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***Human Rights Action :: Humanitarian Response :: Health :: Education ::
Heritage Stewardship :: Sustainable Development***

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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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Children – Armed Conflict

Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict: 20 Years After the Adoption of OPAC

Monday, 25 May 2020

Joint Statement by the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security, the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Today marks the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the involvement of children in armed conflict (OPAC). In this juncture, the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security, H.E. Smail Chergui and the Co-Chair of the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights, Mr. David Lega join their voices with the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Virginia Gamba to urge all outstanding Member States to sign and ratify the OPAC and fulfill the promise made to children two decades ago that they would not be involved in armed conflict. The adoption of OPAC was a milestone and within the past 20 years has contributed to releasing more than 145,000 boys and girls from armed forces and armed groups and preventing the recruitment and use of more millions of children.

Since its adoption, the Optional Protocol has become a lighthouse to guide the efforts of States in ending and preventing the involvement of children in armed conflict and to counter the long-lasting effects conflict has on children. "As we mark this anniversary, we must pause and remember what the world was like before OPAC's adoption," said the three officials. "We must also take time to note its remarkable achievements and enormous potential for the next decade. Indeed, the Decade of Action calls to accelerate sustainable solutions to the world's biggest challenges; eradicating the recruitment and use of children allows countries to focus on the actual needs of children such as education, healthcare and future livelihood opportunities."

While OPAC paved the way for countries to ensure that children were not taking part in hostilities, its relevance and implementation in today's world continue to be critical, especially as countries are seeking to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **The protection of conflict-affected children should be an active part of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus to ensure that the vulnerability of children is addressed before, during and after conflicts. Ending and preventing the recruitment and use of children is only the first step: supporting the sustainable reintegration of released boys and girls into their communities is essential for their future, but also for the future of the entire society.**

"As we mark OPAC's 20th anniversary, we urge Member States that are not yet parties to OPAC to become one, and to do so on behalf of their children and countries future," said the three officials. "We also urge State Parties that have ratified OPAC to implement the obligations contained in this treaty and ensure that they do not remain dead letters. By ratifying the OPAC, Member States commits to align their legal frameworks with international standards, pursue accountability for violations of children's fundamental rights and prevent the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict. With only 17 Member States that are yet to become a party to this important treaty, it is evident that universal ratification is more achievable than before," they said.

"The next twenty years must reflect the translation of OPAC's commitments into tangible actions. We must ensure that children are not only freed from the threat of recruitment and use but are also provided with options to enjoy a better future and not left without support or subsistence; conflict-affected children need our support in every aspect of their growth. The Optional Protocol should thus remain our beacon and serves to remind us that if children are not allowed to be children and forced into taking part in hostilities, we have not only failed them but have betrayed our own hopes for a brighter future."

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Governance :: Precision Medicine

Precision Medicine Vision Statement :: *A Product of the World Economic Forum Global Precision Medicine Council*

World Economic Forum

May 2020 :: 46 pages

PDF:

http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_Global_Precision_Medicine_Council_Vision_Statement_2020.pdf
Executive Summary

The benefits of precision medicine in terms of superior health and healthcare outcomes are increasingly clear, but there are challenges to the equitable and widespread dissemination of precision medicine tools, technologies and solutions.

The World Economic Forum convened more than 40 leaders from the public and private sectors, civil society and academia in a Global Precision Medicine Council (the Council) in 2019 to help shape the governance of precision medicine in the public interest. This document is the Council's synthesis of the key policy and governance gaps, and its vision for the solutions to overcome them. It should serve as a reference for the greater healthcare community with an interest in helping deliver these benefits on a global basis.

These five governance gaps are:

- 1) data sharing and interoperability;**
- 2) ethical use of technology;**
- 3) patient and public engagement and trust;**
- 4) access, delivery, value, pricing and reimbursement;**
- 5) responsive regulatory systems.**

Using illustrative examples of solutions or analytical frameworks to overcome these five gaps, the Council provides areas of opportunity to accelerate precision medicine approaches globally. The main considerations and recommendations include:

- Increasing awareness of the benefits of data standardization and interoperability and fostering trusted mechanisms of collaboration involving patients to unlock the vast amounts of data needed
- Learning lessons from research efforts that were discriminatory or hurtful and focusing new efforts on inclusivity and representativeness to support ethical technology development
- Building public and patient trust and engagement by encouraging deliberation and mechanisms on if/how genetic and other sensitive health data are accessed or used by commercial companies and law enforcement
- Innovating intellectual property protection regimes for biomarkers and algorithms as part of the process of incentivizing investment in foundational new diagnostics
- Funding and publicly reporting post-market clinical trials and studies for fast-track therapeutics that allow healthcare providers to clearly understand the value of precision medicine treatments and receive payments based on performance
- Designing and implementing consistent and appropriate regulatory frameworks that protect the health information generated from direct-to-consumer genetic services in a way that support the values of patients and participants

Unfortunately, more than half of the world's population still has no access to precision medicine and is unable to reap the benefits. We must be ever vigilant about increasing the capabilities of many countries and populations to join this global movement towards more personalized and targeted ways of screening, preventing, diagnosing, treating and curing patients with disease. The importance of worldwide access and of addressing these inequities is urgent. With this in mind, the Council aims to contribute positively to the global debate and activity by framing solutions that may be scalable and useful in many settings, as well as by identifying ongoing challenges that remain resistant to solutions in order to focus new creativity on finding appropriate paths forward.

