were closed for over two months.

World Health Assembly vaccine agreement not fit for purpose

18 May 2020

Commenting on a near final draft of a resolution on access to coronavirus vaccines, treatments, and tests, that is expected to be agreed by Health Ministers at the World Health Assembly this evening, Anna Marriott, Oxfam's Health Policy Manager said: "The agreement on the table is simply not fit for purpose. It leaves too many barriers standing in the way of a coronavirus vaccine for all

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Press release

Global | 22. May 2020

Armed conflict displaces 660,000 since UN call for global ceasefire

Armed conflict forced more than 660,000 people around the world to flee their homes between March 23 and May 15, leaving people more exposed to Covid-19, and is preventing global efforts to control the pandemic.

Central African Republic | 19. May 2020

Joint statement on the suspension of activities in Ndélé, Central African Republic

Suspension of activities of humanitarian NGOs :: Norwegian Refugee Council, Première Urgence Internationale, Search For Common Ground and War Child in Bamingui Bangoran Prefecture, Central African Republic.

Pact [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

May 22, 2020

PIH Calls for Continued U.S. Funding of WHO

PIH opposes a recent plan by Sen. Rand Paul to eliminate U.S. funds for the WHO, in the midst of the global battle against COVID-19, and urges supporters to take action.

May 21, 2020

PIH Staff Picks: Essential Reading and Watching As You Stay At Home

PIHers around the world recommend books and films that inspire them.

May 18, 2020

Taika Waititi, Global Stars to Read Roald Dahl Classic to Benefit PIH

The Roald Dahl Story Company and PIH are partnering to present a YouTube series in which Oscar winner Taika Waititi and a host of guest stars read "James and the Giant Peach" in support of PIH's global work.

PATH [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

PATH and partners coordinate COVID-19 global respiratory care response

Seattle, WA, May 20, 2020 – PATH and a coalition of partners will support low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the development and execution of a comprehensive respiratory care plan to respond to COVID-19. The initiative will also pursue strategies to help prioritize and improve access to oxygen therapy and other essential equipment involved in respiratory care as an integral part of health systems strengthening, beyond the pandemic response.

Studies have shown that approximately 41 percent of confirmed COVID-19 patients—and in severe cases, more than 60 percent—received oxygen therapy to support breathing. In many health facilities across LMICs, oxygen therapy—including diagnosis, generation, and delivery equipment—is not reliably available, and, without careful planning and coordination, the rapid deployment of COVID-19 resources can quickly overwhelm existing health care systems.

A primary goal of the initiative is to coordinate tools, resources, and capabilities to ensure that those who need respiratory care due to COVID-19, or beyond, receive it. Immediate steps in that strategy will include supporting rapid respiratory care capacity assessments, supplier landscaping and outreach, global respiratory care response coordination, and informed decision-making on procurement and use of respiratory care products...

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

21 May 2020 - South Sudan

[Save the Children condemns the killing of humanitarian workers and children during intercommunal violence in South Sudan](#)

21 May 2020 - Bangladesh, India

[Save the Children assesses the damage in India and Bangladesh in the wake of Cyclone Amphan](#)

20 May 2020 - United States

[UN Security Council Fails to Support Global Ceasefire, Shows No Response to COVID-19](#)

20 May 2020 - Bangladesh, India

[CYCLONE AMPHAN: Fears for children and families in low-lying areas as strong winds, storm surge and flooding expected in India and Bangladesh](#)

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 23 May 2020]

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

All News

Domestic violence – May 20 2020

[Domestic violence: An ongoing threat in Peru](#)

The alarming rates of domestic violence in Peru makes it one of the main reasons that children are separated from their families in the country. SOS Perú works to keep families together through programmes designed to address the root causes of violence.

Tostan [to 23 May 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 23 May 2020]

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

May 10, 2020

[Celebrating the Collective Strength of Mothers around the World](#)

By: Laurie Adams, Women for Women International CEO

World Vision [to 23 May 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

May 19, 2020

[Over 4,700 Women Receive Critical Health & Hygiene Resources](#) [Afghanistan]

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

Press Release | May 22, 2020

Hearing Tuesday: EFF Urges California Lawmakers to Pass Fiber Broadband for All Bill To Ensure Full Internet Access For Everyone During the Pandemic and Beyond

Sacramento, California—On Tuesday, May 26, the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) will ask California senators to approve a measure that will transition the state's outdated communications network to fiber, bringing affordable high-speed broadband service, essential during the pandemic and beyond, to all residents. EFF Senior Legislative Counsel Ernesto Falcon will testify Tuesday...

Press Release | May 20, 2020

California Prisons Block AI Researchers from Examining Parole Denials

San Francisco - A team of researchers who want to develop a machine learning platform to help analyze and detect any patterns of bias in California parole-suitability decisions has been blocked for years by the state's Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). In a lawsuit filed today by the Electronic...

Freedom House [to 23 May 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

China: Security Law Plan Could Be Death Knell for Freedom in Hong Kong

Press release

May 22, 2020

Ukraine Should Not Deport Asylum-Seeking Activist to Kazakhstan

Press release

May 21, 2020

Hungary: Constitutional Court Should Overturn Ban on Legal Gender Recognition

Press release

May 20, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 23 May 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

May 22, 2020

Hong Kong: Beijing Threatens Draconian Security Law

The Chinese legislature's adoption of a formal decision to directly impose national security legislation on Hong Kong threatens the basic rights and freedoms of the city's people, Human Rights Watch said today.

Americas

May 22, 2020 *Commentary*

Brazil's Own Data Shows Amazon Fines Unenforced

May 22, 2020 *Interview*

Can Covid-19 Help Ease the Climate Crisis?

Middle East/North Africa

May 22, 2020 *News Release*

Yemen: Displaced at Heightened Covid-19 Risk

Transparency International [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

OAS: minimize corruption risks, excessive use of emergency powers during COVID-19 crisis

Corruption will put lives at risk and undermine national and regional economic recovery from the pandemicThe Organization of American States (OAS) must take all possible measures amongst its member...

21 May 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 23 May 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

News/ Statements

No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 23 May 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

Latest News and Events

No new digest content identified.

The Elders [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements

Guest Blog

What is Broken and What is Beautiful: Creative Climate Adaptation

21 May 2020

Championed by Ban Ki-moon, Brianna Fruean, a climate activist for Samoa, writes about three things she has seen, learned and been inspired by, across the globe during our current struggles.

Climate Change

Statement

The Elders call for bold multilateralism to drive global response to COVID-19

21 May 2020

The Elders urge leaders to put multilateralism, solidarity and human rights at the heart of their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to prioritise the health and economic needs of poorer countries in the Global South in the coming weeks and months

Ethical Leadership

Opinion

[A global response to beat the virus is in all countries' interests. No one is safe until everyone is safe.](#)

18 May, 2020

Gro Harlem Brundtland

Evidence Aid [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest Content

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Evidence Collection](#)

Last updated 22 May 2020.

