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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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## **Development Governance**

### **UK Prime Minister announces merger of Department for International Development and Foreign Office**

*Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces merger of Department for International Development and Foreign Office.*

Updated: 17 June 2020

The Prime Minister has announced that DFID and the FCO will merge, uniting development and diplomacy in one new department that brings together Britain's international effort.

Work will begin immediately on the merger. The new department – the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office – will be established in early September and will be led by the Foreign Secretary.

The merger is an opportunity for the UK to have even greater impact and influence on the world stage as we recover from the coronavirus pandemic and prepare to hold the G7 presidency and host COP26 next year.

UK aid will be given new prominence within our ambitious international policy. The Foreign Secretary will be empowered to make decisions on aid spending in line with the UK's priorities overseas, harnessing the skills, expertise and evidence that have earned our reputation as a leader in the international development community.

The UK is the only G7 country to spend 0.7% of GNI on overseas development and the Government remains committed to this target, which is enshrined in law.

Announcing the new department, the Prime Minister said:

*:: This is exactly the moment when we must mobilise every one of our national assets, including our aid budget and expertise, to safeguard British interests and values overseas.*

*:: And the best possible instrument for doing that will be a new department charged with using all the tools of British influence to seize the opportunities ahead...*

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## **Development Finance**

### **UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund announces its largest investment of startups in developing and emerging economies**

*Among the awardees are companies expanding work to use their technologies to mitigate the hardships of COVID-19 on children and youth*

New York, 19 June 2020 – Eight technology companies in developing and emerging economies will receive investment from the UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund (CryptoFund) to solve local and global challenges.

The CryptoFund will invest 125 ETH in the eight companies – from seven countries – to develop prototypes, pilot, or scale their technologies over six months: Afinidata, Avyantra, Cireha, Ideasis, OS City, StaTwig, Somleng and Utopic.

All investees have previously received up to \$100,000 from UNICEF's Innovation Fund and are now receiving cryptocurrency to continue the development of their open-source and digital public goods. Within the scope of their technology, several investees are working to mitigate the hardships of COVID-19 on children and youth around the world. They are collaborating with national governments and local partners to send vital messages on COVID-19, track the effectiveness of rice delivery to vulnerable communities, improve children's literacy through remote learning, treat pandemic and isolation-related anxieties, and other vital solutions.

"We are seeing the digital world come at us more quickly than we could have imagined – and UNICEF must be able to use all of the tools of this new world to help children today and tomorrow," says Chris Fabian, Senior Adviser, co-Lead, UNICEF Ventures. "The transfer of these funds – to eight companies in seven countries around the world – took less than 20 minutes and cost us less than \$20. Almost instant global movement of value, fees of less than 0.00009% of the total amount transferred, and real-time transparency for our donors and supporters are the types of tools we are excited about."

[Afinidata](#) (Guatemala) is further developing its AI-based app to provide parents with personalized early childhood educational activities.

[Avyantra](#) (India) is expanding the functionality of its health app which uses data science to support frontline health workers in the early diagnosis of neonatal sepsis.

[Cireha](#) (Argentina) is scaling the reach of its accessible app in three countries to help more children with speech impairments communicate using symbols.

[Ideasis](#) (Turkey) is transitioning its exposure therapy tool from VR to WebVR to address anxieties and phobias from users' homes. They will develop new therapy scenarios to address COVID-19 and isolation-related disorders.

[OS City](#) (Mexico) is issuing blockchain-based government assets, heading towards issuing 1,000 blockchain IDs to allocate children's educational diplomas.

[StaTwig](#) (India) is piloting its blockchain-based app by partnering with the Government of India to track and improve the delivery of rice and support their effort to secure food for millions living in poverty – a need amplified by the onset of COVID-19.

[Somleng](#) (Cambodia) is scaling its low-cost Interactive Voice Response platform by partnering with the Government of Cambodia to send vital information about COVID-19.

[Utopic](#) (Chile) is transitioning its learning game from VR to WebVR and empowering educators to assess, track, and help improve children's reading skills from their homes during COVID-19 containment measures and beyond.

Selected from almost 40 startups that have graduated from the UNICEF Innovation Fund, these eight companies have undergone technical evaluations, quality assessments of their open-source tech

solutions, evidence of impact and more. They join three other grantees that received the Fund's first cryptocurrency investment last year.

Besides funding, investees receive business growth mentorship, product, and technical assistance, open-source and UX and UI development, access to experts and partners, as well as opportunities to showcase their solutions...

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## Featured Journal Content

### Science

19 June 2020 Vol 368, Issue 6497

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

#### Research Articles

#### **Landscape-scale forest loss as a catalyst of population and biodiversity change**

By Gergana N. Daskalova, Isla H. Myers-Smith, Anne D. Bjorkman, Shane A. Blowes, Sarah R. Supp, Anne E. Magurran, Maria Dornelas

Science 19 Jun 2020 : 1341-1347 Restricted Access

*Declines in forest cover amplify both gains and losses in plant and animal population abundance and diversity over time.*

#### *Land-use change and forest biodiversity*

Land-use change by humans, particularly forest loss, is influencing Earth's biodiversity through time. To assess the influence of forest loss on population and biodiversity change, Daskalova et al. integrated data from more than 6000 time series of species' abundance, richness, and composition in ecological assemblages around the world. Forest loss leads to both positive and negative responses of populations and biodiversity, and the temporal lags in population and biodiversity change after forest loss can extend up to half a century. Land-use change precipitates divergent population and biodiversity change. This analysis has consequences for projections of human impact, ongoing conservation, and assessments of biodiversity change.

#### *Abstract*

Global biodiversity assessments have highlighted land-use change as a key driver of biodiversity change. However, there is little empirical evidence of how habitat transformations such as forest loss and gain are reshaping biodiversity over time. We quantified how change in forest cover has influenced temporal shifts in populations and ecological assemblages from 6090 globally distributed time series across six taxonomic groups. We found that local-scale increases and decreases in abundance, species richness, and temporal species replacement (turnover) were intensified by as much as 48% after forest loss. Temporal lags in population- and assemblage-level shifts after forest loss extended up to 50 years and increased with species' generation time. Our findings that forest loss catalyzes population and biodiversity change emphasize the complex biotic consequences of land-use change.

#### *Review*

#### **Climate-driven risks to the climate mitigation potential of forests**

By William R. L. Anderegg, Anna T. Trugman, Grayson Badgley, Christa M. Anderson, Ann Bartuska, Philippe Ciais, Danny Cullenward, Christopher B. Field, Jeremy Freeman, Scott J. Goetz, Jeffrey A. Hicke, Deborah Huntzinger, Robert B. Jackson, John Nickerson, Stephen Pacala, James T. Randerson  
Science 19 Jun 2020

### *Risks to mitigation potential of forests*

Much recent attention has focused on the potential of trees and forests to mitigate ongoing climate change by acting as sinks for carbon. Anderegg et al. review the growing evidence that forests' climate mitigation potential is increasingly at risk from a range of adversities that limit forest growth and health. These include physical factors such as drought and fire and biotic factors, including the depredations of insect herbivores and fungal pathogens. Full assessment and quantification of these risks, which themselves are influenced by climate, is key to achieving science-based policy outcomes for effective land and forest management.

### *Structured Abstract*

#### BACKGROUND

Forests have considerable potential to help mitigate human-caused climate change and provide society with a broad range of cobenefits. Local, national, and international efforts have developed policies and economic incentives to protect and enhance forest carbon sinks—ranging from the Bonn Challenge to restore deforested areas to the development of forest carbon offset projects around the world. However, these policies do not always account for important ecological and climate-related risks and limits to forest stability (i.e., permanence). Widespread climate-induced forest die-off has been observed in forests globally and creates a dangerous carbon cycle feedback, both by releasing large amounts of carbon stored in forest ecosystems to the atmosphere and by reducing the size of the future forest carbon sink. Climate-driven risks may fundamentally compromise forest carbon stocks and sinks in the 21st century. Understanding and quantifying climate-driven risks to forest stability are crucial components needed to forecast the integrity of forest carbon sinks and the extent to which they can contribute toward the Paris Agreement goal to limit warming well below 2°C. Thus, rigorous scientific assessment of the risks and limitations to widespread deployment of forests as natural climate solutions is urgently needed...

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### **Featured Journal Content**

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

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

#### *Research Article*

#### **Lower socioeconomic status and the acceleration of aging: An outcome-wide analysis**

Andrew Steptoe and Paola Zaninotto

PNAS first published June 15, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1915741117>

#### *Significance*

Lower socioeconomic status (SES) is a determinant of many of the health problems that emerge at older ages. The extent to which lower SES is associated with faster decline in age-related functions and phenotypes independently of health conditions is less clear. This study demonstrates that lower SES (defined by wealth) is related to accelerated decline over 6 to 8 y in 16 outcomes from physical, sensory, physiological, cognitive, emotional, and social domains, independently of diagnosed health conditions, self-rated health, education, and other factors. It provides evidence for the pervasive role of social circumstances on core aging processes and suggests that less affluent sectors of society age more rapidly than more privileged groups.

#### *Abstract*

Aging involves decline in a range of functional abilities and phenotypes, many of which are also associated with socioeconomic status (SES). Here we assessed whether lower SES is a determinant of

the rate of decline over 8 y in six domains—physical capability, sensory function, physiological function, cognitive performance, emotional well-being, and social function—in a sample of 5,018 men and women aged 64.44 (SD 8.49) y on average at baseline. Wealth was used as the marker of SES, and all analyses controlled for age, gender, ethnicity, educational attainment, and long-term health conditions. Lower SES was associated with greater adverse changes in physical capability (grip strength, gait speed, and physical activity), sensory function (sight impairment), physiological function (plasma fibrinogen concentration and lung function), cognitive performance (memory, executive function, and processing speed), emotional well-being (enjoyment of life and depressive symptoms), and social function (organizational membership, number of close friends, volunteering, and cultural engagement). Effects were maintained when controlling statistically for other factors such as smoking, marital/partnership status, and self-rated health and were also present when analyses were limited to participants aged  $\leq 75$  y. We conclude that lower SES is related to accelerated aging across a broad range of functional abilities and phenotypes independently of the presence of health conditions and that social circumstances impinge on multiple aspects of aging.

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## Featured Journal Content

### PLoS Medicine

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

*Research Article*

#### **The potential impact of COVID-19 in refugee camps in Bangladesh and beyond: A modeling study**

Shaun Truelove, Orit Abraham, Chiara Altare, Stephen A. Lauer, Krya H. Grantz, Andrew S. Azman, Paul Spiegel

| published 16 Jun 2020 PLOS Medicine

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1003144>

#### *Abstract*

##### Background

COVID-19 could have even more dire consequences in refugees camps than in general populations. Bangladesh has confirmed COVID-19 cases and hosts almost 1 million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, with 600,000 concentrated in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site (mean age, 21 years; standard deviation [SD], 18 years; 52% female). Projections of the potential COVID-19 burden, epidemic speed, and healthcare needs in such settings are critical for preparedness planning.

##### Methods and findings

To explore the potential impact of the introduction of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site, we used a stochastic Susceptible Exposed Infectious Recovered (SEIR) transmission model with parameters derived from emerging literature and age as the primary determinant of infection severity. We considered three scenarios with different assumptions about the transmission potential of SARS-CoV-2. From the simulated infections, we estimated hospitalizations, deaths, and healthcare needs expected, age-adjusted for the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site age distribution. Our findings suggest that a large-scale outbreak is likely after a single introduction of the virus into the camp, with 61%–92% of simulations leading to at least 1,000 people infected across scenarios. On average, in the first 30 days of the outbreak, we expect 18 (95% prediction interval [PI], 2–65), 54 (95% PI, 3–223), and 370 (95% PI, 4–1,850) people infected in the

low, moderate, and high transmission scenarios, respectively. These reach 421,500 (95% PI, 376,300–463,500), 546,800 (95% PI, 499,300–567,000), and 589,800 (95% PI, 578,800–595,600) people infected in 12 months, respectively. Hospitalization needs exceeded the existing hospitalization capacity of 340 beds after 55–136 days, between the low and high transmission scenarios. We estimate 2,040 (95% PI, 1,660–2,500), 2,650 (95% PI, 2,030–3,380), and 2,880 (95% PI, 2,090–3,830) deaths in the low, moderate, and high transmission scenarios, respectively. Due to limited data at the time of analyses, we assumed that age was the primary determinant of infection severity and hospitalization. We expect that comorbidities, limited hospitalization, and intensive care capacity may increase this risk; thus, we may be underestimating the potential burden.

## **Conclusions**

**Our findings suggest that a COVID-19 epidemic in a refugee settlement may have profound consequences, requiring large increases in healthcare capacity and infrastructure that may exceed what is currently feasible in these settings.** Detailed and realistic planning for the worst case in Kutupalong-Balukhali and all refugee camps worldwide must begin now. Plans should consider novel and radical strategies to reduce infectious contacts and fill health worker gaps while recognizing that refugees may not have access to national health systems.

### *Author summary*

#### *Why was this study done?*

- :: Forcibly displaced populations, especially those who reside in settlements with high density, poor access to water and sanitation, and limited health services, are especially vulnerable to COVID-19.
- :: Bangladesh, which has confirmed COVID-19 cases, hosts almost 900,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar in the Cox's Bazar district, approximately 600,000 of whom are concentrated in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site.
- :: The capacity to meet the existing health needs of this population is limited; an outbreak of COVID-19 within this population threatens to severely disrupt an already fragile situation.
- :: We conducted this study to estimate the number of people infected, hospitalizations, and deaths that might occur in the Kutupalong-Balukhali Expansion Site to inform ongoing preparedness and response activities by the Bangladesh government, the United Nations agencies, and other national and international actors.

#### *What did the researchers do and find?*

- :: Using a dynamic model of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) transmission, we simulated how a COVID-19 outbreak could spread within the expansion site according to three possible transmission scenarios (high, moderate, and low).
- :: Our results suggest that a large-scale outbreak is very likely in this setting after a single infectious person enters the camp, with 0.5%–91% of the population expected to be infected within the first three months and over 70%–98% during the first year, depending on the transmission scenario, should no effective interventions be put into place.
- :: Hospitalization needs may exceed the existing hospitalization capacity of 340 beds 55–136 days after introduction.

#### *What do these findings mean?*

- :: A COVID-19 epidemic in a high–population density refugee settlement may have profound consequences, requiring increases in healthcare capacity and infrastructure that exceed what is feasible in this setting.
- :: As many of the approaches used to prevent and respond to COVID-19 in the most affected areas so far will not be practical in humanitarian settings, novel and untested strategies to protect the most vulnerable population groups should be considered, as well as innovative solutions to fill health workforce gaps.



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## Featured Journal Content

### The Lancet

Jun 20, 2020 Volume 395 Number 10241 p1883-1948, e107-e111

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

*Editorial*

### Global governance for COVID-19 vaccines

The Lancet

The COVID-19 pandemic has uncovered serious gaps in the health-care systems of many nations. In particular, it exposes a fragmented global governance system that does not have the structures to coordinate the pooling and sharing of resources needed to combat pandemics. Since the early days of the pandemic, medical protectionism has emerged as nations scrambled for their own stocks of personal protective equipment and ventilators. COVID-19 vaccines could be the next example. Already there is a danger of a vaccine bidding war, with governments competing for a limited number of doses, well before a vaccine even reaches the market.

Enormous amounts of public money and resources poured into vaccine research and development have resulted in more than 150 COVID-19 vaccine candidates, ten of which are now in clinical trials. The most advanced candidate is AZD1222, first developed by researchers at the University of Oxford with public and philanthropic funds from CEPI and subsequently licensed to AstraZeneca. Last month, the UK Government boosted its national vaccine programme with £65·5 million towards AZD1222. In return, 30 million doses will be reserved for people in the UK by September, as part of an agreement to deliver 100 million doses in total. The US Government too set aside US\$1·2 billion to secure 300 million doses of the same vaccine for use in the USA as part of the national programme Operation Warp Speed to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 medical countermeasures. But neither a nationalist nor a free-market-driven approach will lead to equal access to vaccines.