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Technology/Human Rights: Blockchain

Blockchain Principles Launched to Preserve and Protect User Rights – *The Presidio Principles*

World Economic Forum *News* 22 May 2020

- 16 user rights make up the newly launched *Presidio Principles: the foundational values for a decentralized future*
- This 'Blockchain Bill of Rights' establishes a global baseline for building blockchain applications that respect participant rights, safeguard data and protect users
- It was developed for over a year by the World Economic Forum Global Blockchain Council, which brings together individuals with varying interests and perspectives on the current state and future of blockchain; it was workshopped globally with technologists and civil society
- Early adopters include public and private sector companies, international organizations, NGOs and civil society and global call issued.

The Presidio Principles

Applications built on top of blockchain-based systems should preserve the following participant rights.

A participant should have access to information that would enable them to:

- Understand how a service is operated, including potential risks of the service, availability of source code, and the rules and standards upon which it is based.
- Understand the potential risks and benefits of a service's use of blockchain technology.
- Understand system performance expectations and where the responsibility for service delivery lies.
- Understand the rights and obligations of different participants in the system.

A participant should be able to:

- Create, manage, and independently store cryptographic keys.
- Manage consent of data stored in third-party systems.
- Port data between interoperable systems or parts of a system.
- Revoke consent for future data collection.
- Have access to information sufficient to facilitate system interoperability.
- Assess if their data is at risk through appropriate disclosure procedures, which may include, but are not limited to, an examination of audit results, certifications, or source code.
- Have their data protected in accordance with internationally recognized technical security standards.
- Limit data collection to that which is necessary and data use to the purpose for which it was provided.
- Verify – through third-party or self-created tools – that operations have been completed and confirmed in accordance with the system's rules.
- Access information needed to: (a) understand the system's governance and rules and (b) pursue effective recourse mechanisms.
- Opt-out of using applications that don't treat data in accordance with internationally recognized governance and data protection standards.
- Rectify demonstrably false, inaccurate, or incomplete data when necessary.

The Principles include a menu of options for how organizations or individuals can take action. A list of signatories is [available](#) to view and self-regulate/hold others accountable.

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Heritage Stewardship

UNESCO Report :: Museums Around the World in the Face of COVID-19

May 2020 :: 31 pages

SUMMARY

In recent months, the COVID-19 crisis has profoundly affected societies around the world, plunging the global economy into a deep recession.

With the majority of cultural institutions forced to close their doors, the cultural sector has been one of the most affected. Tourism has largely ceased, impacting surrounding communities both socially and economically, and plunging artists and cultural professionals into a state of extreme economic and social fragility. Confined populations, unable to share and celebrate their heritage – notably their intangible cultural heritage - have suffered the loss of fundamental and structuring cultural elements of their daily social and individual lives.

Despite the challenges posed by this unprecedented crisis, many cultural institutions and professionals have continued to serve as a source of resilience and support to communities, devising new ways to provide access to culture and education in the context of containment measures. However, it should be noted that these innovations have not addressed the severe economic shortfalls experienced by cultural professionals. Moreover, almost half of the world's population currently has no access to the Internet, resulting in unequal access to cultural resources.

Museums have been particularly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with nearly 90% of them, or more than 85,000 institutions worldwide, having closed their doors during the crisis. The impact of these closures is not only economic, but also social. Museums play a vital role in our societies. They not only preserve our common heritage, but also provide spaces that promote education, inspiration and dialogue. Based on values of respect and cultural diversity, museums strengthen social cohesion, foster creativity and are conveyors of collective memory. Moreover, their role in the promotion of tourism is a key driver of sustainable economic development, both locally and nationally, which will be essential to overcoming the crisis in the coming months and years.

Faced with this situation, UNESCO launched a study to assess, on the basis of contributions from states and museum professionals, the impact of COVID-19 on museums and museum institutions. This initiative also seeks to understand how the sector has adapted to the constraints imposed by the pandemic and to explore ways of supporting affected institutions in the aftermath of the crisis. This report presents a first assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the museum sector.

Media Release

[Launch of UNESCO Report on museums around the world in the face of COVID-19](#)

27/05/2020

UNESCO launched a new [Report on Museums Around the World in the Face of COVID-19](#), fruit of an international survey targeting museums, culture professionals and Member States.

This Report, presenting a first evaluation of the impact of COVID-19 across the museum sector, sheds new light on the key trends of the world's museums, their reaction in the face of the crisis, their capacity for resilience, and the challenges of accessing culture.

The study reveals that the number of museums is estimated at around 95,000 in 2020, which represents a 60% increase compared to 2012. They are, however, very unevenly distributed across the globe. Museums have been particularly affected by the pandemic, as 90% of them closed their doors during the crisis and, according to the International Council of Museums (ICOM), more than 10% may never reopen. Facing the crisis, museums acted quickly to develop their presence on the Internet. However the digital divide is more evident than ever: only 5% of museums in Africa and the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) were able to propose online content.

"This report not only provides a better understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on museum institutions and the challenges they will face following the health crisis, but also explores the ways to support museums in the aftermath of the crisis," declared Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO. "There is an urgent need to strengthen policies that support this sector, which plays an essential role in our societies for the dissemination of culture, education, social cohesion and support to the creative economy."

With a view to gather information on how the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak affects the culture sector, the International Council of Museums (ICOM) launched a global survey to analyze the impact of the quarantine measures. The [ICOM report](#) provides information on the situation of museums and their staff, the predicted economic impact, digitization and communication, museum security and the conservation of collections, and the situation of independent museum professionals.

This common reflection and inter-institutional cooperation provides updated data on museums and museum institutions, that are all the more important in this period of global challenge brought about by COVID-19.