Gavi [to 23 May 2020]

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

News releases

[Virtual Conference](#)

4 June 2020

The UK government will host Gavi's third donor pledging conference to mobilise at least US\$ 7.4 billion in additional resources to protect the next generation with vaccines, reduce disease inequality and create a healthier, safer and more prosperous world.

22 May 2020

[At least 80 million children at risk of disease as COVID-19 disrupts vaccination efforts, warn Gavi, WHO and UNICEF](#)

Getty Conservation Institute [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 23 May 2020]

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

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

Voices

[During COVID-19, HIV Medication in Ukraine Arrives by Post](#)

19 May 2020

Video

[Building Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health](#)

19 May 2020

Updates

Resources for Community-Based Monitoring

18 May 2020

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 23 May 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

Future of Civil Society Organisations

May, 2020

Challenges from COVID-19 bring new opportunities for the future of civil society organisations. In a series of articles ICVA's ED, Ignacio Packer, along with other leaders of civil society networks & platforms share their thoughts and identify possible new directions that civil society organisations may want to go.

[Futures Civil Society articles.pdf](#)

[Futures Civil Society webinar info.pdf](#)

InterAction [to 23 May 2020]

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

Crises & Countries in Conflict

India and Bangladesh: A Complex Crisis

[Aliza Vaccher](#)

| May 21, 2020

Blog Post

Simplify Adaptive Focus During Unprecedented Times

[Deborah Willig](#)

| May 19, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 23 May 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

19 May 2020

DI joins international Leave No One Behind coalition

DI joins a coalition to give voice and agency to marginalised groups at risk of being overlooked in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

21 May 2020

COVID-19 Portal Update

Week of 11 May

This week, ALNAP has made the recording of the COVID-19 paper launch webinar available. However, we are by no means alone in hosting webinars that enable humanitarian learning...

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 23 May 2020]

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

CERAH News

Statement: The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action expresses its sadness and alarm at the killing of a staff member of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

20.5.2020

The Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action expresses its sadness and alarm at the killing of a staff member of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) and the injuring of two others during an outbreak of violence in Pieri, South Sudan, where the organisation runs a primary healthcare facility.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 23 May 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 23 May 2020]

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

Observatories

[Dauphiné Libéré's interview about COVID-19 Observatory \(28/04/2020\)](#)

18/05/2020

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 23 May 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

No new digest content identified.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

[UNESCO and INEE organize a Webinar on Ensuring Inclusive Education during COVID-19](#)

UNESCO

20 May 2020

The COVID-19 outbreak has translated into a major education due to school closure and the interruption of regular education services. In the Arab region, where 13 million children and youth are already out-of-school due to conflict, an additional 100 million learners are now affected by school interruption.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 23 May 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

Webinar

[Negotiating access for humanitarian protection](#)

May 28 2020

Sphere [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

[Read Sphere's annual review: discover what our community achieved in 2019](#)

20 May 2020 | Sphere

Over the course of the past year, Sphere continued to promote quality and accountability across the humanitarian sector. Our newly released annual review presents a summary of Sphere's many activities and achievements throughout 2019. The...

[Applying humanitarian standards in global COVID-19 responses is crucial for programme quality, says the UN](#)

19 May 2020 | Sphere

A strategic document published this month by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) stresses the importance of supporting humanitarian workers to apply Sphere standards as part of the global...

Start Network [to 23 May 2020]

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

News and Blog

[Shining a spotlight on mental health in the humanitarian sector during COVID-19](#)

by Hitendra Solanki

19 May 20

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Brookings

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

Accessed 23 May 2020

Latest Research

Report

[Specificity of human capital: An occupation based on job-to-job transitions](#)

Eduardo Levy Yeyati and Martín Montané

Friday, May 22, 2020

India

[An analysis of non-fuel mineral blocks auctions in India](#)

Ganesh Sivamani

Thursday, May 21, 2020

U.S. Metro Areas

[As the capital region's population ages, public policies need to adjust](#)

Jaclene Begley, Leah Brooks, Brian J. McCabe, Jenny Schuetz, and Stan Veuger

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Italy

[Playing with fire: Italy, China, and Europe](#)

Giovanna De Maio

May 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Keep calm and regulate on?](#)

Rachel Augustine Potter

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

May 19, 2020

[Migrant Workers in the Tourism Industry: How has COVID-19 Affected Them, and What Does the Future Hold?](#)

Governments around the world have closed borders and businesses to combat the spread of COVID-19. These measures have had a devastating effect on the tourism industry, cutting travel by 25 percent and costing more than 100 million jobs.

Helen Dempster and Cassandra Zimmer

May 18, 2020

Managing Fiscal Challenges in Contemporary Papua New Guinea

The rising budget deficits and associated increases in public debt confronting the government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) make it difficult for the government to comply with the legislated debt ceiling of 45 percent of GDP within the foreseeable future.

Satish Chand , Junaid Sadiq Masood and Vijaya Ramachandran

CSIS [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Chronology of Possible Russian Gray Area and Hybrid Warfare Operations

May 18, 2020 | Anthony H. Cordesman Civil, political, and economic gray zone operations illustrate the range and depth of Russian gray zone activities, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

Chronology of Possible Chinese Gray Area and Hybrid Warfare Operations

May 18, 2020 | Anthony H. Cordesman Many Chinese low-level operations, economic activities, and political tactics are part of China's larger gray zone strategy, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

Report

U.S. Competition with China and Russia: The Crisis-Driven Need to Change U.S. Strategy

May 18, 2020 | Anthony H. Cordesman The United States must refocus its strategy and give gray area and hybrid conflicts at least the same amount of priority as it does to higher levels of warfare with Russia and China, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

ODI [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

In memory of Mary Tiffen

Press release | 21 May 2020

An obituary for distinguished economic historian Mary Tiffen, whose impressive career included work on irrigation management at ODI.

Reducing low-income country debt risks: the role of local currency-denominated loans from international institutions

Briefing papers | May 2020 | Jesse Griffiths, Ugo Panizza and Filippo Taddei

This briefing note outlines how low-income country debt risks could be reduced.

Towards universal health systems in the Covid-19 era: opportunities and threats

Briefing papers | May 2020 | Emma Samman

This briefing note looks at universal health coverage in relation to Covid-19.

Achieving durable solutions by including displacement-affected communities in peacebuilding

Briefing papers | May 2020 | Phil Vernon, SORCHA O'Callaghan and Kerrie Holloway

This policy brief highlights ways for the UN High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement to integrate displaced people into peacebuilding processes

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 23 May 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.

RoRI News

No new digest content identified.