In June, France, Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands formed the Inclusive Vaccine Alliance to persuade pharmaceutical companies to make COVID-19 vaccines accessible and affordable to EU member states. A portion of vaccines will be made available to low-income countries, including in Africa; yet how big this portion will be, which countries will benefit from it, and who will make these decisions are less clear. Many middle-income countries might be left out.

Political leaders, including Emmanuel Macron, Angela Merkel, and Xi Jinping, have rightly called for COVID-19 vaccines to be a global public good—a people's vaccine, available to all. At the Global Vaccine Summit on June 4, world leaders including those from the UK, Germany, and Canada, together with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, pledged \$750 million to AstraZeneca for 300 million doses of AZD1222 on a no-profit basis, as part of the Gavi Covax Advance Market Commitment. The Serum Institute of India will also produce up to 1 billion doses for low-income and middle-income countries. Covax's initial aim is to raise \$2 billion to accelerate the manufacture of a COVID-19 vaccine on a huge scale and to distribute it according to need, rather than ability to pay.

This commitment is commendable. It delivers a powerful message to governments and vaccine developers that if legally binding, solid measures are put in place, and money pledged, vaccines can be



made available and affordable universally. However, many big questions remain. Have the funders agreed to equitable access? How will the vaccines be priced? Will governments commit to sharing vaccines according to fair allocation rules being developed by WHO? Can technology be transferred royalty-free to multiple manufacturers? "The question of who will get priority access to vaccines is core to the global public interest, we need to get the governance of these decisions right, otherwise there will be tremendous resentment and unnecessary deaths, not to mention decreased capacity to get this pandemic under control", Suerie Moon, co-director of the Global Health Centre at The Graduate Institute (Geneva, Switzerland), told The Lancet. Transparency in such decisions is fundamental.

There is a urgent need for new arrangements at the global level to facilitate the development, finance, production, and equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. Controlling the pandemic demands global cooperation. The nationalist and competitive approaches taken by a few high-income countries to get hold of a small supply of vaccines could result in excessive casualties in other parts of the world. Global solidarity is needed instead, and resources must be pooled and shared. Gavi Covax is a step in the right direction.

It is imperative that more governments and pharmaceutical companies agree to shoulder the costs of vaccine research and manufacturing, and to share data and technologies. They need to commit to WHO allocation guidelines and cooperate globally to distribute vaccines fairly to those at greatest risk. A pandemic vaccine needs strong global governance behind it.

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## EMERGENCIES

### Coronavirus [COVID-19]

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

*The Guardian*, Sat 20 Jun 2020 08.42 EDT Last modified on Sat 20 Jun 2020 16.18

*Coronavirus outbreak*

#### ['The pandemic is accelerating': WHO warns of dangerous coronavirus phase – video](#)

The World Health Organization has announced the coronavirus pandemic is accelerating and more than 150,000 cases of Covid-19 were reported in one day on Thursday, the highest single-day number so far.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the WHO director general, told reporters in Geneva refugees were particularly at risk from the pandemic and that nearly half of the newly reported cases were in the Americas, with significant numbers from South Asia and the Middle East.

[Video: 02:03]

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### WHO - [Situation report - 152](#)

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) 20 June 2020

**Confirmed cases :: 8 525 042**

**Confirmed deaths :: 456 973**

**Countries, areas or territories with cases :: 216**

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## **Emergencies**

### **Ebola – DRC+**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

#### **Ebola Outbreak in DRC 97: 16 June 2020**

*[Excerpts]*

##### ***Situation Update***

In Ituri, North Kivu and South Kivu provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, no new confirmed cases of EVD have been reported since 27 April 2020.

From 8 to 14 June 2020, an average of 2975 alerts were reported and investigated each day. Of these, an average of 274 alerts were validated as suspected cases each day, requiring specialized care and laboratory testing to rule out EVD. In the past week, there have been a stable number of daily alerts reported throughout active sub-coordinations. Timely testing of suspected cases continues to be provided from eight laboratories. From 8 to 14 June 2020, 3219 samples were tested, including 2513 blood samples from alive, suspected cases; 324 swabs from community deaths; and 382 from re-tested patients. None of them tested positive. The number of samples tested by the laboratories increased by 3% compared to the previous week...

##### ***Conclusions***

Investigations into the origin of the last cluster of cases in Beni Health Zone are ongoing in collaboration with the Institut National de Recherche Biomédicale. There are challenges in EVD response activities due to limited resources given the other local and global emergencies. Maintaining a robust surveillance system in order to detect, isolate, test and treat new suspected cases as early as possible remains crucial. Continued coordination, communication among partners, authorities and communities along with EVD survivor advocacy are also essential.

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## **Emergencies**

### **POLIO**

*Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)*

#### **Polio this week as of 16 June 2020**

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

**:: Afghanistan:** four WPV1 cases, two WPV1 and three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

**:: Pakistan:** one WPV1 case, 18 WPV1 positive environmental samples and two cVDPV2 cases

**:: Côte d'Ivoire:** three cVDPV2 cases and two cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

**:: Somalia:** four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

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## **WHO Grade 3 Emergencies** [to 20 June 2020]

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 97: 16 June 2020

*[See Ebola above for detail]*

### **Syrian Arab Republic**

WHO airlifts over 80 tons of emergency medical supplies from Iraq to meet increasing health needs in northeast Syria

14 June 2020 – The World Health Organization (WHO) has dispatched more than 80 tons of urgently needed emergency medical supplies to support the health system in northeast Syria. The 3-cargo consignment was airlifted from Erbil in the Kurdistan region of Iraq to Damascus from 10 to 12 June...

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

Somalia - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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## **WHO Grade 2 Emergencies** [to 20 June 2020]

### **Iraq**

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Angola - *No new digest announcements identified*

Afghanistan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burkina Faso [in French] - *No new digest announcements identified*

Burundi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Cameroon - *No new digest announcements identified*

Central African Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ethiopia - *No new digest announcements identified*

Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*

Malawi - *No new digest announcements identified*

Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*

MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*

Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*

Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*

occupied Palestinian territory - *No new digest announcements identified*

Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Ukraine - *No new digest announcements identified*

Zimbabwe - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### **WHO Grade 1 Emergencies** [to 20 June 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*

Djibouti - *Page not responding at inquiry*

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. 06 - 19 June 2020

#### **Yemen**

:: 18 June 2020 Yemen: COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Monthly Report (May 2020)

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### **UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies**

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

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

EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DRC - *No new digest announcements identified*

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### **:: Agency/Government/IGO Watch**

*We will monitor a growing number of relevant agency, government and IGO organizations for key media releases, announcements, research, and initiatives. Generally, we will focus on regional or global level content recognizing limitation of space, meaning country-specific coverage is limited. Please suggest additional organizations to monitor.*

### **United Nations – Secretary General, Security Council, General Assembly**

[to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements*

19 June 2020

SG/SM/20133

**'New Normal' of Post-Pandemic Working World Should Focus on Employee Safeguards, Decent Jobs, Financial Relief for Lost Income, Secretary-General Stresses**

18 June 2020

SC/12417

**Resolving Forced Displacement at Heart of Security Council's Mandate to Maintain International Peace, Says High Commissioner for Refugees**

18 June 2020

SG/SM/20130

**Refugees, Displaced People Must Be Central to COVID-19 Policy Response, Recovery Efforts, Secretary-General Says in Observance Message**

16 June 2020

SC/14215

**World Turning 'a Blind Eye' to Syria's Thousands of Detained Innocent Women, Children, Human Rights Activist Tells Security Council**

15 June 2020

SG/SM/20127

**Secretary-General, in Family Remittances Day Message, Urges Governments to Cut Transfer Costs, Financially Support Migrants, as COVID-19 Crisis Dampens Flow of Funds**

**UN OHCHR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Top News*

**China/Hong Kong SAR: Security law must meet human rights obligations, says Bachelet**

**UN experts decry US rhetoric on designation of terrorist groups**

**Croatia: Police brutality in migrant pushback operations must be investigated and sanctioned – UN Special Rapporteurs**

**Philippines: UN expert decries conviction of journalists, urges reversal**

**Israeli annexation of parts of the Palestinian West Bank would break international law – UN experts call on the international community to ensure accountability**

**United Nations Human Rights Council** [to 20 June 2020]

[https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR\\_COUNCIL](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?NTID=PRS&MID=HR_COUNCIL)

*Council News*

**Human Rights Council concludes high-level interactive dialogue on the human rights situation in the Central African Republic**

19/06/2020

**Human Rights Council adopts 14 resolutions, including on excessive use of force by law enforcement officers against Africans and people of African descent**

19/06/2020

**Human Rights Council holds interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in Libya**

18/06/2020

**Human Rights Council concludes urgent debate on current racially inspired human rights violations, systemic racism, police brutality and violence against peaceful protests**

18/06/2020

**Human Rights Council holds an urgent debate on current racially inspired human rights violations, systemic racism, police brutality and violence against peaceful protests**

17/06/2020

**Human Rights Council holds enhanced interactive dialogue on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Begins Interactive Dialogue on the Human Rights Situation in Mali**

17/06/2020

**Human Rights Council concludes general debate on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

16/06/2020

**Human Rights Council holds debate on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action and starts debate on racism and racial discrimination**

16/06/2020

**Human Rights Council begins General Debate on the Human Rights Situation in Palestine and other Occupied Arab Territories**

15/06/2020

**Human Rights Council resumes its forty-third session and holds a general debate on Human Rights Bodies and Mechanisms**

15/06/2020

**Committee on the Rights of the Child** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**Israeli annexation of parts of the Palestinian West Bank would break international law – UN experts call on the international community to ensure accountability**

16 June 2020

**SRSG/CAAC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Between Despair and Hope for Millions of Children in Armed Conflict, Imperative to Actively Implement Ceasefires & Peace Processes**

Monday, 15 June 2020

Secretary-General Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict Covering the [...]

**UN Action Joins the Call of the Secretary-General for a Global Ceasefire**

Monday, 15 June 2020

JOINT STATEMENT UN ACTION JOINS THE CALL OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL [...]

**SRSG/SVC** Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

19 June, 2020

**Statement of SRSG-SVC Pramila Patten – Official commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, 19 June 2020**

18 June, 2020

**Joint Statement by EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell and UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict, Pramila Patten on the Occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict**

**Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

**Israeli annexation of parts of the Palestinian West Bank would break international law – UN experts call on the international community to ensure accountability**

16 June 2020

**Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Israeli annexation of parts of the Palestinian West Bank would break international law – UN experts call on the international community to ensure accountability**

16 June 2020

**Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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16 June 2020

**Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants**

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

*Latest News*

**Croatia: Police brutality in migrant pushback operations must be investigated and sanctioned – UN Special Rapporteurs**

19 June 2020

**UN OCHA** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

19 June 2020

**Third humanitarian aid shipment arrives in Venezuela to continue the fight against Coronavirus and to save lives**

16 June 2020

**Attack kills at least a dozen civilians, including children, in Sa'ada Governorate**

16 June 2020

**Urgent funding needed to address the COVID-19 outbreak and humanitarian needs of 7.4 million people in South Sudan**

15 June 2020

**Nigeria Humanitarian Fund announces record \$22.4 million funding for life-saving activities and COVID-19 response**

14 June 2020

**Nigeria: UN Appalled by Attack Hitting Civilians and Humanitarian Facility in Monguno**

**Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**UNICEF** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press releases/Announcements*

*Press release*

**UNICEF Cryptocurrency Fund announces its largest investment of startups in developing and emerging economies**

Among the awardees are companies expanding work to use their technologies to mitigate the hardships of COVID-19 on children and youth

*Press release*

18/06/2020

**UNICEF airlifts COVID-19 testing kits to Yemen to boost response as cases soar**

*Press release*

17/06/2020

**Countries failing to prevent violence against children, agencies warn**

Global status report on preventing violence against children calls for more government action and warns of 'dramatic impact' of COVID-19

*Press release*

16/06/2020

**Universal child benefits critical in reducing poverty, new ODI and UNICEF report finds**

As the economic fallout of COVID-19 deepens, investment in social protection systems key to protecting families from catastrophic levels of deprivation and financial hardship

*Press release*

16/06/2020

**Pneumonia vaccine price drops dramatically for lower-income countries thanks to the Gavi pneumococcal Advance Market Commitment**

New supply agreement between UNICEF and Serum Institute of India (SII) makes pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) available at US\$2.00 per dose, a 43 per cent reduction from the Gavi price at the start of the Advance Market Commitment

**UNHCR** Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

**2020 World Refugee Day Statement by UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi  
Everyone Can Make a Difference. Every Action Counts.**

19 Jun 2020

**1 per cent of humanity displaced: UNHCR Global Trends report**

18 Jun 2020

**Joint Statement: UN refugee chief Grandi and IOM's Vitorino announce resumption of resettlement travel for refugees**

18 Jun 2020

**Syrian refugees profoundly hit by COVID-19 economic downturn**

16 Jun 2020

**UNHCR, WFP join forces to reach thousands of refugees and asylum-seekers in Libya with emergency food aid**

16 Jun 2020

**Latin American musicians Danny Ocean, Gian Marco join forces in World Refugee Day concert**

16 Jun 2020

**UNHCR and Twitter launch 2020 World Refugee Day emoji created by Ivorian artist O'Plérou**

15 Jun 2020

**UNHCR appeals for US\$186 million for refugee and displacement crisis in Sahel**

12 Jun 2020

**UNHCR calls on Greece to investigate pushbacks at sea and land borders with Turkey**

12 Jun 2020

**IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 20 June 2020]**

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

*Selected Announcements*

**USAID Donates USD 4.5 Million to Fight COVID-19 in Conflict-affected South Sudan**

2020-06-19 13:04

Juba – The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) this week donated USD 4.5 million to help tens of thousands of people in South Sudan at risk of contracting COVID-19.

**IOM Launches USD 54 Million Appeal to Help Vulnerable Migrants, Mobile Populations in West and Central Africa**

2020-06-19 12:55

Dakar – This week (17 June), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in West and Central Africa called on its partners and the donor community to support its USD 54,158,500 ...

**IOM Assists Thousands of Migrants Stranded in Djibouti due to COVID-19**

2020-06-19 12:43

Djibouti – More than 1,200 young migrants are stranded in Djibouti due to COVID-19 border closures and movement restrictions. The migrants, mainly Ethiopians, were in transit to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries seeking work.

**Joint Statement: IOM Director General António Vitorino and UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi Announce Resumption of Resettlement Travel for Refugees**

2020-06-18 16:40

Geneva - The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, announced today the resumption of resettlement departures for refugees.

### **Migration Flows Across West and Central Africa Nearly Halved by COVID-19; Mobile Populations Economically Impacted**

2020-06-16 13:00

Dakar – Data collected at 35 key transit points across West and Central Africa by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) indicate regional migration has dropped by nearly 50 per cent during the first half of 2020 (compared with 2019) due to government travel...

### **International Day of Family Remittances: The global pandemic highlights the crucial role of remittances for migrant families.**

2020-06-16 08:50

Geneva – COVID-19 and its impacts have had far-reaching consequences and exacerbated inequalities. For the 800 million people reliant on migrant family members sending money home – money that many can no longer receive – COVID-19 is more than a deadly virus; it constitutes a...