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COVID-19 :: Recovery

The world needs a #HealthyRecovery

On May 26, 2020, over 350 organisations representing over 40 million health professionals and over 4,500 individual health professionals from 90 different countries*, wrote to the G20 leaders calling for a #HealthyRecovery

The letter is supported and promoted by the [Global Climate and Health Alliance](#), [Every Breath Matters](#), and the [World Health Organization](#) in service of the global medical and health community.

May 26, 2020

In support of a #HealthyRecovery

Dear President Alberto Fernández, Prime Minister Scott Morrison, President Jair Bolsonaro, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, President Xi Jinping, President Emmanuel Macron, Chancellor Angela Merkel, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Joko Widodo, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, President Vladimir Putin, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, President Cyril Ramaphosa, President Jae-in Moon, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister Boris Johnson, President Donald Trump, President Charles Michel and President Ursula von der Leyen,
(cc: G20 chief scientific / medical / health advisors)

Health professionals stand united in support of a pragmatic, science-based approach to managing the COVID-19 pandemic. In that same spirit, we also stand united in support of a #HealthyRecovery from this crisis.

We have witnessed first-hand how fragile communities can be when their health, food security and freedom to work are interrupted by a common threat. The layers of this ongoing tragedy are many, and magnified by inequality and underinvestment in public health systems. We have witnessed death, disease and mental distress at levels not seen for decades.

These effects could have been partially mitigated, or possibly even prevented by adequate investments in pandemic preparedness, public health and environmental stewardship. We must learn from these mistakes and come back stronger, healthier and more resilient.

Before COVID-19, air pollution – primarily from traffic, inefficient residential energy use for cooking and heating, coal-fired power plants, the burning of solid waste, and agriculture practices – was already weakening our bodies. It increases the risk of developing, and the severity of: pneumonia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, lung cancer, heart disease and strokes, leading to seven million premature deaths each year. Air pollution also causes adverse pregnancy outcomes like low birth weight and asthma, putting further strain on our health care systems.

A truly healthy recovery will not allow pollution to continue to cloud the air we breathe and the water we drink. It will not permit unabated climate change and deforestation, potentially unleashing new health threats upon vulnerable populations.

In a healthy economy and civil society the most vulnerable among us are looked after. Workers have access to well-paying jobs that do not exacerbate pollution or nature degradation; cities prioritise pedestrians, cyclists and public transport, and our rivers and skies are protected and clean. Nature is thriving, our bodies are more resilient to infectious diseases, and nobody is pushed into poverty because of healthcare costs.

To achieve that healthy economy, we must use smarter incentives and disincentives in the service of a healthier, more resilient society. If governments were to make major reforms to current fossil fuel subsidies, shifting the majority towards the production of clean renewable energy, our air would be cleaner and climate emissions massively reduced, powering an economic recovery that would spur global GDP gains of almost 100 trillion US dollars between now and 2050.

As you direct your attention to the post-COVID response, we ask that your chief medical officer and chief scientific advisor are directly involved in the production of all economic stimulus packages, report on the short- and long-term public health repercussions that these may have, and give their stamp of approval.

The enormous investments your governments will make over the coming months in key sectors like health care, transport, energy and agriculture must have health protection and promotion embedded at their core.

What the world needs now is a #HealthyRecovery. Your stimulus plans must be a prescription for just that.

Yours sincerely, *the full list of signatories is available [HERE](#).*

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COVID-19 :: R&D Collaboration

[International community rallies to support open research and science to fight COVID-19](#)

29 May 2020 *News release*

Geneva

WHO and Costa Rica launch landmark COVID-19 Technology Access Pool

Thirty countries and multiple international partners and institutions have signed up to support the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool (C-TAP) an initiative aimed at making

vaccines, tests, treatments and other health technologies to fight COVID-19 accessible to all.

The Pool was first proposed in March by President Carlos Alvarado of Costa Rica, who joined WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus today at the official launch of the initiative.

"The COVID-19 Technology Access Pool will ensure the latest and best science benefits all of humanity," said President Alvarado of Costa Rica. **"Vaccines, tests, diagnostics, treatments and other key tools in the coronavirus response must be made universally available as global public goods".**

"Global solidarity and collaboration are essential to overcoming COVID-19," said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "Based on strong science and open collaboration, this information-sharing platform will help provide equitable access to life-saving technologies around the world."

The COVID-19 (Technology) Access Pool will be voluntary and based on social solidarity. It will provide a one-stop shop for scientific knowledge, data and intellectual property to be shared equitably by the global community.

The aim is to accelerate the discovery of vaccines, medicines and other technologies through open-science research, and to fast-track product development by mobilizing additional manufacturing capacity. This will help ensure faster and more equitable access to existing and new COVID-19 health products.

There are five key elements to the initiative:

- :: Public disclosure of gene sequences and data;
- :: Transparency around the publication of all clinical trial results;
- :: Governments and other funders are encouraged to include clauses in funding agreements with pharmaceutical companies and other innovators about equitable distribution, affordability and the publication of trial data;
- :: Licensing any potential treatment, diagnostic, vaccine or other health technology to the Medicines Patent Pool - a United Nations-backed public health body that works to increase access to, and facilitate the development of, life-saving medicines for low- and middle-income countries.
- :: Promotion of open innovation models and technology transfer that increase local manufacturing and supply capacity, including through joining the Open Covid Pledge and the Technology Access Partnership (TAP).

With supportive countries across the globe, C-TAP will serve as a sister initiative to the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator and other initiatives to support efforts to fight COVID-19 worldwide.

WHO, Costa Rica and all the co-sponsor countries have also issued a "Solidarity Call to Action" asking relevant stakeholders to join and support the initiative, with recommended actions for key groups, such as governments, research and development funders, researchers, industry and civil society...