Urban Institute [to 23 May 2020]

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

Publications

Perceived Access to Abortion Among Women in the United States in 2019

Objectives. To describe perceptions of access to abortion among women of reproductive age and their associations with state abortion policy contexts. Methods. We used data from the 2018 Survey of Family Planning and Women's Lives, a probability-based sample of 2115 adult women aged 18 to 44 years in US households. Results. We found that 27.6% of women (95% confidence interval [CI] = 23.3%, 32.7%) believed that access to

[Krista Perreira](#), [Emily M. Johnston](#), [Adele Shartzter](#), [Sophia Yin](#)

May 22, 2020

Journal Article

Albuquerque Affordable Housing and Homelessness Needs Assessment

In Albuquerque, households with extremely low incomes have struggled to pay rent, and homelessness has steadily increased. We estimate that to meet these housing challenges, Albuquerque needs an additional 15,500 rental units affordable to households with extremely low incomes, as well as 2,200 units of supportive housing and 800 units of rapid rehousing for people experiencing homelessness.

The city can develop an inclusive

[Josh Leopold](#), [Kassie Scott](#), [Leah Hendey](#), [Rob Pitingolo](#)

May 22, 2020

Research Report

Parents Are Struggling to Provide for Their Families during the Pandemic

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic threatens the health and well-being of families across the nation and is particularly consequential for the nation's 77 million children ages 18 and under.

Using data from the Urban Institute's Health Reform Monitoring Survey collected in late March and early April 2020, we assess how the pandemic is affecting family employment and caregiving, financial decisions, and material

[Michael Karpman](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#)

May 21, 2020

Brief

Determining In-Lieu Fees in Inclusionary Zoning Policies

Inclusionary zoning policies are an increasingly popular tool for addressing affordable housing challenges, with many cities and counties adopting such policies since 2000. But the structure and features of these policies vary. Research suggests that the features of inclusionary zoning matter and need to be tailored to local market conditions. Inclusionary zoning encourages or requires developers who are creating market-rate

[Aaron Shroyer](#)

May 19, 2020

Brief

Amid Confusion over the Public Charge Rule, Immigrant Families Continued Avoiding Public Benefits in 2019

The current administration's new public charge rule took effect in February 2020, significantly expanding the criteria for determining whether applicants for permanent residency, or green cards, may be denied based on past or potential use of government benefit programs. Even before the rule took effect, evidence shows the proposed rule produced widespread chilling effects nationally, meaning eligible immigrant families—

[Hamutal Bernstein](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Michael Karpman](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#)

May 18, 2020

Brief

One in Six Adults in California Immigrant Families Reported Avoiding Public Benefits in 2019

California has moved proactively to support immigrant families in response to restrictive federal immigration and safety net policies, but policies like the new “public charge” rule still pose risks, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new rule significantly expands the criteria for determining whether applicants for permanent residency, or green cards, may be denied based on past or potential use of

[Hamutal Bernstein](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Sara McTarnaghan](#), [Michael Karpman](#), [Stephen Zuckerman](#)

May 18, 2020

Brief

IPEDS Finance User Guide

The most widely used data source on college and university finances is the US Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), which gathers a broad array of data annually from higher education institutions. The Urban Institute has made available a harmonized version of the IPEDS finance files through its Education Data Portal. This user guide provides an overview of the IPEDS finance data, a

[Erica Blom](#), [Kelja Washington](#), [Macy Rainer](#), [Carina Chien](#), [Robert Kelchen](#)

May 18, 2020

Brief

Design Changes Can Strengthen the EITC During Recessions

We examine how proposals to modify and expand the EITC would change its impacts during economic downturns. Using components from the Economic Security Project's Cost-of-Living Refund, we identify three main effects. First, accelerating the credit phase-in (or eliminating it entirely) would reduce

instances in which credit amounts decline during downturns. That would make the credit a more effective automatic stabilizer. Second,

[Elaine Maag](#), [Donald Marron](#)

May 18, 2020

Brief

The Wistar Institute [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

May. 20, 2020

Positive Results from Preclinical Testing Support Clinical Development of COVID-19 DNA Vaccine

PHILADELPHIA — (May 20, 2020) — The Wistar Institute, an international biomedical research leader in cancer, immunology and infectious disease, announces a study reporting initial immunogenicity of a synthetic DNA vaccine for SARS-CoV-2 developed in collaboration with Inovio Pharmaceutical, Inc., and other scientists. Published in *Nature Communications*, the report focuses on immune studies in animals, which show induction of functional antibody responses and T-cell responses following immunization. The vaccine, INO-4800, was advanced to phase 1 clinical testing in 10 weeks (clinicaltrials.gov NCT04336410).

World Economic Forum [to 23 May 2020]

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

Media

Blockchain Principles Launched to Preserve and Protect User Rights

News 22 May 2020

- 16 user rights make up the newly launched Presidio Principles: the foundational values for a decentralized future

- This 'Blockchain Bill of Rights' establishes a global baseline for building blockchain applications that respect participant rights, safeguard data and protect users

- It was developed for over a year by the World Economic Forum Global Blockchain Council, which brings together individuals with varying interests and perspectives on the current state and future of blockchain; it was workshopped globally with technologists and civil society

- Early adopters include public and private sector companies, international organizations, NGOs and civil society and global call issued.

Virtual Ocean Dialogues to Fast-track Action, Innovation and Resilience

News 20 May 2020

Recession, Job Losses, Another Pandemic and Protectionism Are Top Worries, Say Industry Leaders

News 19 May 2020

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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 23 May 2020]

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

News

News from The Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group: May 2020

May 20, 2020

Highlights include an important message for our research community, a face mask that detects coronavirus, our new video series #ScienceMatters, and more.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

MAY 21, 2020

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Appoints Three New Members to Executive Leadership Team

SEATTLE, May 21, 2020 – Today the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation named three new members to its Executive Leadership Team (ELT). Ankur Vora will become Chief Strategy Officer, Gargee Ghosh will become President, Global Policy & Advocacy, and Susan Byrnes will become Chief Communications Officer. Each will assume their new roles effective June 1, 2020.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 23 May 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 23 May 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 23 May 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.

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Our News

No new digest content identified.

IKEA Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Stories

No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 23 May 2020]

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

Research May 20 2020

Preventing 'Cytokine Storm' May Ease Severe COVID-19 Symptoms

A clinical trial in people with the new coronavirus is testing a drug that may halt an overactive immune response before it ramps up.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

May 22, 2020 *News Release*

Poll: As States Start to Ease Coronavirus Restrictions, Few Americans Expect to Stay in Hotels or Fly This Summer, Though Most Plan to Visit a Doctor, Get a Hair Cut and Dine Out

Most of the Public, including Most Swing Voters, Disapprove of President Trump's Coronavirus Response and Overall Job Performance; President Earns Higher Ratings on the Economy Even as many states start to lift restrictions on businesses and social gatherings, most Americans are expecting the coronavirus pandemic to upend their summers, with...