**UNAIDS** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Reports/Statements*

19 June 2020

#### **UNAIDS helps response to food insecurity during COVID-19 outbreak in Angola**

18 June 2020

#### **Local skills and knowledge help Senegalese community-led organizations deliver**

17 June 2020

#### **Remembering human rights activist Yves Yomb**

16 June 2020

#### **Online games fighting HIV stigma and discrimination in the Islamic Republic of Iran**

15 June 2020

#### **UNAIDS highlights six critical actions to put gender equality at the centre of COVID-19 responses**

15 June 2020

#### **New online resource for mental health services for key populations in Kazakhstan**

**Unitaid** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://unitaid.org/>

*Featured News*

19 June 2020

#### **Unitaid commits further \$35 million for COVID-19 response**

Geneva – New funding of up to US\$ 35 million has been approved by Unitaid's Executive Board to support the organisation's role in the 'test, treat and prevent' response to COVID-19.

This key decision was taken at the Board's meeting of 17-18 June 2020, and recognising Unitaid's role in the 'Access to COVID-19 Tools' (ACT) Accelerator partnership for development and availability of

vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics for COVID-19. This comes on top of US\$ 30 million already agreed in March 2020 as part of the COVID-19 response.

This decision comes in the context of the additional funding needs for the ACT-Accelerator work. Unitaaid has identified a total of US\$265 million for its proposed work in the therapeutics, diagnostics and access areas.

The Board's action on a second tranche of funding will allow Unitaaid to move fast to support needs identified by the ACT-Accelerator, in key areas like research and development of promising therapies, development and scale-up of rapid diagnostic tests adapted for low- and middle-income countries, as well as ensuring affordability and supporting health systems...

### **WHO & Regional Offices** [to 20 June 2020]

18 June 2020 *News release*

#### **Countries failing to prevent violence against children, agencies warn**

Global status report on preventing violence against children calls for more government action and warns of 'dramatic impact' of COVID-19

18 June 2020 *News release*

#### **Luxembourg and WHO sign new Memorandum of Understanding, committing flexible funding to support WHO Triple billion targets**

16 June 2020 *News release*

#### **WHO welcomes preliminary results about dexamethasone use in treating critically ill COVID-19 patients**

The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomes the initial clinical trial results from the United Kingdom (UK) that show dexamethasone, a corticosteroid, can be lifesaving for patients who are critically ill with COVID-19. For patients on ventilators, the treatment was shown to reduce mortality by about one third, and for patients requiring only oxygen, mortality was cut by about one fifth, according to preliminary findings shared with WHO.

The benefit was only seen in patients seriously ill with COVID-19, and was not observed in patients with milder disease...

13 June 2020 *News release*

#### **A cluster of COVID-19 in Beijing, People's Republic of China**

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#### **Weekly Epidemiological Record, 19 June 2020, vol. 95, 25 (pp. 265–280)**

Global leishmaniasis surveillance, 2017–2018, and first report on 5 additional indicators

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### **WHO Regional Offices**

*Selected Press Releases, Announcements*

#### **WHO African Region AFRO**

:: Africa's wild polio-free status to be determined in August 9 June 2020

:: WHO concerned over COVID-19 impact on women, girls in Africa 18 June 2020

Humanitarian crises, including health emergencies affect men and women differently. As COVID-19 continues to spread in Africa, there are concerns over its impact on women and girls, with vulnerabilities feared to worsen as the pandemic overwhelms health systems.

#### **WHO Region of the Americas PAHO**

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO**

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#### **WHO European Region EURO**

- :: [Tapping into WHO expertise allows Uzbekistan to increase COVID-19 testing](#) 19-06-2020
- :: [Expert networks scale up COVID-19 testing, tracing and treating in Tajikistan](#) 19-06-2020
- :: [Stories of hope as refugees help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic](#) 19-06-2020
- :: [Refugee nurse Ahmed Ahmed: working together to prevent COVID-19 infections in Turkey](#) 19-06-2020
- :: [COVID-19: Preparing for the autumn is a priority for WHO/Europe](#) 18-06-2020

#### **WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO**

- :: [UN and partners launch guidelines to address the needs of most vulnerable groups during COVID-19](#)  
Cairo, 15 June 2020 - Vulnerable groups, particularly women, displaced people, migrants, older persons and people with disabilities, may experience the most harmful impacts of COVID-19. This is due to many factors including discrimination and stigma, their exclusion from effective surveillance and early-warning systems as well as their limited access to primary healthcare services. Their particular needs must be...

#### **WHO Western Pacific Region**

*No new digest content identified.*

#### **World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

19/06/20

#### **Maintaining efforts to fight animal diseases in times of COVID-19**

As the world faces the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, the OIE calls countries to continue to implement prevention and control measures for animal diseases. Sustaining veterinary activities is essential to avoid the detrimental impacts of animal diseases, which could exacerbate the current sanitary and socio-economic crises. The main conclusions of the OIE report on the global animal health situation are presented

[Report on the current animal health situation worldwide: analysis of events and trends](#)

18/06/20

#### **Overview of the activities of the OIE Specialist Commissions**

16/06/20

#### **New official disease status and control programmes recognised by the OIE**

**UNFPA** United Nations Population Fund [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNDP** United Nations Development Programme [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases/Announcements*

**World Refugee Day 2020: Every Action Counts**

COVID-19 has exposed the full extent of human vulnerability. Recent UNDP estimates show that the Human Development Index – a combined measure of the world's education, health, and living standards –...

Posted on June 20, 2020

**In Pakistan, pandemic could push millions more into poverty**

Spiking COVID-19 rates risk overwhelming Pakistan's health system, slashing growth, derailing recovery, and pushing the country's most vulnerable further into poverty, a new UN impact assessment,...

Posted on June 18, 2020

**UNDP launches standards for bond issuers and private equity funds seeking SDG impact**

These Standards are the latest contribution of market-focused tools from SDG Impact, a flagship initiative of UNDP's Finance Sector Hub, focused on accelerating investment to achieve the SDGs. The...

Posted on June 16, 2020

**UN Division for Sustainable Development** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division** [to 20 June 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 20 June 2020]

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

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16 Jun 2020 *Press release*

**We need a total fossil fuel lockdown for a climate revolution**



Paris/Nairobi, 16 June 2020 - Growth in renewable power has been impressive over the past five years. But too little is happening in heating, cooling and transport. Overall, global hunger for energy keeps...

**UNDRR** UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Updates*

*Statements and messages*

17 June 2020

### **Governance failure at heart of global crises**

*Op Eds*

15 June 2020

### **From COVID-19 crisis comes opportunity to rethink risk**

The health crisis stress-tests our ability to cooperate, learn and adapt in the face of deep uncertainties and rising risks. The new coronavirus, COVID-19, was declared a “public health emergency of international concern” by the World Health Organization

**UN DESA** United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

### **COVID-19 crisis exposes need to govern migration in a more humane and effective way**

18 June 2020, New York

Migrants and migration can be part of the solution in a post-COVID society, but for that to happen, inclusion must be a top priority.

In an online webinar chaired by the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) António Vitorino, members of the [UN Network on Migration](#) discussed the repercussions of the pandemic for people on the move as COVID-19 response and recovery measures are drawn up and implemented...

### **UN celebrates innovative public service delivery as pandemic heightens importance of work of the public sector**

16 June 2020, New York

Seven public institutions from Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Mexico, Portugal, Republic of Korea, and Spain receive prestigious UN Public Service Awards

**UNESCO** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

### **UNESCO to convenes experts on combatting illicit trafficking of cultural property during COVID-19 – illegal excavations and online trade**

19/06/2020

### **Taking stock, moving forward – 50 years of combatting illicit trafficking of cultural property**

19/06/2020

**New UN report shows countries failing to protect children against violence**

18/06/2020

**International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UNODC** United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 20 June 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 20 June 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

*News and Stories*

**Over 600 participants take part in virtual launch of the COVID-19 in African Cities Report**

Thursday 18 June, 2020

**Statement by UN-Habitat on racism and discrimination**

Wednesday 17 June, 2020

**FAO** Food & Agriculture Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ILO** International Labour Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace*

**COVID-19 causes unprecedented jobs crisis, almost all workers and businesses affected by lockdown measures**

19 June 2020

UN Secretary-General calls for immediate support for at-risk workers, enterprises, jobs and incomes in new Policy Brief on the World of Work and COVID-19, prepared with the ILO.

*Blog*

**COVID-19 shows why domestic workers need same rights and protection as others**

16 June 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the livelihoods of domestic workers.

*COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace*

**Livelihoods of more than 55 million domestic workers at risk due to COVID-19**

16 June 2020

On the ninth anniversary of the adoption of the Domestic Workers Convention, new ILO estimates reveal the risks facing domestic workers due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**ICAO** International Civil Aviation Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IMO** International Maritime Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest Press Briefings*

*No new digest content identified.*

**WMO** World Meteorological Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

**UPU** Universal Postal Union [to 20 June 2020]

[http://news.upu.int/no\\_cache/news/](http://news.upu.int/no_cache/news/)

*News*

**Remittances: A lifeline that must not be severed**

16.06.2020 –

Globally hundreds of millions of people rely on the money sent home by migrants working abroad. Many of these families live in rural areas where poverty and hunger exist and their reliance on the money sent home is total.

**UNIDO** United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Organization for Standardization (ISO)** [to 20 June 2020]

[https://www.iso.org/news\\_archive/x/](https://www.iso.org/news_archive/x/)

*News*

By Elizabeth Gasiorowski-Denis on 18 June 2020

**Meet your energy challenges with the new and improved ISO 50004**

In today's economy, controlling costs and maintaining competitiveness are paramount, and companies are going back to basics. Businesses are leveraging their energy management systems as one of the most cost-effective ways to reduce operating expenses and help control costs.

By Barnaby Lewis on 15 June 2020

**[Standards to help tourism recover post COVID-19](#)**

The ISO member for Spain, UNE, has developed national guidance to reinvigorate one of its most important sectors after an extended lockdown.

**UNWTO** World Tourism Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*All Regions COVID-19*

**[As Tourism Restarts, UNWTO Notes "Strong and Rapid" Governments' Response to COVID-Challenge](#)**

19 Jun 2020

*All Regions Statements COVID-19*

**[Allied for Action: Tourism's Restart Brings Hope for Millions](#)**

16 Jun 2020

**WIPO** World Intellectual Property Organization [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**CBD** Convention on Biological Diversity [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Announcements*

18.06.2020 // 2020-042 **[Call for Proposals under the Bio-Bridge Initiative](#)**

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**USAID** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**[Statement from USAID Acting Administrator John Barsa on the Awarding of the Truman-Reagan Medal of Freedom Award to Cuban Activist José Daniel Ferrer](#)**

June 18, 2020

Statement

José Daniel Ferrer's reception of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation's prestigious Truman-Reagan Medal of Freedom award is well-deserved. On behalf of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), I offer him sincere congratulations.

**[USAID Provides Humanitarian Assistance for People Affected by Tropical Storm Amanda in El Salvador](#)**

June 18, 2020

Press Release

The United States is providing additional humanitarian support in the Republic of El Salvador in response to Tropical Storm Amanda, which brought historic rainfall to the country at rates that exceeded four inches per hour. The rainfall, flooding, and landslides from Tropical Storm Amanda affected approximately 150,000 people.

### **USAID Announces New Investments to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence in Environmental Programs**

June 17, 2020

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) recently announced the selection of five winners of the Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable Environments (RISE) Challenge. All five activities are designed to address gender-based violence (GBV) in environmental programs and generate evidence on promising interventions. The winners will receive a total of \$1.2 million in grants from USAID to implement and test solutions in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Republics of Colombia, Fiji, and Uganda.

**DFID** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

### **UK calls for drastic action in Yemen as coronavirus infections reach one million**

UK Minister for the Middle East expresses deep concern at rapidly rising number of coronavirus infections in Yemen amid ongoing conflict and humanitarian crisis.

Updated: 18 June 2020

### **Prime Minister announces merger of Department for International Development and Foreign Office**

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces merger of Department for International Development and Foreign Office.

Updated: 17 June 2020

### **Prime Minister's statement to the House of Commons: 16 June 2020**

Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a statement on Global Britain.

Updated: 16 June 2020

**ECHO** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

### **Coronavirus: EU Medical Team deployed to Armenia**

19/06/2020

A team of medical experts from Lithuania is on their way to Armenia, mobilised via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. The team consists of volunteers and members of the Lithuanian coronavirus crisis management team who will work alongside their...

### **Coronavirus: EU funding for the transport of essential goods, medical teams and patients**

18/06/2020

European Union countries can now apply for additional funding via the Emergency Support Instrument worth €220 million to transport essential goods, medical teams and patients affected by the coronavirus. This comes in addition to support already...

### **Coronavirus global response: EU Humanitarian Air Bridge and further support to Afghanistan**

15/06/2020

As part of the EU's global coronavirus response, an EU Humanitarian Air Bridge flight will depart on 15 June from Maastricht, Netherlands to Kabul, Afghanistan. The flight will deliver 100 tonnes of life-saving materials to supply EU-funded...

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**African Union** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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

### **Statement: the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence**

June 19, 2020

### **African Parliamentarians aim for increased health budgets amid COVID-19 pandemic**

June 18, 2020

### **Birth registration can accelerate children's access to justice; No Name Campaign**

June 17, 2020

### **Outcome Statement: Day of the African Child 2020**

June 16, 2020

### **Germany helps African countries maintain drought insurance in view of COVID-19**

June 16, 2020

**ASEAN** Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Secretariat News*

### **Launched: ROK project to support ASEAN COVID-19 detection capacity**

JAKARTA, 17 June 2020 – The "Enhancing the Detection Capacity for COVID-19 in ASEAN Countries" project initiated by the Republic of Korea (ROK) was launched yesterday at the ASEAN Secretariat. The US\$5 million initiative aims to bolster diagnosis and contact tracing efforts of ASEAN Member States against COVID-19 through the provision of molecular testing kits and [...]

### **ASEAN Dengue Day in the age of pandemic**

JAKARTA, 15 June 2020 - Dengue is still a global and regional threat causing additional major public health burden for all communities amidst the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Unlike COVID-19, dengue continuously spreads as a mosquito-borne viral disease throughout the Asia Pacific Region. This neglected tropical disease has a wide clinical spectrum which includes [...]

**European Commission** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Statement* 19 June 2020

**World Refugee Day, 20 June 2020: Joint Statement by the European Commission and the High Representative**

This year, World Refugee Day comes at a time when the world is facing a global pandemic that has already cost the lives of thousands of people and is affecting the livelihood of millions more. The struggle is even harder for refugees, internally displaced persons, migrants and stateless persons.

*Press release* 18 June 2020

**Coronavirus: EU supports Central African Republic with €54 million to limit socio-economic risks**

As part of the European Union's response to the COVID-19 crisis in Africa, the European Commission has decided to grant €54 million to the Central African Republic to help the government shore up public expenditure negatively affected by the fight against the virus.

*News* 17 June 2020

**Von der Leyen calls for relentless fight against racism and discrimination**

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen said it was time we talked about racism openly and honestly, and that 'we did more than listen' and 'more than condemn'.

*News* 17 June 2020

**Von der Leyen on European Vaccine Strategy: Making the world safe from the coronavirus**

"Our economies will only pick up full speed, and indeed our lives will only go back to normal, when we have an effective and safe vaccine against this virus", President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen said today.

*Press release* 17 June 2020

**Coronavirus: EU supports with €60 million a regional response to the pandemic in the Horn of Africa**

The EU has today announced a €60 million package to help tackle the health and socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, in support of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in its mandate to coordinate national responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Horn of Africa.

**OECD** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

18-June-2020

**Latin America and the Caribbean countries need to spend more and better on health to be better able to face a major health emergency like COVID-19 effectively**

Health spending in Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) was about USD 1,000 per person in 2017, only ¼ of what was spent in OECD countries (adjusted for purchasing power). At the same time, health systems' capacity is also considerably lower, including the ability to provide access to services of good quality to the most vulnerable groups.



16-June-2020

**OECD to host Secretariat of new Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence**

The OECD will host the Secretariat of the new Global Partnership on AI (GPAI), a coalition launched today that aims at ensuring that Artificial Intelligence is used responsibly, respecting human rights and democratic values. Arrangements for the OECD's role as host will be finalised in the coming days.