To date, the COVID-19 Technology Access Pool is now supported by the following countries: Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Indonesia, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Mozambique,

Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, The Netherlands, Timor-Leste, Uruguay, Zimbabwe,

Other international organizations, partners and experts have also expressed support to the initiative and others can join them using the [website](#).

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EMERGENCIES

Coronavirus [COVID-19]

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

:: **WHO COVID-19 Webpage:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
:: **Daily WHO situation reports** here: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
:: **WHO Coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) daily press briefings** here:
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/media-resources/press-briefings>

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Emergencies

Ebola – DRC+

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Ebola Outbreak in DRC 94: 26 May 2020

[Excerpts]

Situation Update

From 18 to 24 May 2020, no new confirmed cases of Ebola virus disease (EVD) have been reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The definitive source of infection of the cluster reported in April 2020 remains unidentified. In the last seven days, two historic probable cases were validated, from people who had onset of symptoms in March 2019 and July 2019....

Conclusion

Investigations into the origin of the last cluster of cases in Beni Health Zone are ongoing. The Ministry of Health began the 42-day countdown to the declaration of the end of the EVD outbreak on 14 May 2020. Given the long duration and large magnitude of the Ebola outbreak in North Kivu, South Kivu and Ituri Provinces, as well as the fact that the virus is present in animal reservoirs in the region, there is a risk of re-emergence of the virus in the period leading up to, and beyond, the declaration of the end of the outbreak. In the coming weeks it is crucial to maintain a strong and robust surveillance system in order to detect, isolate, test and treat new suspected cases as early as possible, to improve outcome of potential cases, and to break new chains of transmission. Continued coordination, communication among partners, authorities and affected communities along with EVD survivor advocacy remain essential in this outbreak response.

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Emergencies

POLIO

Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)

Polio this week as of 26 May 2020

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

- :: Afghanistan:** three WPV1 positive environmental samples and five cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
- :: Pakistan:** two WPV1 cases and four WPV1 positive environmental samples
- :: Niger:** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo):** one cVDPV2 case
- :: Ethiopia:** four cVDPV2 cases
- :: Ghana:** three cVDPV2 cases
- :: Togo:** one cVDPV2 case
- :: Côte d'Ivoire:** four cVDPV2 positive environmental samples

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WHO Grade 3 Emergencies [to 30 May 2020]

Democratic Republic of the Congo

:: Ebola Outbreak in DRC 94: 26 May 2020

[See Ebola above for detail]

Somalia

:: WHO intensifies support to improve case management in Somalia as COVID-19 cases soar
20 May 2020

Yemen

:: Health care workers, a fragile health system and the looming spectre of COVID-19 in Yemen
27 May 2020

Nigeria - *No new digest announcements identified*

South Sudan - *No new digest announcements identified*

Syrian Arab Republic - *No new digest announcements identified*

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WHO Grade 2 Emergencies [to 30 May 2020]

Sudan

:: Training health workers to fight COVID-19 in Sudan 28 May 2020

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*
Iran - *No new digest announcements identified*
Iraq - *No new digest announcements identified*
Libya - *No new digest announcements identified*
Malawi - *No new digest announcements identified*
Measles in Europe - *No new digest announcements identified*
MERS-CoV - *No new digest announcements identified*
Myanmar - *No new digest announcements identified*
Niger - *No new digest announcements identified*
occupied Palestinian territory - *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 30 May 2020]

Chad - *No new digest announcements identified*
Djibouti - *No new digest announcements identified*
Kenya - *No new digest announcements identified*
Mali - *No new digest announcements identified*
Namibia - viral hepatitis - *No new digest announcements identified*
Tanzania - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – L3 Emergencies

The UN and its humanitarian partners are currently responding to three 'L3' emergencies. This is the global humanitarian system's classification for the response to the most severe, large-scale humanitarian crises.

Syrian Arab Republic

:: Humanitarian Update Syrian Arab Republic - Issue 11 | 30 May 2020
:: Recent Developments in Northwest Syria - Flash Update - As of 29 May 2020

Yemen - *No new digest announcements identified*

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UN OCHA – Corporate Emergencies

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

CYCLONE IDAI and Kenneth

:: 29 May 2020 Ethiopia: Floods impact thousands of people

:: 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 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Meetings/Press Releases/Announcements

29 May 2020

DSG/SM/1416

United Nations Funds, Programmes Must Better Align Policies, Country Team Activities to Advance Development Goals, Deputy Secretary-General Tells Joint Executive Boards

Following are UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed's remarks, as prepared for delivery, to the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)/United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and World Food Programme (WFP), in New York today:

28 May 2020

SG/SM/20100

COVID-19 Exposes Global Fragility, Secretary-General Tells High-Level Event, Citing Failures on Climate, Nuclear Non-proliferation, 'Lawless Cyberspace'

28 May 2020

SG/SM/20098

Secretary-General Warns of Grim Post-Pandemic Future, Predicting 'Historic' Hunger, Famine, in Remarks to High-Level Event on Financing for Development

27 May 2020

SC/14196

COVID-19 Pandemic Amplifying, Exploiting World's Fragilities, Secretary-General Tells Security Council Debate on Protecting Civilians in Armed Conflict

UN OHCHR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [to 30 May 2020]

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

Top News

Nepal: Bachelet condemns Dalit killings, calls for independent investigation

[UN Human Rights Chief urges "serious action" to halt US police killings of unarmed African Americans](#)

[UN Committee welcomes Spain's decision to allow Moroccan child to attend public school](#)

[Iraq: UN details ordeal of abducted protesters, welcomes Government's promise to investigate and compensate](#)