Kellogg Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

Dr. Alandra Washington graduates from prestigious Baldrige Executive Fellows Program

May 20, 2020

W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKCF) Vice President for Transformation & Organizational Effectiveness Dr. Alandra Washington, along with 17 other senior leaders, recently graduated from the Baldrige Executive Fellows Program. They join more than 100 U.S. executives from multiple sectors as graduates of this prestigious year-long leadership development program...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

19 May 2020

Restoring Lahore Fort's Shah Burj Gate in Pakistan

MacArthur Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Open Society Foundations [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

May 20, 2020

[**Bank Regulators' Guidance A Move in the Right Direction, but Carries Risks**](#)

Opinion

May 19, 2020

[**Three Ways to Combat Addiction During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic**](#)

Rockefeller Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

The Latest

[**Announcements The Rockefeller Foundation Awards New Grant to Support Community Health Workers Around the Globe Better Respond to Covid-19 May 21-2020**](#)

[**Announcements The Rockefeller Foundation and Boston University Launch Commission on Health Determinants, Data, and Decision-making May 20-2020**](#)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 23 May 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 23 May 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..."

May 20, 2020

The World Doesn't Yet Know Enough to Beat the Coronavirus [via The Atlantic]

The United States and many other nations are launching a life-threatening experiment. They are rapidly and perhaps prematurely easing restrictions on [...]

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 23 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 23 May 2020]

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

Opinion | 21 May 2020

Open access: how COVID-19 will change the way research findings are shared

Robert Kiley, Head of Open Research Wellcome

During the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers and publishers have pulled together to publish their outputs at an unprecedented rate. So, how have they responded? And how will this change research culture and the way findings are disseminated in future?

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 23 May 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 23 May 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

May 2020 Volume 48, Issue 5, p471-590

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

The Importance of Hand Hygiene in the Current Healthcare Environment

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2020 Volume 58, Issue 5, p613-756

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2020 110(5)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 102, Issue 4, April 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/102/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Annals of Internal Medicine

5 May 2020 Volume 172, Issue 9

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

[Reviewed earlier]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 374 - April 2020

<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>
[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 282 May 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/282/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 23 May 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

May 2020 - Volume 5 - 5

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

Editorial

[Reforming the World Health Assembly](#) (17 May, 2020)

Rachel Irwin

[Making sense of dictatorships and health outcomes](#) (13 May, 2020)

Vincent Geloso, Gilbert Berdine, Benjamin Powell

Original research

[Arts-based approaches to promoting health in sub-Saharan Africa: a scoping review](#) (21 May, 2020)

Christopher Bunn, Chisomo Kalinga, Otiyela Mtema, Sharifa Abdulla, Angel Dillip, John Lwanda, Sally M Mtenga, Jo Sharp, Zoë Strachan, Cindy M Gray Dr Christopher Bunn; christopher.bunn@glasgow.ac.uk

[Modelling the cost-effectiveness of introducing subsidised malaria rapid diagnostic tests in the private retail sector in sub-Saharan Africa](#) (20 May, 2020)

David Bath, Catherine Goodman, Shunmay Yeung

[Safe management of bodies of deceased persons with suspected or confirmed COVID-19: a rapid systematic review](#) (14 May, 2020)

Sally Yaacoub, Holger J Schünemann, Joanne Khabisa, Amena El-Harakeh, Assem M Khamis, Fatimah Chamseddine, Rayane El Khoury, Zahra Saad, Layal Hneiny, Carlos Cuello Garcia, Giovanna Elsa Ute Muti-Schünemann, Antonio Bognanni, Chen Chen, Guang Chen, Yuan Zhang, Hong Zhao, Pierre Abi Hanna, Mark Loeb, Thomas Piggott, Marge Reinap, Nesrine Rizk, Rosa Stalteri, Stephanie Duda, Karla Solo, Derek K Chu, Elie A Akl

[Community health workers and early detection of breast cancer in low-income and middle-income countries: a systematic scoping review of the literature](#) (13 May, 2020)

James O'Donovan, Ashley Newcomb, MacKenzie Clark MacRae, Dorice Vieira, Chinelo Onyilofofor, Ophira Ginsburg

Facial protection for healthcare workers during pandemics: a scoping review (5 May, 2020)

Laura R Garcia Godoy, Amy E Jones, Taylor N Anderson, Cameron L Fisher, Kylie M L Seeley, Erynn A Beeson, Hannah K Zane, Jaime W Peterson, Peter D Sullivan

Practice

How to prevent and address safeguarding concerns in global health research programmes: practice, process and positionality in marginalised spaces (13 May, 2020)

Bachera Aktar, Wafa Alam, Samiha Ali, Abdul Awal, Margaret Bayoh, Ivy Chumo, Yirah Contay, Abu Conteh, Laura Dean, Skye Dobson, Jerker Edstrom, Helen Elsey, Nadia Farnaz, Surekha Garimella, Lindsay Gray, Jaideep Gupte, Kate Hawkins, Beth Hollihead, Kunhi Lakshmi Josyula, Caroline Kabaria, Robinson Karuga, Joseph Kimani, Alastair H Leyland, Dolf te Lintelo, Bintu Mansaray, Joseph MacCarthy, Hayley MacGregor, Blessing Mberu, Nelly Muturi, Linet Okoth, Lilian Otiso, Kim Ozano, Ateeb Parray, Penny Phillips-Howard, Vinodkumar Rao, Sabina Rashid, Joanna Raven, Francis Refell, Samuel Saidu, Shafinaz Sobhan, Prasanna Subramanya Saligram, Samira Sesay, Sally Theobald, Rachel Tolhurst, Phil Tubb, Linda Waldman, Jane Wariutu, Lana Whittaker, Haja Wurie

Summary box

:: Safeguarding challenges in global health research are shaped by power relations (eg, gender, age) and context (eg, informal urban spaces) and include sexual abuse and exploitation, physical and psychological abuse, exploitation and neglect.

:: The literature on safeguarding in global health research is very limited; documented participatory processes that capture the situated knowledge, experience, difficulties and practice of different actors is required across varied contexts and health issues.

:: Safeguarding processes need to be committed to changing power relations through the use of approaches that build trust and are centred around the needs of survivors.

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 23 May 2020)

Improving the effectiveness of point of care tests for malaria and anaemia: a qualitative study across three Ghanaian antenatal clinics

Anaemia and malaria are both major contributors to maternal and child mortality, and morbidity, with some of the worst outcomes occurring in sub-Saharan Africa. Point of care tests (POCT), if used appropriately...