**Organization of American States (OAS)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

**Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on World Refugee Day**

June 20, 2020

**OAS Permanent Council and Inter-American Council for Integral Development to Analyze Resilience in the Wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic**

June 15, 2020

**Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Secretary General Commends Member States' Contribution to Hosting Refugees and Stresses the Need to Address Root Causes of Displacement**

On the occasion of the World Refugee Day, marked every year on June 20, the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Dr Yousef Al-Othaimeen, commended the Member States' contribution to hosting refugees and continuously maintaining their firm commitment to providing protection for refugees as a sacred obligation imposed by Islam's magnanimity, human nature and as relevant national and international laws. In this connection, he called on the international community to grant the necessary assistance to refugee-hosting Member States as required by the principles of fair partnership....

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**OIC General Secretariat Welcomes Kingdom of Morocco's Anti-coronavirus Medical Aid to 15 African Countries**

The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) welcomed the medical aid, which the Kingdom of Morocco granted to 15 African countries, most of which are member states of the OIC, to assist in their efforts to stem the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic....

16/06/2020

**Group of 77** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest Statements and Speeches*

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**UNCTAD** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**[Investment flows to developing Asian countries to fall 30% to 45% due to COVID-19, says UN report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Investment flows to transition economies will decline by around 38% due to COVID-19, says UN Report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Outlook for investment flows in structurally weak economies is very bleak due to COVID-19, says UN Report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Investment flows to developed economies set to fall up to 40% after increase in 2019, says UN Report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Investment flows in Africa set to fall sharply following decline in 2019, says UN report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Foreign Direct Investment to Latin America expected to halve in 2020, says UN report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[Global foreign direct investment projected to fall 40% IN 2020, says UN report](#)**

16 Jun 2020 –

**[COVID-19 set to transform international production significantly, says UN Report](#)**

**World Customs Organization – WCO** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**WTO - World Trade Organisation** [to 20 June 2020]

[http://www.wto.org/english/news\\_e/news\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm)

WTO News and Events

**[DDG Wolff: Pandemic underlines need to improve trading system's relevance and resilience](#)**

17 June 2020

The multilateral trading system will continue to face challenges in limiting the harm to trade and the global economy resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said on 17 June. Speaking at a Think20 virtual panel on Policy Recommendations for a Post-COVID 19 World, DDG

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### **DDG Wolff: Pandemic underlines need to improve trading system's relevance and resilience**

17 June 2020

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### **IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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### **International Court of Justice** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

### **International Criminal Court (ICC)** [to 20 June 2020]

*Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity*

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

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### **World Bank** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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### **World Bank Provides Bangladesh Over \$1 billion to Create Quality Jobs and Respond to COVID 19 Pandemic**

WASHINGTON, June 19, 2020 —The World Bank today approved \$1.05 billion for three projects to help Bangladesh create quality jobs and accelerate economic recovery from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic...

Date: June 19, 2020 Type: Press Release

### **COVID 19: Debt Service Suspension Initiative**

This webpage provides a detailed country-by-country breakdown of DSSI participants and the amounts they owe to the creditors. The data will be updated regularly. Overview In April, the World Bank's Development...

Date: June 19, 2020 Type: Brief

### **Simulating the Potential Impacts of the COVID-19 School Closures and Learning Outcomes: A set of Global Estimates**

School closures due to COVID-19 have left over a billion students out of school. Governments are pursuing a variety of approaches to mitigate school closures. At the same time, all countries are undergoing...

Date: June 18, 2020 Type: Publication

### **COVID-19 Could Lead to Permanent Loss in Learning and Trillions of Dollars in Lost Earnings**

WASHINGTON, June 18, 2020—School closures due to COVID-19 have left most students on the planet out of school – 1.6 billion students at the peak in April 2020. This global shock to all education...

Date: June 18, 2020 Type: Press Release

### **World Bank Africa Human Capital Plan**

In April 2019, we launched the Africa Human Capital Plan. This ambitious plan sets out clear targets and commitments to boost Africa's potential through its human capital—the health, knowledge, skills...

Date: June 16, 2020 Type: Publication

**IMF** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News, Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**African Development Bank Group** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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

### **African Development Bank approves \$4 million grant to bolster South Sudan's COVID-19 response**

17-Jun-2020 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank on Wednesday approved a UA 3 million (\$4.16 million) grant to South Sudan to support the emergency response to COVID-19 and strengthen the country's fragile health system. The grant, from the Transitional Support Facility of the Bank Group's African Development Fund, will provide funding for the project to enhance the capacity of South Sudan's health facilities and to bolster the country's capacity to detect cases and curb the spread of the virus.

**Asian Development Bank** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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### **Signing Ceremony for ADB \$500m COVID-19 Loan to Pakistan**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed an agreement today for a \$500 million loan with the Government of Pakistan...

**Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank** [to 20 June 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]*

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Beijing, China, June 19, 2020

**AIIB Approves First Loan to Mongolia in Support of COVID-19 Response**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a loan of USD100 million to Mongolia to support its COVID-19 Rapid Response Program, which aims to mitigate the adverse health, social and economic impacts caused by the pandemic and to alleviate poverty. This is AIIB's first project financing in the country.

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Beijing, China, June 18, 2020

**AIIB Supports Pakistan's Efforts to Manage COVID-19 with USD500-M Loan**

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank's (AIIB) Board of Directors has approved a loan of USD500 million for the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support (CARES) Program to support the Government of Pakistan's efforts to effectively manage the COVID-19 outbreak and reduce its immediate social and economic impacts.

**IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**On International Day of Family Remittances, IFAD calls for remittance service providers to be declared essential businesses in times of crisis**

**Islamic Development Bank** [to 20 June 2020]

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

News

**Islamic Development Bank Issues US\$ 1.5 Billion Debut Sustainability Sukuk in Response to COVID-19**

The Islamic Development Bank ("IsDB") raised US\$ 1.5 billion with its first-ever Sustainability Sukuk to tackle the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic in its Member Countries.

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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 20 June 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

*Communiqués de presse*

Journée Mondiale des Réfugiés

**Le Covid-19 aggrave les conditions de vie déjà difficiles des réfugiés Syriens au Liban**

Posté le 19 juin 2020

Neuf ans après le début de la crise en Syrie, le Liban accueille près d'1,5 million de réfugiés syriens dans le pays, soit la plus grande concentration de réfugiés par habitant. Environ 38 % des réfugiés enregistrés sont installés dans la vallée de la Bekaa, dont près de la moitié dans des camps de fortune. Avec l'arrivée du Covid-19, la mise en place de bonnes pratiques d'hygiène dans les camps où l'eau est rare et où la population dépend des organisations humanitaires est un défi.

**Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**Amref Health Africa** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases*

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**EU Provides Health and Social Safety Net Response to COVID-19 across Kenya**

Nairobi, 18 June 2020, at 11:00 o'clock, Afya House: The European Union (EU) has made a €5 million fully financed grants contribution towards Kenya's Response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used to strengthen the health response across Kenya. The projects will be implemented by Amref Health Africa and Kenya Red Cross Society across 20 counties...

**Aravind Eye Care System** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

*Aravind News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BRAC** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest*

*Response*

**Beyond survival: How Rohingyas have built their own space for women in Cox's Bazar**

June 20, 2020

by Rubab Al Islam and Sarah-Jane Saltmarsh

June marks nine months since the creation of a special place in the world's biggest refugee camp. A place where, amidst the congested shelters, women can access counselling, participate in learning and find peace – in a beautiful, natural, artistic space. The Beyond Survival project in Cox's Bazar, spearheaded by architect Rizvi Hassan, is a place to thrive.

*Response*

### **Celebrating World Refugee Day**

June 20, 2020

by BRAC

This year's World Refugee Day comes at a time of a global pandemic. While many of us are wondering what our individual futures will look like in the coming months, for people who have been forcibly displaced, uncertainty is an everyday reality.

**Clubhouse International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Danish Refugee Council** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*NEWS*

### **Danish Refugee Council Calls For Solutions For The World's 79.5 million Refugees And Displaced**

According to new figures from the UNHCR, the number of refugees and displaced persons worldwide has gone up from 70.8 million to 79.5 million since last year. This tragic, however not unexpected, rise highlights the need for world leaders and the global community to find sustainable solutions to displacement. The COVID-19 crisis has only intensified this urgent need, says the Danish Refugee Council.

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### **Organisations strongly condemn attack on civilians in Yemen**

Eight international non-governmental organisations working in Yemen strongly condemn the reprehensible attack that took place yesterday in the north of Yemen, killing 13 civilians – including four children.

17.06.2020

### **Mitigating the effects of the global health crisis in the Saharawi refugee camps**

The COVID-19 health crisis is exacerbating an already dire situation for the Saharawi refugees in south western Algeria. Long-term needs must be addressed to mitigate ramifications of the crisis.

16.06.20

**ECPAT** [to 20 June 2020]

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



*News & Updates*

**Alison O'Grady: Many children have been saved and perpetrators are being held accountable**

17/06/2020

It is inspiring to read the report on [ECPAT's first 30 years](#) and to see that people in 102 countries are now involved in working to protect innocent and vulnerable children from sexual exploitation...

**Fountain House** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**Humanity & Inclusion** [nee Handicap International] [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*No new digest content identified.*

**Heifer International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HelpAge International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICRC** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports*

**South Sudan: Fears that hundreds more could die in renewed violence in Jonglei State**

Hundreds more could die due to armed violence erupting again, causing death, injury, and displacement, in Jonglei State, South Sudan.

18-06-2020 | *News release*

**Afghanistan: Spike in violence against health care amid COVID-19 threatens millions**

The recent rise in violence in Afghanistan, along with the outbreak of COVID-19, threatens to reduce access to health services for millions of Afghans.

17-06-2020 | *News release*

**IFRC** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*Middle East and North Africa*

**COVID-19: Red Cross and Red Crescent urge more support for displaced people in the Middle East North Africa region**

Beirut, 19 June 2020 – Ahead of World Refugee Day on 20 June, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is increasingly concerned that migrants, refugees and internally displaced people are falling through the cracks. ...

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**World Refugee Day: New research demonstrates dramatic impact of COVID-19 on vulnerable refugees**

Geneva, 19 June 2020 – New research released ahead of World Refugee Day demonstrates the considerable socio-economic impact that COVID-19 has had on already vulnerable refugees. The Red Cross and Red Crescent research focused on refugees living in Turk ...

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**International Medical Corps (IMC)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Story*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IRC International Rescue Committee** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Media highlights*

*Perspective*

**Local leaders stand with refugee neighbors**

June 20, 2020

*Press Release*

**World Refugee Day: Celebrating Refugees on the Front Lines of the Pandemic and Economic Recovery**

June 20, 2020

*Press Release*

**Disease, death and destruction: Yemen is experiencing an unimaginable nightmare, warns the International Rescue Committee**

June 19, 2020

*Press Release*

**IRC Responds to the US Supreme Court's decision to uphold the DACA program**

June 18, 2020

*Press Release*

**IRC's David Miliband responds to new record number of 79.5 million refugees and displaced people around the world**

June 17, 2020

**IRCT** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

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**The World Stopped, Torture Didn't: IRCT hosting webinar on Sub-Saharan centre response**

*News 17 Jun 2020*

**The World Stopped, Torture Didn't: TRC Palestine provides mobile clinics and hotlines supporting survivors of torture**

**Islamic Relief Worldwide** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**World Refugee Day: Millions of displaced people are struggling to endure the impact of Covid-19**

Published: 19 June, 2020

**Landsea** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Medecins du Monde** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Mercy Corps** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News Releases & Alerts*

June 18, 2020

**News Alert: Thousands of Jobless Migrant Workers Take Risky Journey Home to Nepal**

In the past week, the number of COVID-19 infection cases in Nepal has continued to rise, including a huge influx of...

June 16, 2020

**Britain's commitment to "leave no one behind" will be left at risk by FCO and DFID merger**

Following the British Prime Minister's announcement of a merger between DFID and the FCO today, Mercy Corps' Executive...

June 15, 2020

**Black Lives Matter**

Mercy Corps joins 40 other groups and individuals in standing in solidarity with the Black community in the United...

**MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest [Selected Announcements]*

*Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic*

**MSF opens 100-bed COVID-19 treatment centre in Bihar, India**

Press Release 19 Jun 2020

*Refugees, IDPs and people on the move*

**"No one chooses to be a refugee"**

Voices from the Field 19 Jun 2020

*Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic*

**Brazil's COVID-19 nightmare is far from under control**

Project Update 17 Jun 2020

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*Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic*

**Escaping first Libya, and then coronavirus in Germany**

Voices from the Field 15 Jun 2020

*Afghanistan*

**MSF withdraws from Dasht-e-Barchi following attack on patients and staff**

Press Release 15 Jun 2020

**Operation Smile** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://www.operationsmile.org/press-office>

**Program Schedule**

*Here's what we're doing worldwide to make a difference in the lives of children who deserve every opportunity for safe surgical care.*

**OXFAM** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected News/Announcements*

**Close to half of women are feeling more anxious, depressed, isolated, overworked or ill because of increased unpaid care work caused by the pandemic – Oxfam survey**

18 June 2020

Forty-three percent of women surveyed across five countries reported feeling more anxious, depressed, isolated, overworked, or ill because they are having to shoulder even more unpaid care work as a result of the coronavirus crisis, said Oxfam today.

**Almost 80 million forcibly displaced according to UNHCR- Oxfam reaction**

18 June 2020

UNHCR's annual Global Trends report was published today showing the number of forcibly displaced people in the world has increased to reach nearly 80 million. Responding to the report, Fionna Smyth, Oxfam's Head of Humanitarian Campaigns said: "It's deeply concerning that the number of forcibly displaced people has increased for the tenth year in a row to yet another record level. In addition to the violence, persecution, and hardship that these people are fleeing, many are now also facing the threat of the global coronavirus pandemic in overcrowded camps without enough clean water or health facilities.

### **Oxfam strongly condemns attack on 13 civilians in Northern Yemen**

16 June 2020

In reaction to the reprehensible attack that killed 13 civilians, including children, in the north of Yemen yesterday, Oxfam and seven other international agencies working in Yemen strongly condemned the attack.

### **Governments must not turn their back on the Sahel, Oxfam and others warn**

15 June 2020

In reaction to the postponement of the Sahel donor conference, which was due to take place on 18 June, Oxfam together with Action Against Hunger, CARE International, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), and Save the Children, warned of a "hunger pandemic" in the Sahel on top of multiple crises, particularly as a result of COVID-19, conflict and the onset of the lean season. 24 million people (included children) are already in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

### **Norwegian Refugee Council** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest news from NRC*

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### **"80 million people displaced is a damning verdict on current global leadership"**

Reactive statement by Jan Egeland, Secretary General of the Norwegian Refugee Council on newly released global displacement figures.

*Yemen* | 16. Jun 2020

### **Aid organisations condemn airstrike killing 13 civilians**

Eight international non-governmental organisations working in Yemen strongly condemn the reprehensible attack that took place yesterday in the north of Yemen, killing 13 civilians – including four children.

### **Pact** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

June 18, 2020

### **Meet 'HIV resilience heroes' – leading the charge in the global fight against AIDS**

Musongole Mutambo is a 29-year-old mechanic in Zambia. Several years ago, after watching relative after relative succumb to HIV, he had a conversation with his...

**Partners In Health** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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Jun 18, 2020

**PIH's Statement in Honor of Juneteenth**

While PIH remembers and celebrates the freeing of the last slaves in the United States, we reflect on the continuing struggle for equal civil rights and learn from Black activists and organizations at the forefront of the movement for racial justice.

Jun 18, 2020

**Q&A: Michelle Baum, Care Resource Coordinator for PIH in Massachusetts**

The recent social work grad talks about her role fighting COVID-19 and what the pandemic is revealing about gaps in social support.