[US Government urged to do more to prevent major outbreaks of COVID-19 in detention centres – UN experts](#)

United Nations Human Rights Council [to 30 May 2020]

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

[Human Rights Council adopts President's statement on Human Rights implications of COVID-19](#)

29/05/2020

Committee on the Rights of the Child [to 30 May 2020]

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

[UN Committee welcomes Spain's decision to allow Moroccan child to attend public school](#)

28 May 2020

Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children [to 30 May 2020]

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

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

25 May 2020

SRSG/CAAC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict [to 30 May 2020]

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

[Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict: 20 Years After the Adoption of OPAC](#)

Monday, 25 May 2020

Joint Statement by the African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security, the European Parliament Intergroup on Children's Rights and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

[See Week in Review above for detail]

SRSG/SVC Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

US Government urged to do more to prevent major outbreaks of COVID-19 in detention centres – UN experts

29 May 2020

United States: Authorities manipulating COVID-19 crisis to restrict access to abortion, say UN experts

27 May 2020

Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest news

No new digest content identified.

Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants

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

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US Government urged to do more to prevent major outbreaks of COVID-19 in detention centres – UN experts

29 May 2020

Closure of “transit zones” by Hungary: an important step forward

29 May 2020

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

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UN Humanitarian Flight Arrives in Venezuela with Nutrition, Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Supplies

29 May 2020

United Nations support to scale up government capacity to tackle COVID-19 [EN/MY]

27 May 2020

Joint UN/ICRC Op-Ed on explosive weapons in populated areas and Covid-19

Centre for Humanitarian Data/HDX [to 30 May 2020]

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UNICEF [to 30 May 2020]

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

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Statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore on the killing of health workers in Somalia

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Statement on Yemen by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee

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Remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore at joint press briefing on the humanitarian situation in Yemen

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28/05/2020

Statement

Statement on the killing of a 14-year old girl in Iran

Statement from Mandeep O'Brien, UNICEF Representative in Iran

28/05/2020

Press release

COVID-19: Number of children living in household poverty to soar by up to 86 million by end of year

New analysis from Save the Children and UNICEF reveals that without urgent action, the number of children living in poor households across low- and middle-income countries could increase by 15 per cent, to reach 672 million
27/05/2020

Press release

Countries failing to stop harmful marketing of breast-milk substitutes, warn WHO and UNICEF

Agencies encourage women to continue to breastfeed during the COVID-19 pandemic
27/05/2020

UNHCR Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [to 30 May 2020]
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/media-centre.html>

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Southern Hemisphere winter intensifies hardship for displaced Venezuelans

29 May 2020

Northeastern Nigeria camp blaze kills two, leaving thousands without shelter

29 May 2020

Urban refugees struggling to survive as economic impact of COVID-19 worsens in East, Horn and Great Lakes of Africa

26 May 2020

UNHCR and IOM welcome donor pledges for Venezuelan refugees and migrants

UNHCR-IOM Joint Press Release

26 May 2020

IOM / International Organization for Migration [to 30 May 2020]

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

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IOM, EU Bolster Response to Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Returning Migrants Across West and Central Africa

2020-05-29 12:50

Dakar – The suspension of non-essential activities to limit the spread of COVID-19 in West and Central Africa has had a heavy socio-economic impact on 34,000 returning migrants.

IOM to Produce Hand Sanitizer with District Administration and Local Partners in Cox's Bazar

2020-05-29 12:28

Cox's Bazar – In the days following the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Bangladesh in early March 2020, hand sanitizer and other essential hygiene products became scarce due to rising demand, leading to a sharp price increase in the local markets of Cox's Bazar, home to the...

IOM Deplores Killing of 30 Trafficked Migrants in Libya

2020-05-28 21:21

Geneva- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) deplores the killing of 30 migrants in a shooting yesterday (27/05) involving a trafficker in Libya.

Statement on Yemen by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee

2020-05-28 15:02

Geneva – We are increasingly alarmed about the situation in Yemen.

IOM Calls for Rescue and Safe Disembarkation of Rohingya Stranded at Sea

2020-05-28 10:51

Geneva/Bangkok – As Cyclone Amphan signalled a ferocious start to the cyclone season in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea 10 days ago, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is increasingly concerned about the plight of hundreds of Rohingya refugees believed to be...

IOM and UNHCR Welcome Donor Pledges for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants

2020-05-26 18:35

Brussels – The International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, welcome the commitments made by donors today, amounting to USD 2.79 billion, including USD 653 million in grants, during the International Donors Conference in Solidarity with Venezuelan Refugees and...

UNAIDS [to 30 May 2020]

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

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29 May 2020

Caribbean community organizations call for decisive action to end homophobic abuse and cyberbullying

28 May 2020

"My biggest concern is to get my antiretroviral medicines": HIV and COVID-19 in Latin America

27 May 2020

Pia Wurtzbach on how she is helping the response to COVID-19

26 May 2020

"When people are asked to isolate themselves, we also need to make sure that they have food and medicine"

25 May 2020

"We are in this together": Uganda Young Positives respond to COVID-19

25 May 2020

Modelling the extreme—COVID-19 and AIDS-related deaths

Unitaid [to 30 May 2020]

<https://unitaid.org/>

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29 May 2020

Unitaid backs WHO and Costa Rica call to action on pooling of knowledge and rights for COVID-19 global public goods

Geneva — Unitaid welcomes the call by WHO and the President of Costa Rica for the voluntary pooling of knowledge, intellectual property and data for COVID-19 health technologies to help ensure equitable access to global public goods.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and President Carlos Alvarado Quesada of Costa Rica launched the initiative at a digital event on Friday 29 May, together with the support of a large number of Member States and international organisation. The 'Solidarity Call to Action' targets governments, public and private sector funders of research, pharmaceutical industry, as well as researchers themselves.