Authors: Tanith Palmer, Abiola O. Aiyenigba, Imelda Bates, Doris Dokua Okyere, Harry Tagbor and Gifty Dufie Ampofo

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[Africa's response to COVID-19](#)

Authors: Chikwe Ihekweazu and Emmanuel Agogo

Citation: BMC Medicine 2020 18:151

Content type: Commentary

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...Conclusions

Despite the resilience of the people and some progress in public health systems, African countries will still be stretched as the pandemic spreads across the continent and as the containment measures succumb to the pressures of time, limited resources, and increased rate of infections. In the meantime, African countries are leveraging investments in syndromic surveillance and case-finding through IDSR; scaling molecular testing capacity developed for other diseases; deploying trainees in field epidemiology training programs to lead the field response; and using her most precious resource—her young people—to undertake contact tracing, staff isolation centers and provide the supportive care that is available. The management of these resources has shown to be the best fit in national public health institutes, which have been rapidly established and strengthened in the last decade in Africa. So far, the response in Africa has been marked by innovation and resilience in the face of almost insurmountable odds and in the resounding collapse of multilateralism. However, as always, Africa will survive.

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[A cross-sectional analysis of falsified, counterfeit and substandard medicines in a low-middle income country](#)

High prevalence of falsified, counterfeit and substandard medicines pose a threat to public health and treatment failure. This study aimed to investigate the quality of selected essential medicines available i...

Authors: Daariimaa Khurelbat, Gereltuya Dorj, Bruce Sunderland, Tsetsegmaa Sanjjav, Enkhtuul Bayarsaikhan, Davaadagva Damdinjav, Gantuya Dorj, Altantuya Jigjidsuren, Oyun Lkhagvasuren and Baasandorj Erdenetsetseg

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:743

Content type: Research article

Published on: 20 May 2020

Migrants and imported disease: Trends of admission in an Italian infectious disease ward during the migration crisis of 2015–2017

Since 2014, the migrant population residing in Europe has dramatically increased. Migrants' unmet health needs represent a barrier to integration and should be promptly addressed, without stigma, in order to f...

Authors: Filippo Del Puente, Niccolò Riccardi, Lucia Taramasso, Giovanni Sarteschi, Rachele Pincino and Antonio Di Biagio

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Published on: 20 May 2020

Prevalence and associated risk factors for Hepatitis B and C viruses among refugees in Gambella, Ethiopia

Currently, there is an increased flow of refugees into Ethiopia from neighboring countries. However, there are no post-arrival screening mechanisms for hepatitis B and C viruses which could be an additional bu...

Authors: Abiyu Ayele, Dessie Abera, Melese Hailu, Muluken Birhanu and Kassu Desta

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:721

Content type: Research article

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Did the UN convention on the rights of the child reduce child mortality around the world? An interrupted time series analysis

Child mortality has been reduced by more than 50 % over the past 30 years. A range of secular economic and social developments have been considered to explain this phenomenon. In this paper, we examine the ass...

Authors: Christopher A. Tait, Abtin Parnia, Nishan Zewge-Abubaker, Wendy H. Wong, Heather Smith-Cannoy and Arjumand Siddiqi

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:707

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Abstract

Background

Child mortality has been reduced by more than 50 % over the past 30 years. A range of secular economic and social developments have been considered to explain this phenomenon. In this paper, we examine the association between ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which was specifically put in place to ensure the well-being of children, and declines in child mortality.

Methods

Data come from three sources: the United Nations Treaty Series Database, the World Bank World Development Indicators database and, the Polity IV database. Because CRC was widely ratified, leaving few control cases, we used interrupted times series analyses, which uses the trend in the health outcome before policy exposure to mathematically determine what the trend in the health outcome would have been after the policy exposure, if it had continued 'as is' – meaning, if the policy exposure had not occurred.

Results

CRC ratification was associated with declining child mortality. CRC ratification was associated with a significant change in shorter-term child mortality trends in all groups except high-income, non-democratic countries and low-income democratic countries. CRC ratification was associated with long-term child mortality trends in all groups except middle-income, non-democratic countries.

Conclusions

Child mortality rates would likely have declined even in the absence of CRC ratification, but CRC is associated with a larger decline. Our findings provide a way to assess the effects of widely-held societal norms on health and demonstrate the moderating effects of democracy and income level.

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Erin Talati Paquette, Hannah Palac, Elizabeth Bair, Blake Schultz, Nicole Stenquist, Steven Joffe
Avani Shukla

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Forced Migration Review (FMR)

FMR 63 February 2020

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

Cities and towns

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

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Volume 42, Number 1, February 2020
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Humanitarian Exchange Magazine

Number 77, March 2020
<https://odihpn.org/magazine/the-crisis-in-yemen/>

Responding to Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo

by Humanitarian Practice Network

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

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

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

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Big Data, Small Area

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Original Investigation

[Association of Public Health Interventions With the Epidemiology of the COVID-19 Outbreak in Wuhan, China](#)

An Pan, PhD; Li Liu, MD, PhD; Chaolong Wang, PhD; et al.

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JAMA. 2020;323(19):1915-1923. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.6130

This population epidemiology study examines associations between phases of nonpharmaceutical public health interventions (social distancing, centralized quarantine, home confinement, and others) and rates of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection in Wuhan, China, between December 2019 and early March 2020.

Editorial

Public Health Interventions for COVID-19 Emerging Evidence and Implications for an Evolving Public Health Crisis

David M. Hartley, PhD, MPH; Eli N. Perencevich, MD, MS

Viewpoint

COVID-19: Beyond Tomorrow

From Mitigation to Containment of the COVID-19 Pandemic Putting the SARS-CoV-2 Genie Back in the Bottle

Rochelle P. Walensky, MD, MPH; Carlos del Rio, MD

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JAMA. 2020;323(19):1889-1890. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.6572

This Viewpoint discusses public health strategies necessary for the US to relax its mitigation strategies—most notably expanded testing, isolation, and contact-tracing in ways that avoid stigmatization of vulnerable populations—and proposes investing returns from a reopened economy to finance testing and public health infrastructure.

[Audio Interview](#): COVID-19: From Mitigation to Containment

Editorial

COVID-19—Looking Beyond Tomorrow for Health Care and Society

Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA; Howard Bauchner, MD

Treating COVID-19—Off-Label Drug Use, Compassionate Use, and Randomized Clinical Trials During Pandemics

Andre C. Kalil, MD, MPH

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JAMA. 2020;323(19):1897-1898. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.4742

This Viewpoint uses the absence of known effective treatment for Ebola virus disease to emphasize the costs of off-label and compassionate drug use during an infectious disease outbreak and the importance of establishing the efficacy and safety of promising drug leads in randomized trials to inform their clinical use.