Jun 18, 2020

**Contact Tracing: Fact vs. Fiction**

PIH's experts divide fact from fiction in this contact tracing mythbuster.

Jun 17, 2020

**Fighting a Growing COVID-19 Pandemic in Mexico**

Partners In Health has worked in Chiapas, Mexico since 2011, strengthening local health systems and accompanying patients. As COVID-19 has spread, that mission hasn't changed. But it's taken on a new urgency.

Jun 15, 2020

**Now Answering Calls: A COVID Case Investigator's Story**

As a case investigator with the Massachusetts Community Tracing Collaborative, Alex Cross knows firsthand that contact tracing is about much more than picking up the phone and tracking cases; it's about connecting people with social support.

**PATH** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Plan International/BORNEfonden** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Save The Children** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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19 June 2020 - *Syria*

**NORTH WEST SYRIA: Thousands of children return to destroyed homes amid COVID-19 fears in camps**

16 June 2020 - *Senegal*

**GOVERNMENTS MUST NOT TURN THEIR BACK ON THE SAHEL, LEADING NGO'S WARN**

15 June 2020 - *Yemen*

**Airstrikes in Yemen kill 13 civilians, four children**

15 June 2020 - *Global*

**'The UN Secretary General must explain why he lets powerful parties get away with killing children and attacking schools and hospitals': Save the Children**

15 June 2020 - *Sierra Leone*

**Sierra Leone: Innovative sexual health app to help prevent surge in teenage pregnancy due to COVID-19**

**SOS-Kinderdorf International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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*BOTSWANA*

**Support and protection for smuggled migrant children in Botswana**

June 17 2020 - For four years, Mpho Gakedirelwe, a social worker at SOS Children's Villages Tlokweng in Botswana, has worked with children smuggled across the border to Botswana. She has heard many disturbing stories of suffering and child rights violations as they journeyed to find their parents who have migrated in desperate need of work and to sustain their livelihood.

*Somalia – June 17 2020*

**Child rights organisations call for greater child protection in Somalia amid pandemic**

*Cases of female genital mutilation on the rise*

Child rights organisations working in Somalia led by SOS Children's Villages, Save the Children and Plan International have expressed deep concerns on the untold suffering of children due to the COVID-19 crisis and called for scaling up child protection services.

**Tostan** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

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**Tostan Guinea COVID19 Update**

Jun 16, 2020

CONAKRY - Guinea experienced its first imported case of COVID 19 on March 12, 2020 and total cases number 4,372 as of this writing. Guinea's first case was declared in the midst of political unrest due to a legislative election and a referendum ballot for the adoption...

**Walk On My Own Awards**

Jun 15, 2020

BYKids Walk On My Own documentary won the Gender Equity Prize 2020, from the Prix Jeunesse International. Told through the perspective of then 13-year-old Ndèye Fatou Fall, who directed the short film, Walk on My Own recounts how her life has been affected by profound...

**Women for Women International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Article*

June 8, 2020

**"We all are connected around the world" - Messages of Hope from Iraq**

**World Vision** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

*Newsroom*

**DRC faces countless crises, but sees youth-led transformation among refugee communities**

June 20th 2020

**Children's press conference speaks out on the devastating impact of COVID-19**

June 18th 2020

**As UNHCR share the highest figure of forcibly displaced ever recorded, children bear the g...**

June 18th 2020

**One in four Venezuelan migrant children have been separated from parents during COVID-19 p...**

June 16, 2020

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**Electronic Frontiers Foundation**

[https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press\\_release](https://www EFF.org/updates?type=press_release)

*Press Release* | June 18, 2020

**Victory! French High Court Rules That Most of Hate Speech Bill Would Undermine Free Expression**

Paris, France—In a victory for the free speech rights of French citizens, France's highest court today struck down core provisions of a bill meant to curb hate speech, holding they would unconstitutionally sweep up legal speech. The decision comes as some governments across the globe, in seeking to stop hateful...

**Freedom House** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

*Latest Updates*

**Russia: Removal of Ban on Messaging App Does Not End Censorship**

*Press release*

June 19, 2020

**United States: Attacks on Voice of America Undermine Press Freedom**

*Press release*



June 16, 2020

**Malawi: Government Must Ensure Fair Elections and End Attacks on Judiciary**

*Press release*

June 15, 2020

**Human Rights Watch** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements*

June 18, 2020

**US: Address Slavery's Legacy on Juneteenth**

Officials across the United States should commemorate Juneteenth, a day honoring the declaration abolishing slavery, by considering and supporting laws and policies to address structural and other forms of racism in the US.

June 18, 2020 *Report*

**Russia: Growing Internet Isolation, Control, Censorship**

Asia

June 19, 2020 *News Release*

**Vietnam: Crackdown on Peaceful Dissent Intensifies**

Europe/Central Asia

June 18, 2020 *News Release*

**France: Children Face Abusive, Racist Police Stops**

**Transparency International** [to 20 June 2020]

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

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**Following European Parliament resolution, Czech government must finally act on PM's conflict of interest**

Issued by TI Czech Republic

A resolution passed today in the European Parliament regarding Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš's ongoing conflict of interest. It is a welcome further recognition of misuse of public funds by the...

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**ChildFund Alliance** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/>

*News/ Statements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**CONCORD** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://concordeurope.org/>

*Latest News and Events*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**The Elders** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements*

*News*

**World Refugee Day 2020**

20 Jun 2020

Ban Ki-moon outlines the plight of people who have been forcibly displaced around the world, in particular the Rohingya people, as part of a virtual event to mark World Refugee Day 2020.

*Refugees & Migration*

*News*

**Youth voices are vital: Intergenerational action on the climate crisis**

17 Jun 2020

Over the last ten weeks, The Elders have heard from 12 courageous young climate activists from around the world about their experiences and insights on the climate crisis.

*Climate Change*

*News*

**Human Rights Committee Vranje: supporting survivors of domestic violence**

18 Jun 2020

Dejana Stosic, of the Human Rights Committee Vranje in Serbia, explains why girls' rights remain important and how the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't stopped them from supporting survivors of gender-based violence.

*Access to Justice*

**Evidence Aid** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest Content*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Gavi** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News releases*

16 June 2020

**Pneumonia vaccine price drops dramatically for lower-income countries thanks to the Gavi Pneumococcal AMC**

**Getty Conservation Institute** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Global Fund** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Feature Story*

**[The Fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria Continues](#)**

18 June 2020

*Video*

**[The Fight Continues Against HIV](#)**

18 June 2020

*Updates*

**[Removing Human Rights Barriers to Health: Findings and Lessons](#)**

15 June 2020

**Hilton Prize Coalition** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

*Latest resources, events, content*

*Upcoming events*

**[Ai Weiwei in Conversation on 'COVID-19: A Humanitarian and Human Rights Crisis for the Most Vulnerable'](#)**

June 22, 2020 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Online

**[GBV in Emergencies Basics + Overview of humanitarian response architecture and GBV coordination mechanisms](#)**

June 24, 2020 - 1:00pm

Online

**[A conversation on Multilateralism in the time of COVID-19](#)**

June 25, 2020 - 12:00pm to 1:30pm

Online

**[Supporting the future of Syria and the region - Brussels Conference, 30 June 2020](#)**

June 30, 2020 - 12:00am

Online

**InterAction** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

## **Every Action Counts: How NGOs are Supporting Myanmar's Displaced—Part 2**

Jeremy Doran

Jun 18, 2020

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

## **Every Action Counts: How NGOs are Supporting Myanmar's Displaced—Part 1**

Jeremy Doran

Jun 18, 2020

*Crises & Countries in Conflict*

## **Countering Stigmatization in the Humanitarian Response to COVID-19**

Anna Jaffe

Jun 15, 2020

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### **3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

### **CHS Alliance** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

*No new digest content identified.*

### **Development Initiatives** [to 20 June 2020]

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

16 June 2020

## **The merger of the UK's Department for International Development into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office: DI's response**

DI responds to the decision to merge the UK's DFID into the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and explains why it presents worrying times for the development sector and those in critical need of international cooperation.

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### **Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP)** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

19 Jun 2020

## **COVID-19 Portal Update**

Week of 08 June

### **CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*CERAH News*

**[Aimé Moninga, Winner of EU Human Rights Defender Award 2020](#)**

19.6.2020

CERAH warmly congratulates longtime rights advocate Aimé Moninga and the Men of Hope Association for winning the EU Human Rights Defender Award 2020, in recognition of their longtime advocacy for male survivors of sexual violence in conflict.

**Disasters Emergency Committee** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*LATEST PRESS RELEASES*

*No new digest content identified.*

**EHLRA/R2HC/HIF** [to 20 June 2020]

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

19.06.2020

**DFID merger: ability to help world's most vulnerable in jeopardy**

**Groupe URD** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Publications*

*No new digest content identified.*

**International Humanitarian Studies Association** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

*Resources*

**Weekly Humanitarian Blog posts selection**

(8th to 14th of June)

This week our selection of blog posts presents a range of issues. Racism in the aid sector remains a key theme: for example on the need to confront issues of 'white supremacy' within the aid sector, and the dangers of a new colonialism in the transfer digital data from the global South. Other themes include the multiple crises that countries, like Sudan and Yemen, face: ongoing conflict or political instability, displacement, and economic crisis as well as Covid-19. The impact of Covid-19 on inequality, migration and the risk of food crisis are also highlighted. A new topic is the importance of access to water, how much poor people already pay, and the need to tackle corruption in water infrastructure projects. Globally, it seems that countries where poverty will increase most have received proportionally less funding to address Covid-19 impacts.

**INEE** – an international network for education in emergencies [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP)** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

*Association news*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Sphere** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Start Network** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News and Blog*

**Building and creating the DRC hub from the ground up**

by Helen Guyatt

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**Brookings**

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

*Accessed 20 June 2020*

*Latest Research*

*Technology & Innovation*

**Understanding risk assessment instruments in criminal justice**

[Alex Chohlas-Wood](#)

Friday, June 19, 2020

*Report*

**Designing the Main Street Lending Program: Challenges and options**

[William B. English](#) and [Nellie Liang](#)

Thursday, June 18, 2020

*Report*

**The importance and opportunities of transatlantic cooperation on AI**

[Joshua P. Meltzer](#), [Cameron F. Kerry](#), and [Alex Engler](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

*Housing Markets & Finance*

**Affordable housing doesn't have to look cheap, inside or out**

[Hannah Hoyt](#) and [Jenny Schuetz](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

*Technology & Innovation*

**The slowdown in productivity growth and policies that can restore it**

[Emily Moss](#), [Ryan Nunn](#), and [Jay Shambaugh](#)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

**Center for Global Development** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Publications, News and Events*

June 15, 2020

**Compassion, Uncertainty, Anxiety—and Hope: Africa in the Time of Coronavirus**

In the time of COVID-19, Jean-Michel Severino asks how we can harness our emotions and allow them to support better reasoning and decision making.

Jean-Michel Severino

June 15, 2020

**Protecting Community Health Workers: PPE Needs and Recommendations for Policy Action**

Community health workers (CHWs) are often the first point of care for vulnerable and underserved populations in low- and middle-income countries, but do they have the PPE they need to do their jobs?

Lyudmila Nepomnyashchiy , Carey Westgate , Ashley Wang , Helen Olsen , Prashant Yadav and Madeleine Ballard

**CSIS** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Reports*

*Report*

**Mapping U.S.-India Partnerships in Electric Mobility**

June 18, 2020 | Neelima Jain Indian states are playing a pivotal role in designing, executing, and monitoring electric vehicle policies and interventions. This report aims to assist U.S. subnational agencies in identifying opportunities for collaboration with Indian states on electric mobility.

*Report*

**The Escalating Terrorism Problem in the United States**

June 17, 2020 | Seth G. Jones, Catrina Doxsee, Nicholas Harrington The United States faces a growing terrorism problem that will likely worsen in the next year, particularly around the 2020 presidential election. The most significant threat likely comes from white supremacists, though anarchists and religious extremists could also pose a threat.

*Report*

**Can Telephones Race? 5G and the Evolution of Telecom**

June 15, 2020 | James Andrew Lewis What is the environment for 5G competition? In the first section of his report on this issue, CSIS's SVP and Director James A. Lewis explores how 5G creates wealth, the standards contest, and the effect of technological change in telecommunications as we move to an "open"...

**ODI** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Press Releases & Reports*

**Statement: DFID merged into FCO – ODI Response**

Press release | 16 June 2020

ODI's Chief Executive, Sara Pantuliano, reacts to today's announcement of the merger between the Department for International Development and the FCO.

### **Grand Bargain annual independent report 2020**

Research reports and studies | June 2020 | Victoria Metcalfe-Hough, Wendy Fenton, Barnaby Willitts-King and Alexandra Spencer

Four years in, is the Grand Bargain achieving system-wide change in the international humanitarian aid sector?

### **Reconstructing our understanding of the link between services and state legitimacy**

Research reports and studies | June 2020 | Aoife McCullough with Antoine Lacroix and Gemma Hennessey

A discussion of the relationship between services and state legitimacy from the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium (SLRC).

### **Dealing with Covid-19 in rural Africa: lessons from previous crises**

Briefing papers | June 2020 | Steve Wiggins, Roger Calow, Joseph Feyertag, Simon Levine and Alexandra Löwe

This brief reflects on previous shocks to examine the affects of Covid-19 in rural Africa.

### **Private lending and debt risks of low-income developing countries**

Research reports and studies | June 2020 | Bruno Bonizzi, Christina Laskaridis and Jesse Griffiths

This report examines the risks of private borrowing for low-income countries.

### **Collective approaches to communication and community engagement in the Central Sulawesi response**

Research reports and studies | June 2020 | Kerrie Holloway and Lilianne Fan

How collective approaches to communication and community engagement can be used in humanitarian responses led by a strong, functioning government.

### **Livestock markets in the Sahel: market integration and the role of climate and conflict in price formation**

Research reports and studies | June 2020 | Catherine Simonet, Martial Sy, Stéphanie Brunelin and Lucie Royer

This report aims to inform governments, regional institutions and technical and financial partners about current livestock market dynamics in the Sahel.

### **Anticipatory action for livelihood protection: a collective endeavour**

Working and discussion papers | June 2020 | Simon Levine, Emily Wilkinson, Lena Weingartner and Pooja Mall

A discussion of how anticipatory action can protect livelihoods, with a particular focus on the case of drought.

### **GAGE virtual research toolkit: qualitative research with young people on their Covid-19 experiences**

Toolkits | June 2020 | Agnieszka Małachowska, Nicola Jones, Bassam Abu Hamad, Tahgreed Al Abbadi, Wafa Al Almaireh, Sarah Alheiwidi, Kifah Bani Odeh, Areham Iyasu, Yitagesu Gebre, Kiya Gezahegne,



Silvia Guglielmi, Khadija Mitu, Kate Pincock, Sabina Rashid, Marcel Saleh, Maheen Sultan, Kassahun Tilahun, Fitsum Workneh, Workneh Yadete and Sally Youssef

An overview of the virtual qualitative research tools GAGE are using to understand young people's experiences under Covid-19.