Marisol Touraine, Chair of the Unitaid Executive Board and former French health minister said, "Equitable access to better medicines, tests and preventive methods is at the heart of Unitaid's work – not just for COVID-19 but for HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases." She continues, "We very much support the call for non-exclusive and global voluntary licensing through the Unitaid-established and supported Medicines Patent Pool, as well as through other mechanisms such as the UN Technology Bank-WHO TechAccess Partnership."

Speaking at the launch, Dr Philippe Duneton, Unitaid Executive Director a.i., said. "Voluntary pooling is an important step in towards equitable access to COVID-19 medicines and tests. Intellectual property rights are not the problem here, it is the way in which they are used. We expect the pharmaceutical industry to turn IP rights into solutions. Unitaid has created and supported MPP, and it has shown the way for the HIV response; this model is also key for the COVID-19 response". He continues, "Global threats need global solutions. Equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics is key to ending this pandemic, and what's more they also need to be affordable."...

25 May 2020

Unitaid greets new Korean-led initiative to improve the global response to infectious diseases

Geneva – Unitaid welcomes the launch of the Support Group for Global Infectious Disease Response (G4IDR), an initiative led by the Republic of Korea that seeks to capitalize on lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Geneva-based group convenes several countries and will collaborate with the World Health Organization (WHO) and global health organizations including Unitaid.

Is it part of the wider 'Group of Friends of Solidarity for Global Health Security' launched on 12 May 2020 at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA.

The Geneva G4IDR initiative was launched by H.E. Mrs Kang Kyung-wha, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Mrs Kang emphasised the role of global institutions in tackling global challenges and said that she hoped the G4IDR Support Group, "will play an important role in facilitating and coordinating cooperation between countries and health organizations, eventually strengthening the global response not only to COVID-19 but to future global health crises that can strike next."...

WHO & Regional Offices [to 30 May 2020]

29 May 2020 *News release*

[Stop tobacco industry exploitation of children and young people](#)

29 May 2020 *News release*

[International community rallies to support open research and science to fight COVID-19](#)

27 May 2020 *News release*

[Countries failing to stop harmful marketing of breast-milk substitutes, warn WHO and UNICEF](#)

27 May 2020 *News release*

[WHO Foundation Established to Support Critical Global Health Needs](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) welcomes the creation of the WHO Foundation, an independent grant-making entity, that will support the Organization's efforts to address the most pressing global health challenges.

Headquartered in Geneva, the Foundation will support global public health needs by providing funds to WHO and trusted implementing partners to deliver on the Organization's "triple billion" goals. Featured in WHO's five-year strategic plan, these goals aim to: protect 1 billion people from health emergencies; extend universal health coverage to 1 billion people; and assure healthy lives and wellbeing to 1 billion people by 2023.

The Foundation, which is legally separate from WHO, will facilitate contributions from the general public, individual major donors and corporate partners to WHO and trusted partners to deliver on high-impact programmes. Its goal is to help broaden WHO's donor base and work towards more sustainable and predictable funding. The WHO Foundation will simplify the processing of philanthropic contributions in support of WHO and make such contributions possible on all aspects of health and WHO's mission.

"An important part of WHO's future success is broadening its donor base and increasing both the quantity and quality of funds at its disposal," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "The creation of the WHO Foundation, as part of WHO's transformation, is an important step towards this goal, and towards achieving our mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable."...

27 May 2020 *News release*

[The World Health Organization, UN Foundation and Illumination partner on health messages](#)

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WHO Regional Offices

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WHO African Region AFRO

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

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

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

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

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

No new digest content identified.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

:: India elected chair of WHO's Executive Board 22 May 2020

WHO European Region EURO

:: Embracing cultural diversity unlocks key resources for more inclusive health systems 20-05-2020

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

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

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

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

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

WHO Western Pacific Region

No new digest content identified.

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) [to 30 May 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNFPA United Nations Population Fund [to 30 May 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNDP United Nations Development Programme [to 30 May 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN Division for Sustainable Development [to 30 May 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UN Statistical Commission :: UN Statistics Division [to 30 May 2020]

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/default.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/commission.htm>

<http://unstats.un.org/sdgs/>

No new digest content identified.

UNEP United Nations Environment Programme [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

Press release

[Japan, UNEP deepen cooperation on plastic pollution and post-conflict recovery](#)

Bangkok, 25 May 2020 – Japan and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) today announced a new cooperative effort to tackle plastic pollution across Asia and support post-conflict environmental recovery in...

UNDRR UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction [to 30 May 2020]

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

Updates

Press Releases 28 May 2020

[10 Arab Countries Shared their Lessons Learned in Preparing & Responding to COVID -19 During their Participation in UNDRR ROAS Webinar](#)

The inevitable impact of COVID 19 and its impact globally and on all Arab countries is far more than a health crisis, it is affecting societies and economies in multiple ways. While the impact of the pandemic varies from one country to another, it will

UN DESA United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

UNESCO [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

[UNESCO Beirut, UNICEF MENA Office and partners conducted a Regional Policy Dialogue Webinar on School Reopening in the Arab Region](#)

05/29/2020

[UNESCO warns against 'perfect storm' threatening freedom of expression amid COVID-19](#)

05/28/2020

Strengthening global coordination and science-based solutions for integrated ocean management

Report commissioned by 14 serving heads of state and government calls for strengthening the science-based integrated ocean management through the UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC).-

05/27/2020

Launch of UNESCO Report on museums around the world in the face of COVID-19

27/05/2020

[See Week in Review above for detail]

International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) [to 30 May 2020]

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

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No new digest content identified.

UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

UN-HABITAT United Nations Human Settlements Programme [to 30 May 2020]

<http://unhabitat.org/>

News and Stories

Habitat Professionals Forum (HPF) Statement On COVID-19 Pandemic

Friday 29 May, 2020

Prevention of Water-Borne Disease Outbreak through Emergency Repair and Upgrade of Damaged Wastewater Facilities

Thursday 28 May, 2020

COVID-19 must be addressed through international solidarity and cooperation

Thursday 28 May, 2020

Experts discuss the central role of urban planning in the post pandemic recovery

Thursday 28 May, 2020

Africa: How Urban Mobility Can Come Back Stronger in a Post-Pandemic World

Wednesday 27 May, 2020

FAO Food & Agriculture Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ILO International Labour Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

Trade Union Movement

Recovering from the COVID-19 crisis: What policies are needed?

29 May 2020

For workers, what risks and opportunities has the COVID-19 crisis brought about? Catelene Passchier, Chair of the Workers' Group of the ILO Governing Body shares her views on the policies needed to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. She also calls for more regulation of digital work and enhancement of social dialogue and tripartism to provide social justice and decent work for all.

COVID-19: Protecting workers in the workplace

ILO: More than one in six young people out of work due to COVID-19

27 May 2020

The ILO's latest analysis of the labour market impact of COVID-19 exposes the devastating and disproportionate effect on young workers, and analyses measures being taken to create a safe return to work environment.

Blog

Spanish Flu and COVID-19 – are there lessons for the world of work?

27 May 2020

The outbreak of Spanish Flu in 1918 decimated populations around the world and, like the COVID-19 pandemic, had a major impact on jobs, particularly in the poorest, most vulnerable communities.

Blog

How to ensure older workers fully participate in the recovery after the pandemic

25 May 2020

Older workers are a valuable resource for enterprises yet recent history has shown that many are at risk of losing their jobs following crisis and recession.

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

ICAO, ILO, and IMO issue joint call to world governments on need for 'key worker' designations for essential air and sea personnel

26/5/20

IMO International Maritime Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest Press Briefings

UN agencies call for urgent action on crew changes and keyworker designation for sea and air workers

27/05/2020

IMO, ICAO, ILO plea for urgent action on crew changes and for keyworker designation so that sea and air workers can be relieved and repatriated in a safe way during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WMO World Meteorological Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

UPU Universal Postal Union [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

UPU reports record drop in global postal volumes

28.05.2020 - A new report by the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the UN specialized agency for postal matters, titled, "The COVID-19 crisis and the postal sector" shows postal volumes dropping by 21 percent in 2020. The steep decline is the largest seen by the UPU since it began recording exchanges of electronic data between its 192 member countries in 2010.

UNIDO United Nations Industrial Development Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

COVID-19: Responding to the Crisis. Building a Better Future

VIENNA, 26 May 2020 – The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) has published its position paper on the COVID-19 response. Responding to the Crisis. Building a Better Future outlines UNIDO's approach over the next 12 to 18 months with three pillars:

Prepare and contain: Support the preparation for the health crisis and containing its economic consequences. Protect supply chains, the productive sector and its workers.

Respond and adapt: Support the adaptation of the productive sector to respond, utilizing inclusive and sustainable solutions, and building resilience.

Recover and transform: Support the recovery and transformation towards inclusive, resilient and sustainable economies through inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

By Clare Naden on 28 May 2020

Words to the wise on conformity assessment

Demonstrating that your product, service or system meets the requirements of a standard results in increased confidence from stakeholders while helping to ensure regulatory compliance. The International Standard for terms and definitions in the field of conformity assessment has just been updated: [ISO/IEC 17000](#), *Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles*,

UNWTO World Tourism Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

All Regions COVID-19

UNWTO Launches Global Guidelines to Reopen Tourism

28 May 2020

:: The United Nations specialized agency for tourism releases guidelines for strong and sustainable recovery

:: Recommendations draw on cross-sector expertise of Tourism Crisis Committee

:: Safe, seamless travel and restoring confidence key priorities

: UNWTO and Google strengthen partnership to promote digital skills and create new opportunities in recovery phase

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has released a set of guidelines to help tourism sector emerge stronger and more sustainably from COVID-19. The guidelines highlight the need to act decisively, to restore confidence and, as UNWTO strengthens its partnership with Google, to embrace innovation and the digital transformation of global tourism...

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[CNN Joins UNWTO on #TravelTomorrow Campaign](#)

26 May 2020

Africa

[Africa Day Message](#)

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WIPO World Intellectual Property Organization [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

[WIPO's Conversation on IP and AI to Continue as a Virtual Meeting](#)

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) today published a revised issues paper on intellectual property policy and artificial intelligence (AI) as part of its ongoing consultation with stakeholders on the intersection of AI and IP policy and announced the dates of the rescheduled WIPO Conversation on Intellectual Property (IP) and Artificial Intelligence, which will take place online. The Second Session of the WIPO Conversation on IP and AI will be held over three days from July 7 to 9, 2020 as a virtual meeting, in three daily sessions from 13:00 to 15:00 CET, to allow the broadest possible global audience to attend.