[Clinical Review Audio](#): Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Chloroquine/Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin

[Audio Interview](#): Coronavirus in New York - Report From the Front Lines

Editorial

Randomized Clinical Trials and COVID-19-Managing Expectations

Howard Bauchner, MD; Phil B. Fontanarosa, MD, MBA

Finding Effective Treatments for COVID-19 Scientific Integrity and Public Confidence in a Time of Crisis

Jesse L. Goodman, MD, MPH; Luciana Borio, MD

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JAMA. 2020;323(19):1899-1900. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.6434

This Viewpoint discusses the risks to patients and public health posed by the FDA's politically pressured Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19 treatment, and proposes principles to follow to ensure new therapies are studied properly and quickly to maximize benefits and minimize risks to patients.

Increasing Access to FDA Inspection Reports on Irregularities and Misconduct in Clinical Trials

Rafael Dal-Ré, MD, PhD, MPH; Aaron S. Kesselheim, MD, JD, MPH; Florence T. Bourgeois, MD, MPH
has audio

JAMA. 2020;323(19):1903-1904. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.1631

This Viewpoint reviews notable examples of clinical trial misconduct identified by routine US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clinical trial site inspections and argues that making inspection reports publicly available on the agency's and trial registry websites is important to maintaining the integrity of clinical research.

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May 2020, Vol 174, No. 5, Pages 401-512

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[Effects of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine in the United Kingdom: Success of Vaccine Policy and Remaining Opportunities for Prevention](#)

Tamara Pilishvili

The Journal of Infectious Diseases, Volume 221, Issue 8, 15 April 2020, Pages 1235–1237,

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[Bivalent Vaccine Effectiveness Against Anal Human Papillomavirus Positivity Among Female Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic Visitors in the Netherlands](#)

Petra J Woestenbergh, Audrey J King, Birgit H B Van Benthem, Suzan Leussink, Marianne A B Van der Sande ...

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Volume 27, Issue 3, April 2020

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Perspectives

Interrupting transmission of COVID-19: lessons from containment efforts in Singapore

Vernon J Lee, PhD, Calvin J Chiew, MPH, Wei Xin Khong, PhD

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 3, April 2020, taaa039,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jtm/taaa039>

Despite multiple importations resulting in local chains of transmission, Singapore has been able to control the COVID-19 outbreak without major disruption to daily living. In this article, we describe the combination of measures taken by Singapore to contain COVID-19 and share some early lessons learnt from the experience.

Original Article

Travel restrictions and infectious disease outbreaks

Ria Vaidya, MSc, Asha Herten-Crabb, MSc, Julia Spencer, MSc, Suerie Moon, PhD, Louis Lillywhite, MSc

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 3, April 2020, taaa050,

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Rapid Communications

Saudi Arabia's drastic measures to curb the COVID-19 outbreak: temporary suspension of the Umrah pilgrimage

Shahul H Ebrahim, MD, PhD, Ziad A Memish, MD, FRCPC

Journal of Travel Medicine, Volume 27, Issue 3, April 2020, taaa029,

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With the global spread of COVID-19, concerns arise about mass gathering events which will further facilitate disease spread. This report welcomes KSA decision to suspend uma

Spread of Novel coronavirus by returning pilgrims from Iran to Pakistan

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A single mass gathering resulted in massive transmission of COVID-19 infections in Malaysia with further international spread

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Malaysia has recorded the highest number of COVID-19 cases in Southeast Asia with more than 35% of new COVID-19 cases linked to the Sri Petaling gathering, a Moslem missionary movement attended by more than 19 000 people of different nationalities, in March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur. From this cluster, 1701 samples have been tested positive out of 21 920 tests carried out. Thus, mass gathering during COVID-19 pandemic period should be banned to curb disease transmission.

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Editorial

The plight of essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Lancet

Comment

COVID-19 immunity passports and vaccination certificates: scientific, equitable, and legal challenges

Alexandra L Phelan

... When larger scale international travel recommences, countries might require travellers to provide evidence of immunity as a condition of entry. Under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR), states can implement health measures that “achieve the same or greater level of health protection than WHO recommendations”; however, such measures must have a health rationale, be non-discriminatory, consider the human rights of travellers, and not be more restrictive of international traffic than reasonably available alternatives.¹¹ Given current uncertainties about the accuracy and interpretation of individual serology testing, immunity passports are unlikely to satisfy this health rationale evidentiary burden ¹² and are inconsistent with the WHO recommendations against interference with international travel that were issued when the WHO Director-General declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). ¹³ Given the discriminatory impact of immunity passports, any changes to WHO's recommendations should be considered in the context of the IHR's human rights protections.

Immunity passports have been compared to international certificates of vaccination, such as the “Carte Jaune” for yellow fever.¹⁴ However, there are significant differences between the two types of documents, occasioning fundamentally different burdens on individuals' health risk and bodily integrity, the public health risk, and an individual's capacity to consent and control. The main distinction between the two is the nature of the incentive. Vaccination certificates incentivise individuals to obtain vaccination against the virus, which is a social good. By contrast, immunity passports incentivise infection. Under the IHR, states can require travellers to provide vaccination certificates, but this is limited to specific diseases expressly listed in Annex 7, which currently only includes yellow fever, and if included in WHO recommendations, such as those issued following the declaration of a PHEIC as is the case for polio.¹¹ Once, and if, a vaccine is developed, COVID-19 vaccination certificates could be included in revised WHO recommendations for the COVID-19 PHEIC, while member states could consider requesting standing recommendations or revising the IHR's Annex 7 for the longer term...

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What Helps People Make Values-Congruent Medical Decisions? Eleven Strategies Tested across 6 Studies

Holly O. Witteman, Anne-Sophie Julien, Ruth Ndjaboue, Nicole L. Exe, Valerie C. Kahn, Angela (Angie) Fagerlin, Brian J. Zikmund-Fisher

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Editorial | 19 May 2020

[Tackle coronavirus in vulnerable communities](#)

The pandemic has hit care homes, prisons and low-income communities hardest. Researchers are ready to help, but need data to be collected and shared.

Cover: Ancient jewellery

The cover shows jewellery that dates to between 46,000 and 43,000 years ago. Made from cave bear teeth, these pendants were unearthed during excavations at Bacho Kiro Cave in Bulgaria. In this week's issue, [Jean-Jacques Hublin and his colleagues](#) discuss the artefacts and the human bone fragments that they uncovered in the cave. The finds, which include a human tooth, represent the earliest modern human remains to be found in Europe and, through the jewellery design, provide further evidence of cultural interactions between Homo sapiens spreading west through the continent and local Neanderthals. The authors' DNA analysis and radiocarbon dating of the human remains suggest that modern humans arrived in the mid-latitudes of Europe before 45,000 years ago.



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[Initial Upper Palaeolithic Homo sapiens from Bacho Kiro Cave, Bulgaria](#)

Direct dates for human remains found in association with Initial Upper Palaeolithic artefacts at Bacho Kiro Cave (Bulgaria) demonstrate the presence of Homo sapiens in the mid-latitudes of Europe before 45 thousand years ago.