**RoRI [Research on Research Institute]** [to 20 June 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 20 June 2020]

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

*Publications*

**Making Education and Employment Work for High School Students**

Teens often feel compelled take on adult economic responsibilities when their families struggle to make ends meet. Our schools can make it incredibly difficult for young people to balance these responsibilities and stay on track to graduate. This toolkit provides practical recommendations for school systems, as well as state and federal policymakers, on how to identify young people before they fall behind; make [Molly M. Scott](#), [Jessica Shakesprere](#), [Kristen Porter](#)

June 18, 2020

Research Report

**Access for All: Innovation for Equitable SNAP Delivery**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps millions of households with low or no incomes purchase food. Households currently access SNAP benefits using electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards, which work like debit cards. With new payment technologies available and with the growing need for online purchasing options amid the COVID-19 pandemic, it is vital that SNAP benefit delivery evolves to

[Heather Hahn](#), [Rayanne Hawkins](#), [Alexander Carther](#), [Alena Stern](#)

June 18, 2020

Brief

**Racial and Ethnic Representation in Postsecondary Education**

The US population is becoming more educated, but large gaps in postsecondary attainment based on race or ethnicity remain, particularly at more selective colleges. As a growing number of jobs require a college degree, it is imperative to increase college access among all racial and ethnic groups. In this report, we examined whether different racial and ethnic groups have equal access to higher education by

[Tomas Monarrez](#), [Kelia Washington](#)

June 18, 2020

Research Report

**One in Five Adults in Immigrant Families with Children Reported Chilling Effects on Public Benefit Receipt in 2019**

In 2018, the Trump administration proposed sweeping changes to the “public charge” rule that would make it more difficult for applicants to obtain green cards or temporary visas if they have used noncash public benefits such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, or housing assistance. Though the rule was not implemented until February 2020, research indicates that “chilling effects

[Jennifer M. Haley](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Hamutal Bernstein](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#)

June 18, 2020

Brief

### **[How Policymakers Can Promote Equitable SNAP Access by Modernizing Delivery: Stakeholder Perspectives on Updating Benefit Delivery Technologies](#)**

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June 18, 2020

Fact Sheet

### **[Articulating a Program for Resilience](#)**

This report assesses the evidence base and range of opportunities for global action on climate resilience. This assessment comes as the resilience movement continues to evolve, yet the urgency and magnitude of the need have increased. Expanding urbanization and increasing exposure to hazards affect all places on the planet, but particularly the most socially, economically, and politically vulnerable communities

[Carlos Martín](#), [Sara McTarnaghan](#), [James Ladi Williams](#), [Kimberly Burrowes](#), [Jorge González](#), [Jorge Morales-Burnett](#), [Wilton Oliver](#), [Clare Salerno](#)

June 17, 2020

Research Report

### **[An Early Assessment of Opportunity Zones for Equitable Development Projects](#)**

Opportunity Zones (OZs) are gaining momentum, and now that the rules regulating them are clearer, investors, local officials, developers, and businesses have been engaging with the incentive. In the two years since the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 created the incentive and Treasury-designated Zones, hundreds of Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOFs) have been created, and OZ investment was beginning to flow until

[Brett Theodos](#), [Eric Hangen](#), [Jorge González](#), [Brady Meixell](#)

June 17, 2020

Research Report

### **[Leveraging Fintech for Financial Health](#)**

Only 29 percent of all Americans and roughly 10 percent of people with incomes below \$30,000 are financially healthy, according to the US Financial Health Pulse 2019 Trends Report. This means that their daily financial systems enable them to spend, save, borrow, and plan effectively; be resilient; and pursue opportunities. In 2019, the Financial Health Network implemented a pilot study to explore how financial

[Mary Bogle](#), [Kassie Scott](#), [Jorge González](#), [Brett Theodos](#)

June 17, 2020  
Brief

### **Effects of Medicaid Health Plan Dominance in Health Insurance Marketplaces**

In this brief, we spoke with stakeholders in six states to assess the impact of Medicaid insurers increasing dominance in the ACA marketplaces. Overall, stakeholders said there are no longer major distinctions between Medicaid and traditional commercial insurers in the marketplace. Commercial insurers have adopted cost-containment strategies employed by Medicaid insurers including narrowing networks for more

[Erik Wengle](#), [Emily Curran](#), [Brigette Courtot](#), [Caroline Elmendorf](#), [Kevin Lucia](#)

June 17, 2020  
Brief

### **Should Nonbank Mortgage Companies Be Permitted to Become Federal Home Loan Bank Members?**

In response to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's (FHFA) February 24, 2020 request for input on eligibility requirements for membership into the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) System, this brief articulates the benefits of expanding FHLB membership to nonbanks. It shows there is strong alignment between the nonbank business model and the mission of the FHLBs to provide liquidity to support housing finance

[Karan Kaul](#), [Laurie Goodman](#)

June 16, 2020  
Brief

### **Boosting Upward Mobility: Metrics to Inform Local Action**

Increasingly, communities across the country aspire to create the conditions that boost the long-term mobility of their residents and narrow long-standing inequities. And metrics can play an important role in both motivating and shaping local action. In early 2019, the Urban Institute established a working group composed of distinguished scholars representing relevant disciplines to advise the development of a

[Margery Austin Turner](#), [Gregory Acs](#), [Steven Brown](#), [Claudia D. Solari](#), [Keith Fudge](#)

June 15, 2020  
Research Report

### **Boosting Upward Mobility: Exemplars**

Although the challenge is daunting, programs and policies being implemented across the US have demonstrated success in supporting people's upward mobility. Researchers examined six interventions that have been shown through rigorous evaluation to boost economic and social mobility. By exploring these programs, they aimed to better understand how successful interventions have increased economic success, power and

[Mary Bogle](#), [Martha Fedorowicz](#), [Keith Fudge](#), [Kriti Ramakrishnan](#), [Laura Sullivan](#)

June 15, 2020  
Research Report

### **Boosting Upward Mobility: Metrics to Inform Local Action Summary**

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June 15, 2020

Brief

### **How Much Assistance Is Needed to Support Renters through the COVID-19 Crisis?**

In this brief, we compare published estimates of the impact of the COVID-crisis on renter households. Based on this comparison and newly released data on job loss by state and industry, we model job loss on renter households and estimate the monthly assistance needed to support renters who experienced a recent job loss as well as assistance needed to alleviate rent burden for all renter households. For both

[Sarah Stochak](#), [Aaron Shroyer](#), [Jung Hyun Choi](#), [Kathryn Reynolds](#), [Laurie Goodman](#)

June 15, 2020

Brief

**The Wistar Institute** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**World Economic Forum** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Media*

**World Economic Forum Announces 100 New Technology Pioneers In 2020 Cohort**

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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 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**BMGF - Gates Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Blue Meridian Partners** [to 20 June 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 20 June 2020]

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

*Newsroom*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Clinton Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Release*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Co Impact** [to 20 June 2020]

[www.co-impact.io](http://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 20 June 2020]

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

*Equals Change Blog*

19 June 2020

**[A moment of reckoning and reflection in the global fight for racial equality](#)**

By [Tanya Coke](#) and [Nicolette Naylor](#)

**J. Paul Getty Trust** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News*

June 17, 2020

**[400 Artists and 80 Arts Organizations Receive \\$2.7 Million in COVID-19 Relief Grants](#)**

LOS ANGELES – Four hundred artists and 80 arts organizations received \$2.7 million in total grants as part of a broad-based COVID-19 relief effort for the visual arts in the Los Angeles region, the J. Paul Getty Trust and the California Community Foundation announced today. The emergency support was designed to reach individual artists throughout all areas of LA County and arts organizations that serve the region's culturally diverse communities.

"The arts are a source of expression, resistance, and healing," says Joan Weinstein, director of the Getty Foundation, an operating program of the Getty Trust, which initiated the \$10 million LA Arts COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Fund to help small and midsize visual arts organizations. "But our creative artists and arts organizations, who do so much to advocate for social change, will not survive this pandemic and its economic fallout if we don't take action now to support them."...

**GHIT Fund** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Grameen Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**William and Flora Hewlett Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest Updates*

**Ten Bay Area Nonprofits Receive Hewlett Foundation Grants to Partner with World-Class Artists**

\$1.5 Million for "Hewlett 50 Arts Commissions" in the Field of Dance and Movement-Based Performance

June 16, 2020

**Conrad N. Hilton Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Our News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**IKEA Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Stories*

*No new digest content identified.*

**HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Research* Jun 18 2020

**Fighting the COVID-19 Pandemic Through Testing**

Research labs are racing to develop innovative testing methods and overcome the bottlenecks to more widespread testing, which is crucial to controlling the spread of the disease.

*Research* Jun 17 2020

### **Tomato's Hidden Mutations Revealed in Study of 100 Varieties**

A new analysis of difficult-to-access genetic variation is the most comprehensive ever conducted in plants. It could guide the improvement of tomatoes and other crops.

**Kaiser Family Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

[https://www.kff.org/search/?post\\_type=press-release](https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release)

June 18, 2020 *News Release*

### **Poll: 7 in 10 Black Americans Say They Have Experienced Incidents of Discrimination or Police Mistreatment in Their Lifetime, Including Nearly Half Who Felt Their Lives Were in Danger**

Most of the Public Favor a Range of Police Reforms to Curb Excessive Force, though Partisan Gaps Exist on Some Key Proposals Amid nationwide protests against racial bias in law enforcement and beyond, a new KFF poll finds that the vast majority (71%) of Black Americans say they've experienced some...

June 17, 2020 *News Release*

### **KFF Analysis Finds 1 in 4 Workers Are Potentially Ineligible for Emergency Paid Sick Leave Benefits**

69.4 million adult American workers – approximately four in 10 – are potentially ineligible for emergency paid sick leave benefits. Approximately 25% of those workers (17.7 million workers) are in the health care industry. Seventy-five percent of excluded or exempted workers are women.

June 16, 2020 *News Release*

### **Nearly 1 in 10 Health Care Workers Lost Their Job Between February and April, But Health Care Employment Rebounded Slightly in May**

A new chart collection explores the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the U.S. health care workforce, and finds that between February and April 2020, nearly 1.5 million health care jobs were lost. While more than 300,000 health services jobs were recovered in May 2020, mainly in dental offices, employment in some...

June 15, 2020 *News Release*

### **Nearly One in Four Workers are at High Risk of Serious Illness with COVID-19, Posing Challenges for Employers as They Reopen**

A new KFF analysis finds nearly one in four workers (24%) are considered at high risk of serious illness if they get infected by the novel coronavirus, highlighting the challenges that businesses, public offices and other employers face as they move toward reopening. The analysis estimates 37.7 million workers (based...

**Kellogg Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Selected Announcements*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Aga Khan Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases*

*No new digest content identified.*

**MacArthur Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*No new digest content identified.*

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

*Mellon News, Press Releases*

*News*

**[Elizabeth Alexander on the Spectacle of "Black Bodies in Pain"](#)**

June 19, 2020

*COVID-19 Response, Press Releases*

**[New Nationwide "United States Regional Arts Resilience Fund" to Give Arts Organizations a Critical Lifeline During Pandemic](#)**

June 16, 2020

*Mellon News*

**[The Trayvon Generation](#)**

June 15, 2020

**Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Open Society Foundations** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press releases*

June 18, 2020

**[Open Society Statement on the Supreme Court's DACA Ruling](#)**

The ruling is an affirmation of a policy that enjoys widespread public and bipartisan support, and a victory for all those who support sensible and humane immigration policies that recognize the contributions immigrants provide to U.S. society.

June 18, 2020

**[Open Society Welcomes Court of Justice of EU Ruling on Hungary Anti-NGO Law](#)**

The decision represents a victory for many of the foundational principles of the European Union and will provide support for all those who seek to restore both the rule of law and pluralism in Hungary's public life.



**David and Lucile Packard Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*News*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Pew Charitable Trusts** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Press Releases & Statements*

June 15, 2020

**Pew Funds 22 Researchers to Pursue Scientific Breakthroughs**

*Press Releases & Statements*

June 15, 2020

**5 Pew-Stewart Scholars Selected to Spearhead Innovative Cancer Research**

*Press Releases & Statements*

June 15, 2020

**Pew Supports 10 Latin American Scientists Advancing Biomedical Discovery**

**Rockefeller Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*The Latest*

**In The News How The Rockefeller Foundation is Providing Access to Resources During Covid-19 | The Balancing Act Jun 18-2020**

**Announcements CORE Expands Covid-19 Testing and Support Services for The Navajo Nation and White Mountain Apache Tribe with Support from The Rockefeller Foundation Jun 18-2020**

**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]

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

*Latest News and Highlights*

*No new digest content identified.*

**Science Philanthropy Alliance** [to 20 June 2020]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

*"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."*

*No new digest content identified.*

**SDG Philanthropy Platform**

<http://sdgfunders.org/>

*SDG Philanthropy Platform is a collaboration between philanthropy and the greater international development community led by Foundation Center, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supported by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Ford Foundation and the MasterCard Foundation, the Brach Family Foundation, and other key organizations such as Asociación de Fundaciones Empresariales (AFE) in Colombia, Brach Family Charitable Foundation, CAF America, Council on Foundations, East Africa Association of Grantmakers (EAAG), European Foundation Centre, Filantropi Indonesia (FI), GlobalGiving, The Humanitarian Forum, World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists, and Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).*  
*Selected Announcements*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Alfred P. Sloan Foundation** [to 20 June 2020]  
<https://sloan.org/about/press>  
*Press Releases*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Wellcome Trust** [to 20 June 2020]  
<https://wellcome.ac.uk/news>  
*Explainer | 15 June 2020*  
**[We need COVID-19 treatments as well as vaccines – and they have to work for everyone](#)**  
Effective treatments, that are accessible to everyone who needs them, have to be part of the solution to the coronavirus pandemic – here's why.

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**Candid** [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 20 June 2020]  
<https://candid.org/about/press-room?fcref=pg>  
*Press Room*  
*No new digest content identified.*

**Council on Foundations** [to 20 June 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**

June 2020 Volume 48, Issue 6, p591-732

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Preventive Medicine**

June 2020 Volume 58, Issue 6, p757-898

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Public Health**

June 2020 110(6)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene**

Volume 102, Issue 6, June 2020

[Reviewed earlier]

**Annals of Internal Medicine**

16 June 2020 Volume 172, Issue 12

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

*Ideas and Opinions*

**[A Rush to Judgment? Rapid Reporting and Dissemination of Results and Its Consequences Regarding the Use of Hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19](#)**

FREE

Alfred H.J. Kim, MD, PhD, Jeffrey A. Sparks, MD, MMSc, Jean W. Liew, MD, Michael S. Putman, MD, ... [et al.](#)

Hydroxychloroquine, an essential treatment for many patients with rheumatologic conditions, has garnered widespread attention as a potential treatment for COVID-19 infection. The authors appraise the study generating this interest and highlight the potential consequences of rapid dissemination of overinterpreted data.

**Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology**

Issue 374 - April 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal**

Volume 285 August 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/285/suppl/C>

*Editorial Abstract only*

### **Special issue on autonomous agents modelling other agents: Guest editorial**

Stefano V. Albrecht, Peter Stone, Michael P. Wellman

Article 103292

*Abstract*

Much research in artificial intelligence is concerned with enabling autonomous agents to reason about various aspects of other agents (such as their beliefs, goals, plans, or decisions) and to utilise such reasoning for effective interaction. This special issue contains new technical contributions addressing open problems in autonomous agents modelling other agents, as well as research perspectives about current developments, challenges, and future directions.

## **BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMJ Global Health**

June 2020 - Volume 5 - 6

<https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **BMC Health Services Research**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Infectious Diseases**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

### **Epidemiology, vaccine effectiveness, and risk factors for mortality for pneumococcal disease among hospitalised adults in Singapore: a case-control study**

*Streptococcus pneumoniae* infections can lead to severe morbidity and mortality, especially in patients with invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD). This study evaluated factors associated with pneumococcal disease, ...

Authors: Tyson Chan, Min Zhi Tay, Win Mar Kyaw, Angela Chow and Hanley J. Ho

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:423

Content type: Research article

Published on: 17 June 2020

### **Potential implications of SARS-CoV-2 epidemic in Africa: where are we going from now?**

*The SARS-CoV-2, which emerged from East Asia in December 2019, has rapidly evolved into a global pandemic infecting close to 7 million people. The current uncertainties regarding its impact on Africa calls for...*

Authors: Carlo Torti, Maria Mazzitelli, Enrico Maria Trecarichi and Owachi Darius

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:412

Content type: Editorial

Published on: 15 June 2020

## **BMC Medical Ethics**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

*Research article*

### **Egyptians' social acceptance and consenting options for posthumous organ donation; a cross sectional study**

*Organ donation has become one of the most effective ways to save lives and improve the quality of life for patients with end-stage organ failure. No previous studies have investigated the preferences for the different consenting options for organ donation in Egypt. This study aims to assess Egyptians' preferences regarding consenting options for posthumous organ donation, and measure their awareness and acceptance of the Egyptian law articles regulating organ donation.*

Authors: Ammal M. Metwally, Ghada A. Abdel-Latif, Lobna Eletreby, Ahmed Aboulghate, Amira Mohsen, Hala A. Amer, Rehan M. Saleh, Dalia M. Elmosalami, Hend I. Salama, Safaa I. Abd El Hady, Raefa R. Alam, Hanan A. Mohamed, Hanan M. Badran, Hanan E. Eltokhy, Hazem Elhariri, Thanaa Rabah...

Content type: Research article

15 June 2020

## **BMC Medicine**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

*Research article*

### **To screen or not to screen: an interactive framework for comparing costs of mass malaria treatment interventions**

Authors: Justin Millar, Kok Ben Toh and Denis Valle

19 June 2020

Mass drug administration and mass-screen-and-treat interventions have been used to interrupt malaria transmission and reduce burden in sub-Saharan Africa. Determining which strategy will reduce costs is an important challenge for implementers; however, model-based simulations and field studies have yet to develop consensus guidelines. Moreover, there is often no way for decision-makers to directly interact with these data and/or models, incorporate local knowledge and expertise, and re-fit parameters to guide their specific goals.

## **BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMC Public Health**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

### **Tuberculosis screening of asylum seekers in Finland, 2015–2016**

*In Finland, asylum seekers from countries with high tuberculosis (TB) incidence (> 50/100,000 population/year) and those coming from a refugee camp or conflict area are eligible for TB screening. The aim of th...*

Authors: Pirre E. Räisänen, Hanna Soini, Paula Tiittala, Olli Snellman, Petri Ruutu, J. Pekka Nuorti and Outi Lyytikäinen

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:969

Content type: Research article

Published on: 19 June 2020

### **Trends in measles cases in Bayelsa state, Nigeria: a five-year review of case-based surveillance data (2014–2018)**

*Measles is a vaccine preventable, highly transmissible viral infection that affects mostly children under five years. It has been ear marked for elimination and Nigeria adopted the measles elimination strategi...*

Authors: Neni Aworabhi-Oki, T. Numbere, M. S. Balogun, A. Usman, R. Utulu, N. Ebere, W. Omubo, J. Stow, S. Abba and A. Olorukooba

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:938

Content type: Research article

Published on: 15 June 2020

## **BMC Research Notes**

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

(Accessed 20 June 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

## **BMJ Open**

May 2020 - Volume 10 - 5

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/6>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Bulletin of the World Health Organization**

Volume 98, Number 6, June 2020, 373-440

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/6/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Child Care, Health and Development**

Volume 46, Issue 4 Pages: 397-536 July 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal**

Volume 104 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/103/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Therapeutics**

May 2020 Volume 42, Issue 5, p729-958, e87-e100

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Clinical Trials**

Volume 17 Issue 3, June 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Conflict and Health**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

#### **Research ethics and refugee health: a review of reported considerations and applications in published refugee health literature, 2015-2018**

*Public health investigations, including research, in refugee populations are necessary to inform evidence-based interventions and care. The unique challenges refugees face (displacement, limited political protections, economic hardship) can make them especially vulnerable to harm, burden, or undue influence. Acute survival needs, fear of stigma or persecution, and history of trauma may present challenges to ensuring meaningful informed consent and establishing trust. We examined the recently published literature to understand the application of ethics principles in investigations involving refugees.*

Authors: Emma E. Seagle, Amanda J. Dam, Priti P. Shah, Jessica L. Webster, Drue H. Barrett, Leonard W. Ortmann, Nicole J. Cohen and Nina N. Marano

Content type: Research

20 June 2020

### **Contemporary Clinical Trials**

Volume 93 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/93/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

### **The CRISPR Journal**

Volume 3, Issue 3 / June 2020

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

Editorial Free

## **Finding SECURE Ground: USDA Edits the Biotechnology Regulatory Framework**

Rodolphe Barrangou

Pages:136–137

Published Online:17 June 2020

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently updated the biotechnology regulations (7 C.F.R. Part 340) under the Plant Protection Act (85 Fed. Reg. 29790, May 18, 2020). The framework is defined as the Sustainable, Ecological, Consistent, Uniform, Responsible, Efficient (SECURE) rule. It covers plants generated through techniques that use recombinant, synthetic, and/or amplified nucleic acid to modify a genome.

This is arguably the most significant, and perhaps overdue, new regulatory framework for plant breeding since 1987. This milestone ushers in a new era for the use and management of molecular breeding techniques for plants in general and commercial crops in particular. Given the profound technological changes since the 1980s, especially in genome editing, this is crucial at a time when food access, security, safety, and sustainability are most critical. This giant leap for USDA and smaller step for CRISPR opens the door for broader, more democratic use of these technologies. It also sets the tone for other countries and regulatory agencies to update their regulatory frameworks and policies...

*Perspective Free*

## **What Do We (Not) Know About Global Views of Human Gene Editing? Insights and Blind Spots in the CRISPR Era**

Emily L. Howell, Shiyu Yang, Becca Beets, Dominique Brossard, Dietram A. Scheufele, and Michael A. Xenos

Pages:148–155

Published Online:17 June 2020

*Abstract*

As research on human applications of CRISPR advances, researchers, advisory bodies, and other stakeholder organizations continue calling for global public discourses and engagement to shape the development of human gene editing (HGE). Research that captures public views and tests ways for engaging across viewpoints is vital for facilitating these discourses. Unfortunately, such research lags behind advances in HGE research and applications. Here, we provide the first review of nationally representative public-opinion surveys focused on HGE to discuss limitations and remaining gaps, illustrating how these gaps hinder interpretation of existing studies. Rigorous research with proper methods for capturing representative public opinion of HGE is limited, especially in countries outside of the United States and on a global scale. The result is severely restricted understanding of even the surface level of public views concerning HGE. We identify broad areas where we need more and better research capturing public views, and describe how future surveys can help collect insights necessary for discourse and decision making on HGE.

## **Current Genetic Medicine Reports**

Volume 8, Issue 2, June 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/40142/8/2>

*Cancer Genomics (K Snape and H Hanson, Section Editors)*

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Current Opinion in Infectious Diseases**

June 2020 - Volume 33 - Issue 3



<https://journals.lww.com/co-infectiousdiseases/pages/currenttoc.aspx>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Developing World Bioethics**

Volume 20, Issue 1 Pages: 1-60 March 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14718847/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development in Practice**

Volume 30, Issue 2, 2020  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cdip20/current>  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Development Policy Review**

Volume 38, Issue 3 Pages: 283-407 May 2020  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677679/current>  
*ARTICLES*  
[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology**

Volume 15, Issue 5, 2020  
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>  
*Case Report*

#### **Opening the GATE: systems thinking from the global assistive technology alliance**

Natasha Layton, Diane Bell, Mary Ellen Buning, Shih-Ching Chen, Silvana Contepomi, Vinicius Delgado Ramos, Evert-Jan Hoogerwerf, Takenobu Inoue, Inhyuk Moon, Nicky Seymour, Roger O. Smith & Luc de Witte

Pages: 484-490

Published online: 16 Apr 2020

#### *Abstract*

**Purpose:** This paper describes international actions to collaborate in the assistive technology (AT) arena and provides an update of programmes supporting AT globally.

**Methods:** The World Health Organisation (WHO) identifies the severe global uneven distribution of resources, expertise and extensive unmet need for AT, as well the optimistic substantial capability for innovations and developments in appropriate and sustainable AT design, development and delivery. Systems thinking and market shaping are identified as means to address these challenges and leverage the ingenuity and expertise of AT stakeholders.

**Results:** This paper is a 'call to action', showcasing emerging AT networks as exemplars of a distributed, but integrated mechanism for addressing AT needs globally, and describing the Global Alliance of Assistive Technology Organisations (GAATO) as a vehicle to facilitate this global networking.

**Conclusion:** Partners in this Global Alliance aim to advance the field of assistive technology by promoting shared research, policy advocacy, educating people and organisations within and outside the field, teaching, training and knowledge transfer by pulling together broad-based membership organisations.

### *Implications for Rehabilitation*

:: Collegial, cross discipline and multi-stakeholder collaborations support assistive technology research and practice.

:: Knowledge exchange within and across countries and regions is mutually beneficial.

: Self-organising assistive technology communities are emerging and supported by global movements such as WHO GATE and GAATO.

### **Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness**

Volume 14 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Disasters**

Volume 44, Issue 3 Pages: 433-618 July 2020

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **EMBO Reports**

Volume 21 Issue 6 4 June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Emergency Medicine Journal**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Emerging Infectious Diseases**

Volume 26, Number 6—June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemics**

Volume 31 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/31/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Epidemiology and Infection**

Volume 148 - 2020

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

### **Ethics & Human Research**

Volume 42, Issue 3 Pages: 1-44 May–June 2020

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

***Perspectives of minors and parents • Non-English speakers • Covid-19 and other infectious diseases***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Ethics & International Affairs**

Winter 2019 (33.4) | December 2019

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The European Journal of Public Health**

Volume 30, Issue 3, June 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Policy** Volume 75

Volume 93 May 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/93/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Food Security**

Volume 12, Issue 2, April 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12571/12/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Forced Migration Review (FMR)**

FMR 63 February 2020

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

#### ***Cities and towns***

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

### **Forum for Development Studies**

Volume 47, 2020 - Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Gates Open Research**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

*Research Article* metrics AWAITING PEER REVIEW

**[COVID-19: Identifying countries with indicators of success in responding to the outbreak](#)**

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

David S. Kennedy, VK Vu, Hannah Ritchie, Rebecca Bartlein, Oliver Rothschild, Daniel G. Bausch, Max Roser, Anna C. Seale

*Peer Reviewers Invited*

PUBLISHED 18 Jun 2020

## **Genome Medicine**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

## **Geoheritage**

Volume 12, Issue 2, June 2020

<https://link.springer.com/journal/12371/12/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Global Health Action**

Volume 12, 2019 Issue 1

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Global Health: Science and Practice (GHSP)**

2020 | Volume 8 | Number 2

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

[Reviewed earlier]

## **Global Public Health**

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 7

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

*Article*

**[Protecting health during COVID-19 and beyond: A global examination of paid sick leave design in 193 countries\\*](#)**

Jody Heymann, Amy Raub, Willetta Waisath, Michael McCormack, Ross Weistroffer, Gonzalo Moreno, Elizabeth Wong & Alison Earle  
Pages: 925-934  
Published online: 12 May 2020

*Article Commentary*

**[COVID-19 reveals weak health systems by design: Why we must re-make global health in this historic moment](#)**

Sriram Shamasunder, Seth M. Holmes, Tinashe Goronga, Hector Carrasco, Elyse Katz, Raphael Frankfurter & Salmaan Keshavjee  
Pages: 1083-1089  
Published online: 30 Apr 2020

**Globalization and Health**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

**Health Affairs**

Vol. 39, No. 6 June 2020

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

***Rural Health, Behavioral Health & More***

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health and Human Rights**

<https://www.hhrjournal.org>

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

*Papers-in-Press*

[No new digest content identified]

**Health Economics, Policy and Law**

Volume 15 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Policy and Planning**

Volume 35, Issue 5, June 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

**Health Research Policy and Systems**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]  
[No new digest content identified]

### **Human Gene Therapy**

Volume 31, Issue 11-12 / June 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/11-12>

Commentary Free

#### **The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Biotech Industry**

Philip Reilly

Pages:608–609

Published Online:18 May 2020

... In 2021, the biotech sector will have a valuation at or above the valuation it had in late 2019. Preclinical work will be robust. Clinical trials will be near the volume of a year earlier. The regulatory review of clinical trials will be more efficient. New biotech companies will raise needed capital, and the number of new IPOs will not be much different than in 2019. There will be an uptick in M&A activity as large pharmaceutical companies acquire smaller companies (for example, the decision announced by Alexion on May 5 that it would acquire Portola at a valuation much below that company's value in mid-2019). Most important, the contributions of talented scientists both inside academe and in the industry will continue to initiate discovery programs, many of which will lead to new drugs in our endless battle against disease.

### **Human Rights Quarterly**

Volume 42, Number 2, May 2020

<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42280>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Humanitarian Exchange Magazine**

Number 77, March 2020

<https://odihpn.org/magazine/responding-to-ebola-in-the-democratic-republic-of-congo/>

#### ***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.

### **Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics** (formerly Human Vaccines)

Volume 16, Issue 5, 2020

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/khvi20/current>

#### ***Special Issue: Vaccine Acceptance***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **Infectious Agents and Cancer**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

[No new digest content identified]

### **Infectious Diseases of Poverty**

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

[Accessed 20 June 2020]

#### **Mozambique's response to cyclone Idai: how collaboration and surveillance with water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) interventions were used to control a cholera epidemic**

*Cyclone Idai, which hit Mozambique in March 2019, was one of the worst climate-related natural disasters on record in the Southern Hemisphere causing massive destruction of housing and disruption to vital infr...*

Authors: Joaquim Domingos Lequechane, Arlete Mahumane, Falume Chale, Crescêncio Nhabomba, Cristolde Salomão, Clemente Lameira, Sérgio Chicumbe and Cynthia Semá Baltazar

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2020 9:68

Content type: Letter to the Editor

Published on: 16 June 2020

### **International Health**

Volume 12, Issue 3, May 2020,

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/3>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Human Rights Law Review**

Volume 9 (2020): Issue 1 (May 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/hrlr/9/1/hrlr.9.issue-1.xml>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **The International Journal of Children's Rights**

Volume 28 (2020): Issue 1 (Mar 2020)

<https://brill.com/view/journals/chil/28/1/chil.28.issue-1.xml>

***Special Issue: The Field of Children's Rights: Taking Stock, Travelling Forward***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health**

Vol 7, No 5 (2020) May 2020

<https://www.ijcmph.com/index.php/ijcmph/issue/view/62>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction**

Volume 44 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-disaster-risk-reduction/vol/44/suppl/C>

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Epidemiology**

Volume 49, Issue Supplement\_1, April 2020

[https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/Supplement\\_1](https://academic.oup.com/ije/issue/49/Supplement_1)

***Big Data, Small Area***

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Heritage Studies**

Volume 26, Issue 6, 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

### **International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare**

Volume 13 Issue 3 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/2>

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**[Patients' rights and professional conduct issues in hospitals' codes of ethics](#)**

Ebru Saygili, Yucel Ozturkoglu

The purpose of this study is to explore the presence of ethical standards in the content of international hospitals codes of ethics disclosed in their websites.



**The challenges of providing primary health care to Afghan immigrants in Tehran: a key global human right issue**

Afsaneh Takbiri, AmirHossein Takian, Abbas Rahimi Foroushani, Ebrahim Jaafaripooyan

This study aims to explore the challenges of providing primary health care (PHC) to Afghan immigrants in Tehran as an important global human right issue.

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**Positive effects of COVID-19 control measures on influenza prevention**

Di Wu, Jianyun Lu, Yanhui Liu, Zhoubin Zhang, Lei Luo

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*Perspective*

**Can cholera 'hotspots' be converted to cholera 'coldspots' in cholera endemic countries? The Matlab, Bangladesh experience**

K. Zaman, Deok Ryun Kim, Mohammad Ali, Faisal Ahmmed, Justin Im, Md Taufiqul Islam, Ashraful Islam Khan, Md Yunus, Md Alfazal Khan, Florian Marks, Firdausi Qadri, Jerome Kim, John D. Clemens  
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*Viewpoint*

**Emergency Use Authorization of Remdesivir- The Need for a Transparent Distribution Process**

Michael G. Ison, MD, MS; Cameron Wolfe, MBBS, MPH; Helen W. Boucher, MD

JAMA. 2020;323(23):2365-2366. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.8863

This Viewpoint reviews the FDA's May 2020 Emergency Use Authorization of the antiviral drug remdesivir for treatment of COVID-19 and discusses the need for a transparent distribution plan of a drug not otherwise available in the US and for which demand will likely exceed supply.