Jean-Jacques Hublin, Nikolay Sirakov[[...](#)] & Tsenka Tsanova

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New England Journal of Medicine

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Perspective

[**Developing Covid-19 Vaccines at Pandemic Speed**](#) N. Lurie, M. Saville, R. Hatchett, and J. Halton

[**The Toughest Triage — Allocating Ventilators in a Pandemic**](#) R.D. Truog, C. Mitchell, and G.O. Daley

[**Undocumented U.S. Immigrants and Covid-19**](#) K.R. Page, M. Venkataramani, C. Beyrer, and S. Polk

Original Article

[**Remdesivir for Covid-19 — Preliminary Report**](#)

J.H. Beigel and Others

Conclusions

Remdesivir was superior to placebo in shortening the time to recovery in adults hospitalized with Covid-19 and evidence of lower respiratory tract infection. (Funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and others; ACCT-1 ClinicalTrials.gov number, [NCT04280705](#). opens in new tab.)

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[**Philanthropic Entrepreneurs Who Give Overseas: An Exploratory Study of International Giving Through Grassroots Organizations**](#)

Susan Appe, Ayelet Oreg

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Sarah Dury, Dorien Brosens, An-Sofie Smetcoren, Sofie Van Regenmortel, Nico De Witte, Liesbeth De Donder, Dominique Verté

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[From trivalent to quadrivalent influenza vaccines: Public health and economic burden for different immunization strategies in Spain](#)

Pascal Crépey, Esther Redondo, Javier Díez-Domingo, Raúl Ortiz de Lejarazu, Federico Martín-Torres,

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[Global landscape analysis of no-fault compensation programmes for vaccine injuries: A review and survey of implementing countries](#)

Randy G. Mungwira, Christine Guillard, Adela Saldaña, Nobuhiko Okabe, Helen Petousis-Harris, Edinam

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Abstract

To update the landscape analysis of vaccine injuries no-fault compensation programmes, we conducted a scoping review and a survey of World Health Organization Member States. We describe the characteristics of existing no-fault compensation systems during 2018 based on six common programme elements. No-fault compensation systems for vaccine injuries have been developed in a

few high-income countries for more than 50 years. Twenty-five jurisdictions were identified with no-fault compensation programmes, of which two were recently implemented in a low- and a lower-middle-income country. The no-fault compensation programmes in most jurisdictions are implemented at the central or federal government level and are government funded. Eligibility criteria for vaccine injury compensation vary considerably across the evaluated programmes. Notably, most programmes cover injuries arising from vaccines that are registered in the country and are recommended by authorities for routine use in children, pregnant women, adults (e.g. influenza vaccines) and for special indications. A claim process is initiated once the injured party or their legal representative files for compensation with a special administrative body in most programmes. All no-fault compensation programmes reviewed require standard of proof showing a causal association between vaccination and injury. Once a final decision has been reached, claimants are compensated with either: lump-sums; amounts calculated based on medical care costs and expenses, loss of earnings or earning capacity; or monetary compensation calculated based on pain and suffering, emotional distress, permanent impairment or loss of function; or combination of those. In most jurisdictions, vaccine injury claimants have the right to seek damages either through civil litigation or from a compensation scheme but not both simultaneously. Data from this report provide an empirical basis on which global guidance for implementing such schemes could be developed.

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[NIH funding and the pursuit of edge science](#)

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Significance

Innovative research is critical to the advancement of biomedicine. The NIH plays a crucial role in fostering innovation. An empirical assessment of the success of the NIH in this role is an essential step in identifying ways to encourage novel research. This research introduces a measure of the age of the ideas used in published biomedical research papers and comprehensively evaluates the performance of NIH-supported research relative to non-NIH-supported research, using this measure.

Abstract

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) plays a critical role in funding scientific endeavors in biomedicine. Funding innovative science is an essential element of the NIH's mission, but many have questioned the NIH's ability to fulfill this aim. Based on an analysis of a comprehensive corpus of published biomedical research articles, we measure whether the NIH succeeds in funding work with novel ideas, which we term edge science. We find that edge science is more often NIH funded than less novel science, but with a delay. Papers that build on very recent ideas are NIH funded less often than are papers that build on ideas that have had a chance to mature for at least 7 y. We have three further findings. First, the tendency to fund edge science is mostly limited to basic science. Papers that build on novel clinical ideas are not more often NIH funded than are papers that build on well-established clinical knowledge. Second, novel papers tend to be NIH funded more often because there are more NIH-funded papers in innovative areas of investigation, rather than because the NIH funds innovative papers within research areas. Third, the NIH's tendency to have funded papers that build on the most recent advances has declined over time. In this regard, NIH funding has become more conservative despite initiatives to increase funding for innovative projects. Given our focus on published

papers, the results reflect both the funding preferences of the NIH and the composition of the applications it receives.

Lessons from Hurricane Katrina for predicting the indirect health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic

Ethan J. Raker, Meghan Zacher, and Sarah R. Lowe

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Cognitive and brain development is independently influenced by socioeconomic status and polygenic scores for educational attainment

Nicholas Judd, Bruno Sauce, John Wiedenhoeft, Jeshua Tromp, Bader Chaarani, Alexander Schliep, Betteke van Noort, Jani Penttilä, Yvonne Grimmer, Corinna Insensee, Andreas Becker, Tobias Banaschewski, Arun L. W. Bokde, Erin Burke Quinlan, Sylvane Desrivères, Herta Flor, Antoine Grigis, Penny Gowland, Andreas Heinz, Bernd Ittermann, Jean-Luc Martinot, Marie-Laure Paillère Martinot, Eric Artiges, Frauke Nees, Dimitri Papadopoulos Orfanos, Tomáš Paus, Luise Poustka, Sarah Hohmann, Sabina Millenet, Juliane H. Fröhner, Michael N. Smolka, Henrik Walter, Robert Whelan, Gunter Schumann, Hugh Garavan, and Torkel Klingberg

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Significance

The influence of socioeconomic status (SES) inequalities on brain and cognitive development is a hotly debated topic. However, previous studies have not considered that genetic factors overlap with SES. Here we show that SES and EduYears-PGS (a score from thousands of genetic markers for educational attainment) have independent associations with both cognition and global cortical surface area in adolescents. EduYears-PGS also had a localized association in the brain: the intraparietal sulcus, a region related to nonverbal intelligence. In contrast, SES had global, but not regional, associations, and these persisted throughout adolescence. This suggests that the influence of SES inequalities is widespread—a result that opposes the current paradigm and can help inform policies in education.