### **[An Ethical Framework for Allocating Scarce Inpatient Medications for COVID-19 in the US](#)**

Colette DeJong, MD; Alice Hm Chen, MD, MPH; Bernard Lo, MD

free access has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;323(23):2367-2368. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.8914

This Viewpoint proposes ethical principles to guide allocation of scarce inpatient therapies for hospitalized COVID-19 patients to maximize patient benefit, mitigate disparities, and minimize clinician burden.

### **[Using Controlled Trials to Resolve Key Unknowns About Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)**

Paul Starr, PhD

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JAMA. 2020;323(23):2369-2370. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.8573

This Viewpoint proposes implementing comparison groups for policy decisions, for example assessing disease transmission with alternative housing vs in-home isolation of individuals who test positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), or with different durations or cycles of school openings, to gather data that could make broader and future policy implementations more informed and effective.

[Audio Interview:](#) Coronavirus Q&A: Managing the Pandemic

*Editorial*

### **[Randomized Clinical Trials and COVID-19 - Managing Expectations](#)**

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

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*EDITORIAL*

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Henley, Phaedra

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**[Machine learning for rapid mapping of archaeological structures made of dry stones – Example of burial monuments from the Khirgisuur culture, Mongolia –](#)**

Fabrice Monna, Jérôme Magail, Tanguy Rolland, Nicolas Navarro, ... Carmela Chateau-Smith

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**[Historic urban landscape: A systematic review, eight years after the adoption of the HUL approach](#)**

Julia Rey-Pérez, Ana Pereira Roders

The main aim of this paper is to determine how well the UNESCO 2011 Recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape (hereafter, the HUL approach) is understood by the academic community today. It will review relevant research, highlight shortcomings regarding the HUL concept and approach and explore how well the six proposed steps are being considered when implementing the HUL approach.

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*Editorial*

#### **[Global governance for COVID-19 vaccines](#)**

The Lancet

*[See Milestones/Perspectives above for full text]*

*Comment*

#### **[The right to health must guide responses to COVID-19](#)**

Dainius Pūras, Judith Bueno de Mesquita, Luisa Cabal, Allan Maleche, Benjamin Mason Mei

*Articles*

#### **[Clinical impact of COVID-19 on patients with cancer \(CCC19\): a cohort study](#)**

Nicole M Kuderer, on behalf of the COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium

*Interpretation*

Among patients with cancer and COVID-19, 30-day all-cause mortality was high and associated with general risk factors and risk factors unique to patients with cancer. Longer follow-up is needed to better understand the effect of COVID-19 on outcomes in patients with cancer, including the ability to continue specific cancer treatments.

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#### **[Influenza immunisation in pregnancy is efficacious and safe, but questions remain](#)**

Paul Loubet, Vassilis Tsatsaris, Odile Launay

#### **[Tackling two pandemics: a plea on World Tuberculosis Day](#)**

Tom Wingfield, Luis E Cuevas, Peter MacPherson, Kerry A Millington, S Bertel Squire

*Articles*

#### **[Efficacy, duration of protection, birth outcomes, and infant growth associated with influenza vaccination in pregnancy: a pooled analysis of three randomised controlled trials](#)**

Saad B Omer, et al. for the BMGF Supported Maternal Influenza Immunization Trials Investigators Group

Open Access

Maternal influenza immunisation can reduce morbidity and mortality associated with influenza infection in pregnant women and young infants. We aimed to determine the vaccine efficacy of maternal influenza immunisation against maternal and infant PCR-confirmed influenza, duration of protection, and the effect of gestational age at vaccination on vaccine efficacy, birth outcomes, and infant growth up to 6 months of age...

### *Interpretation*

The assessment of efficacy for women vaccinated before 29 weeks gestational age might have been underpowered, because the point estimate suggests that there might be efficacy despite wide CIs. Estimates of efficacy against PCR-confirmed influenza and safety in terms of adverse birth outcomes should be incorporated into any further consideration of maternal influenza immunisation recommendations.

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*Original Scholarship*

*Open Access*

### **Can Social Policies Improve Health? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of 38 Randomized Trials**

EMILIE COURTIN, SOOYOUNG KIM, SHANSHAN SONG, WENYA YU, PETER MUENNIG

Pages: 297-371

First Published: 19 March 2020

*Policy Points*

:: Social policies might not only improve economic well-being, but also health. Health policy experts have therefore advocated for investments in social policies both to improve population health and potentially reduce health system costs.

:: Since the 1960s, a large number of social policies have been experimentally evaluated in the United States. Some of these experiments include health outcomes, providing a unique opportunity to inform evidence-based policymaking.

:: Our comprehensive review and meta-analysis of these experiments find suggestive evidence of health benefits associated with investments in early life, income support, and health insurance interventions. However, most studies were underpowered to detect health outcomes.

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Volume 26 Issue 6, June 2020

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*Editorial* | 04 June 2020

### **[It is not the time for science fiction](#)**

Government officials who disseminate unsupported claims about the novel coronavirus undermine public trust in science and in the public-health efforts that are essential to bringing the COVID-19 pandemic under control.

*World View* | 07 May 2020

### **[Protect against market exclusivity in the fight against COVID-19](#)**

Patents and other intellectual properties could slow down the scale-up and accessibility of treatments and vaccines against COVID-19.

Ellen 't Hoen

*Perspective* | 11 June 2020

### **[Ten recommendations for supporting open pathogen genomic analysis in public health](#)**

To support progress in genomic epidemiology, a transparent, user-friendly approach is required.

Allison Black, Duncan R. MacCannell [\[...\]](#) & Trevor Bedford

#### *Abstract*

Increasingly, public-health agencies are using pathogen genomic sequence data to support surveillance and epidemiological investigations. As access to whole-genome sequencing has grown, greater amounts of molecular data have helped improve the ability to detect and track outbreaks of diseases such as COVID-19, investigate transmission chains and explore large-scale population dynamics, such as the spread of antibiotic resistance. However, the wide adoption of whole-genome sequencing also poses new challenges for public-health agencies that must adapt to support a new set of expertise, which means that the capacity to perform genomic data assembly and analysis has not expanded as widely as the adoption of sequencing itself. In this Perspective, we make recommendations for developing an accessible, unified informatic ecosystem to support pathogen genomic analysis in public-

health agencies across income settings. We hope that the creation of this ecosystem will allow agencies to effectively and efficiently share data, workflows and analyses and thereby increase the reproducibility, accessibility and auditability of pathogen genomic analysis while also supporting agency autonomy.

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*Clinical Implications of Basic Research*

#### **Amplifying RNA Vaccine Development**

Deborah H. Fuller, Ph.D., and Peter Berglund, Ph.D.

... With the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic, an mRNA vaccine was the first to enter clinical trials, with the first volunteers receiving the vaccine within 10 weeks after the genetic sequence of SARS-CoV-2 was released ([www.modernatx.com/modernas-work-potential-vaccine-against-covid-19](http://www.modernatx.com/modernas-work-potential-vaccine-against-covid-19), opens in new tab). Nucleic acid vaccines are now a major hope for solving this pandemic crisis. This comes as no surprise. From their earliest conception, nucleic acid vaccines were recognized as a possible solution for a rapid pandemic response. The need for only the sequence of a pathogen in order to generate the vaccine and its simplicity in manufacture have long been recognized as superpowers in nucleic acid vaccines with regard to the delivery of a rapid response to an emerging epidemic. The ability of self-amplifying RNA vaccines, and now trans-amplifying RNA vaccines, to provide amplified and durable production of antigen in vivo, coupled with potent inherent innate immune-stimulating properties, adds to these powers and may provide the dose-sparing (i.e., getting the same immune responses with smaller doses of vaccine) that will probably be needed to meet global demands. We can only hope that their deployment will render the Covid-19 pandemic crisis into a more manageable challenge, saving lives and decreasing morbidity.

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Volume 49 Issue 3, June 2020

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#### **[Antibiotic prescription practices in primary care in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis](#)**

Giorgia Sulis, Pierrick Adam, Vaidehi Nafade, Genevieve Gore, Benjamin Daniels, Amrita Daftary, Jishnu Das, Sumanth Gandra, Madhukar Pai

Research Article | published 16 Jun 2020 PLOS Medicine

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#### **[The potential impact of COVID-19 in refugee camps in Bangladesh and beyond: A modeling study](#)**

Shaun Truelove, Orit Abraham, Chiara Altare, Stephen A. Lauer, Krya H. Grantz, Andrew S. Azman, Paul Spiegel

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#### **[Social marketing interventions for the prevention and control of neglected tropical diseases: A systematic review](#)**

Nathaly Aya Pastrana, Maria Lazo-Porras, J. Jaime Miranda, David Beran, L. Suzanne Suggs

Research Article | published 17 Jun 2020 PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases

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### **Religion, faith, and spirituality influences on HIV prevention activities: A scoping review**

*More than half of the studies in this review reported a positive/protective association between RFS and HIV prevention activities, with condom use being the most frequently studied, and all having some protective association with HIV testing behaviors. Beliefs and values related to sexuality are possible mechanisms that could underpin RFS-related HIV prevention interventions. More studies are needed on PrEP and spirituality/subjective religiosity.*

Vivian Vigliotti, Tamara Taggart, Mahaya Walker, Sasmita Kusmastuti, Yusuf Ransome

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### **Improving measles vaccine uptake rates in Nigeria: An RCT evaluating the impact of incentive sizes and reminder calls on vaccine uptake**

Steven Brownstone, Alison Connor, Daniel Stein

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René F. Kizilcec, Justin Reich, Michael Yeomans, Christoph Dann, Emma Brunskill, Glenn Lopez, Selen Turkay, Joseph Jay Williams, and Dustin Tingley

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### **Lower socioeconomic status and the acceleration of aging: An outcome-wide analysis**

Andrew Steptoe and Paola Zaninotto

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*Perspectives*

**Artificial Intelligence for Natural Hazards Risk Analysis: Potential, Challenges, and Research Needs**

Seth Guikema

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*In Depth*

**Pandemic vaccines are about to face the real test**

By Jon Cohen

Science 19 Jun 2020 : 1295-1296 Full Access

*U.S. and global efforts are taking different approaches to key efficacy trials of candidates.*

*Summary*

A Chinese company will turn to Brazil for help. The World Health Organization is adopting a strategy forged in a war zone during an Ebola outbreak. And the Trump administration plans to lean on existing infrastructure for testing HIV and flu vaccines. These are the disparate strategies about to be employed in the next and most important stage of the COVID-19 vaccine race: the large-scale, placebo-controlled, human trials needed to prove which of the more than 135 candidates are safe and effective.

*Research Articles*

**Landscape-scale forest loss as a catalyst of population and biodiversity change**

By Gergana N. Daskalova, Isla H. Myers-Smith, Anne D. Bjorkman, Shane A. Blowes, Sarah R. Supp, Anne E. Magurran, Maria Dornelas

Science 19 Jun 2020 : 1341-1347 Restricted Access

*Declines in forest cover amplify both gains and losses in plant and animal population abundance and diversity over time.*

*Land-use change and forest biodiversity*

Land-use change by humans, particularly forest loss, is influencing Earth's biodiversity through time. To assess the influence of forest loss on population and biodiversity change, Daskalova et al. integrated

data from more than 6000 time series of species' abundance, richness, and composition in ecological assemblages around the world. Forest loss leads to both positive and negative responses of populations and biodiversity, and the temporal lags in population and biodiversity change after forest loss can extend up to half a century. Land-use change precipitates divergent population and biodiversity change. This analysis has consequences for projections of human impact, ongoing conservation, and assessments of biodiversity change.

#### *Abstract*

Global biodiversity assessments have highlighted land-use change as a key driver of biodiversity change. However, there is little empirical evidence of how habitat transformations such as forest loss and gain are reshaping biodiversity over time. We quantified how change in forest cover has influenced temporal shifts in populations and ecological assemblages from 6090 globally distributed time series across six taxonomic groups. We found that local-scale increases and decreases in abundance, species richness, and temporal species replacement (turnover) were intensified by as much as 48% after forest loss. Temporal lags in population- and assemblage-level shifts after forest loss extended up to 50 years and increased with species' generation time. Our findings that forest loss catalyzes population and biodiversity change emphasize the complex biotic consequences of land-use change.

#### *Review*

#### **[Climate-driven risks to the climate mitigation potential of forests](#)**

By William R. L. Anderegg, Anna T. Trugman, Grayson Badgley, Christa M. Anderson, Ann Bartuska, Philippe Ciais, Danny Cullenward, Christopher B. Field, Jeremy Freeman, Scott J. Goetz, Jeffrey A. Hicke, Deborah Huntzinger, Robert B. Jackson, John Nickerson, Stephen Pacala, James T. Randerson  
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#### *Risks to mitigation potential of forests*

Much recent attention has focused on the potential of trees and forests to mitigate ongoing climate change by acting as sinks for carbon. Anderegg et al. review the growing evidence that forests' climate mitigation potential is increasingly at risk from a range of adversities that limit forest growth and health. These include physical factors such as drought and fire and biotic factors, including the depredations of insect herbivores and fungal pathogens. Full assessment and quantification of these risks, which themselves are influenced by climate, is key to achieving science-based policy outcomes for effective land and forest management.

#### *Structured Abstract*

##### **BACKGROUND**

Forests have considerable potential to help mitigate human-caused climate change and provide society with a broad range of cobenefits. Local, national, and international efforts have developed policies and economic incentives to protect and enhance forest carbon sinks—ranging from the Bonn Challenge to restore deforested areas to the development of forest carbon offset projects around the world. However, these policies do not always account for important ecological and climate-related risks and limits to forest stability (i.e., permanence). Widespread climate-induced forest die-off has been observed in forests globally and creates a dangerous carbon cycle feedback, both by releasing large amounts of carbon stored in forest ecosystems to the atmosphere and by reducing the size of the future forest carbon sink. Climate-driven risks may fundamentally compromise forest carbon stocks and sinks in the 21st century. Understanding and quantifying climate-driven risks to forest stability are crucial components needed to forecast the integrity of forest carbon sinks and the extent to which they can contribute toward the Paris Agreement goal to limit warming well below 2°C. Thus, rigorous scientific assessment of the risks and limitations to widespread deployment of forests as natural climate solutions is urgently needed.

### **Science Translational Medicine**

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#### **Social, ethical, and other value judgments in health economics modelling**

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#### *Highlights*

:: Interviews with health economists reinforced philosophical arguments positing a role for values throughout research.

:: Values informed early modelling decisions, model assumptions, and trade-offs between

:: Values played a role in assessing consequences of error and taking action under uncertainty in the modelling process.

#### **Abstract**

Modelling is a major method of inquiry in health economics. In other modelling-intensive fields, such as climate science, recent scholarship has described how social and ethical values influence model development. However, no similar work has been done in health economics. This study explored the role of social, ethical, and other values in health economics modelling using philosophical theory and qualitative interviews in British Columbia, Canada. Twenty-two professionals working in health economics modelling were interviewed between February and May, 2019. The study findings provide support for four philosophical arguments positing an essential role for social and ethical values throughout scientific inquiry and demonstrate how these arguments apply to health economics modelling. It highlights the role of social values in informing early modelling decisions, shaping model assumptions, making trade-offs between desirable model features, and setting standards of evidence. These results point to several decisions in the modelling process that warrant focus in future health economics research, particularly that which aims to incorporate patient and public values.

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