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Evaluation of Human Papillomavirus Vaccination After Pharmacist-Led Intervention: A Pilot Project in an Ambulatory Clinic at a Large Academic Urban Medical Center

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Modern contraceptive use among female refugee adolescents in northern Uganda: prevalence and associated factors

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Policy Forum

[Ethics of controlled human infection to address COVID-19](#)

By Seema K. Shah, Franklin G. Miller, Thomas C. Darton, Devan Duenas, Claudia Emerson, Holly Fernandez Lynch, Euzebiusz Jamrozik, Nancy S. Jecker, Dorcas Kamuya, Melissa Kapulu, Jonathan Kimmelman, Douglas MacKay, Matthew J. Memoli, Sean C. Murphy, Ricardo Palacios, Thomas L. Richie, Meta Roestenberg, Abha Saxena, Katherine Saylor, Michael J. Selgelid, Vina Vaswani, Annette Rid

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High social value is fundamental to justifying these studies

Summary

Development of an effective vaccine is the clearest path to controlling the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. To accelerate vaccine development, some researchers are pursuing, and thousands of people have expressed interest in participating in, controlled human infection studies (CHIs) with severe acute respiratory syndrome–coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (1, 2). In CHIs, a small number of participants are deliberately exposed to a pathogen to study infection and gather preliminary efficacy data on experimental vaccines or treatments. We have been developing a comprehensive, state-of-the-art ethical framework for CHIs that emphasizes their social value as fundamental to justifying these studies. The ethics of CHIs in general are underexplored (3, 4), and ethical examinations of SARS-CoV-2 CHIs have largely focused on whether the risks are acceptable and participants could give valid informed consent (1). The high social value of such CHIs has generally been assumed. Based on our framework, we agree on the ethical conditions for conducting SARS-CoV-2 CHIs (see the table). We differ on whether the social value of such CHIs is sufficient to justify the

risks at present, given uncertainty about both in a rapidly evolving situation; yet we see none of our disagreements as insurmountable. We provide ethical guidance for research sponsors, communities, participants, and the essential independent reviewers considering SARS-CoV-2 CHIs.

Review

Social determinants of health and survival in humans and other animals

By Noah Snyder-Mackler, Joseph Robert Burger, Lauren Gaydosh, Daniel W. Belsky, Grace A. Noppert, Fernando A. Campos, Alessandro Bartolomucci, Yang Claire Yang, Allison E. Aiello, Angela O'Rand, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Carol A. Shively, Susan C. Alberts, Jenny Tung

Science 22 May 2020

Social animals need connection

Much research over the past decade or so has revealed that health and lifespan in humans, highly social animals, are reduced with social adversity. We humans are not the only animals that are social, however, and similar research has shown that other social mammals are similarly influenced by isolation and adversity. Snyder-Mackler et al. reviewed the relationships between social environment and many aspects of health and well-being across nonhuman mammals and investigated the similarities between these and patterns in humans. They found many of the same threats and responses across social mammals.

Abstract

The social environment, both in early life and adulthood, is one of the strongest predictors of morbidity and mortality risk in humans. Evidence from long-term studies of other social mammals indicates that this relationship is similar across many species. In addition, experimental studies show that social interactions can causally alter animal physiology, disease risk, and life span itself. These findings highlight the importance of the social environment to health and mortality as well as Darwinian fitness—outcomes of interest to social scientists and biologists alike. They thus emphasize the utility of cross-species analysis for understanding the predictors of, and mechanisms underlying, social gradients in health.

Reports

Long-term thermal sensitivity of Earth's tropical forests

By Martin J. P. Sullivan,

Thermal sensitivity of tropical trees

A key uncertainty in climate change models is the thermal sensitivity of tropical forests and how this value might influence carbon fluxes. Sullivan et al. measured carbon stocks and fluxes in permanent forest plots distributed globally. This synthesis of plot networks across climatic and biogeographic gradients shows that forest thermal sensitivity is dominated by high daytime temperatures. This extreme condition depresses growth rates and shortens the time that carbon resides in the ecosystem by killing trees under hot, dry conditions. The effect of temperature is worse above 32°C, and a greater magnitude of climate change thus risks greater loss of tropical forest carbon stocks. Nevertheless, forest carbon stocks are likely to remain higher under moderate climate change if they are protected from direct impacts such as clearance, logging, or fires.

Abstract

The sensitivity of tropical forest carbon to climate is a key uncertainty in predicting global climate change. Although short-term drying and warming are known to affect forests, it is unknown if such effects translate into long-term responses. Here, we analyze 590 permanent plots measured across the tropics to derive the equilibrium climate controls on forest carbon. Maximum temperature is the most important predictor of aboveground biomass (−9.1 megagrams of carbon per hectare per degree Celsius), primarily by reducing woody productivity, and has a greater impact per °C in the hottest

forests (>32.2°C). Our results nevertheless reveal greater thermal resilience than observations of short-term variation imply. To realize the long-term climate adaptation potential of tropical forests requires both protecting them and stabilizing Earth's climate.

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

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Explore the power of collaboration between social innovation leaders and the public sector, development impact bonds, the transformation of the global humanitarian relief system, the smart use of evidence in decision-making, and other topics in the Spring 2020 issue of Stanford Social Innovation Review.

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Torture Journal

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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.

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 21 Issue 3, July 2020

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Alan Carr, Hollie Duff, Fiona Craddock

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[Seeking Help in Domestic Violence Among Muslim Women in Muslim-Majority and Non-Muslim-Majority Countries: A Literature Review](#)

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[Systematic review of interventions for reducing stigma experienced by children with disabilities and their families in low- and middle-income countries: state of the evidence](#)

Tracey Smythe, Jaimie D Adelson, Sarah Polack

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Results

Twenty studies were included. The majority (65%) of interventions targeted enacted stigma (negative attitudes) and the most common intervention approach was education/training (63%). Over half (54%) of interventions were delivered at the organisational/institutional level, and only four studies targeted more than one social level. The most common disability targeted was epilepsy (50%) followed by intellectual impairment (20%). The majority of studies ($n = 18/20$, 90%) found a reduction in a component of stigma; however, most (90%) studies had a high risk of bias.

Conclusions

This review highlights the lack of quality evidence on effective stigma-reduction strategies for children with disabilities. Validation and consistent use of contextually relevant scales to measure stigma may

advance this field of research. Studies that involve people with disabilities in the design and implementation of these strategies are needed.

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New Technologies: Where To?

This issue focuses on new technologies and their potential benefits for humanity as well as their expanding use in advancing the 2030 Agenda. It explores the promise of our digital age, while posing important questions about where these technologies are leading us, and how their misuse could also lead to increased inequality and conflict.

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World Heritage Review

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Current Issue

New World Heritage sites 2019

The 1972 World Heritage Convention is truly unique. It is the only legal instrument conceived to protect both cultural and natural heritage, based on the principle of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) – the value of a site that is irreplaceable and must be protected for the future.

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