May 29, 2020 [PR/2020/856](#)

CBD Convention on Biological Diversity [to 30 May 2020]

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

Announcements

29.05.2020 **[UN Biodiversity Convention on track to develop ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework.](#)**

29.05.2020 **[Funding of up to USD \\$100,000 for drug discovery scientists to respond to the therapeutic needs of Africa](#)**

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USAID [to 30 May 2020]

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

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DFID [to 30 May 2020]

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

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ECHO [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

[Statement by Commissioner Janez Lenarčič on the abduction and killing of humanitarian health workers in Somalia](#)

29/05/2020

Commissioner for Crisis Management, Janez Lenarčič, has issued the following statement: The EU strongly condemns the abduction and killing of seven Somali humanitarian health workers and another Somali national in an attack on an NGO-run Mother...

[Floods in East Africa: EU provides initial emergency assistance](#)

29/05/2020

The EU has mobilised €3 million in emergency assistance to countries in East Africa that have been hit by heavy rainfall over the past weeks, triggering devastating landslides and floods. "In a region that is already battling the effects of a...

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African Union [to 30 May 2020]

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

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[Africa CDC deploys 28 frontline responders: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mali, Niger](#)

May 31, 2020

[Ambassador Minata Samate Cessouma Presides the Virtual Meeting of African Elections Management Bodies on COVID-19 and...](#)

May 29, 2020

[Communiqué: Ministers for Arts, Culture, and Heritage on Responses to COVID-19](#)

May 27, 2020

[H.E. Minata Samate Cessouma addresses the African Governance Architecture](#)

May 27, 2020

[Improving Labour Migration in Africa Discussed, Despite COVID-19 Challenges](#)

May 26, 2020

AUC announces the Africa CDC Kofi Annan Global Health Leadership Programme

May 25, 2020

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations [to 30 May 2020]

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

Secretariat News

No new digest content identified.

European Commission [to 30 May 2020]

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

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Statement 30 May 2020

US announcement on breaking ties with the World Health Organisation: Statement by the President of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen and High Representative/ Vice-President Josep Borrell

Speech 28 May 2020

Speech by President von der Leyen at the UN High-Level Event on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond

Press release 26 May 2020

EU mobilises international donors to support Venezuelan refugees and migrants and countries in the region

Today, the European Union and the Spanish Government convened the International Donors' Conference in solidarity with Venezuelan refugees and migrants and countries in the region, with the support of the UNHCR and IOM.

OECD [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

28-May-2020

International trade statistics: trends in first quarter 2020

Covid-19 hits G20 international merchandise trade in first quarter of 2020 as signs emerge of even sharper falls in Q2

Organization of American States (OAS) [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

Statement of the OAS General Secretariat on the Situation in Haiti

May 29, 2020

OAS General Secretariat Launches Report on the Situation of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Chile

May 27, 2020

OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro Assumes Second Term until 2025

May 27, 2020

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) [to 30 May 2020]

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

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Group of 77 [to 30 May 2020]

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

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UNCTAD [to 30 May 2020]

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

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World Customs Organization – WCO [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

29 May 2020

WCO and UN-OHRLS call for trade and transit facilitation during the COVID-19 pandemic

WTO - World Trade Organisation [to 30 May 2020]

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

WTO News and Events

WTO report looks at impact of COVID-19 pandemic on services trade

29 May 2020

A new information note published by the WTO Secretariat looks at how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected trade in services, from tourism and transport to retail and health services.

WTO issues 2020 Annual Report

28 May 2020

The WTO's Annual Report, published today (28 May), provides a comprehensive account of the organization's activities in 2019 and early 2020. The Report opens with a message from Director-General Roberto Azevêdo and a brief overview of the year. This is followed by in-depth accounts of the WTO's main areas of activity over the past 12 months.

DDG Wolff: This is the time to consider the future of the multilateral trading system

27 May 2020

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the urgent need to examine the underlying principles and values of the WTO and whether the organization needs change, Deputy Director-General Alan Wolff said on 27 May. Speaking at a webinar hosted by the Korean International Trade Association, DDG Wolff called for immediate action to control the harm that can be caused by trade restrictions in response to the current global health and economic crises and to consider the future of the multilateral trading system.

Members discuss impact of COVID-19 on developing economies' participation in world trade

26 May 2020

On 26 May, WTO members assessed the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the trading capacity of developing countries in a virtual meeting of the Committee on Trade and Development. The new chair, Afghanistan's WTO Ambassador, Mohammad Qurban Haqjo, said: "Trade must form part of the solution in assisting and supporting recovery in developing countries."

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IPU Inter-Parliamentary Union [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press releases

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International Court of Justice [to 30 May 2020]

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

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International Criminal Court (ICC) [to 30 May 2020]

Trying individuals for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity

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

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World Bank [to 30 May 2020]

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

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Government Guarantees: A Framework and Scenario Analysis

Governments have many financial tools at their disposal for promoting development. Granting guarantees of another party's borrowing can be an attractive option. It helps facilitate investment by reducing...

Date: May 29, 2020 Type: Publication

Investing in Girls and Women's Empowerment in and Beyond the Sahel

The World Bank provides \$376 million to help advance women's empowerment and strengthen legal frameworks that promote women's rights to health and education in Africa WASHINGTON, May 28, 2020 –The World...

Date: May 28, 2020 Type: Press Release

COVID-19 Intensifies the Urgency to Expand Sustainable Energy Solutions Worldwide

To meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets by 2030, countries must safeguard the gains already attained and accelerate efforts to achieve affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern...

Date: May 28, 2020 Type: Press Release

Food Security and COVID-19

Alarmed by a potential rise in food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, many countries and organizations are mounting special efforts to keep agriculture safely running as an essential business, markets...

Date: May 28, 2020 Type: Brief

World Bank Africa Human Capital Plan

NEW DOCUMENT: Africa Human Capital Plan Year One Progress Report : Game Changers for Investing in Africa's People

Date: May 26, 2020 Type: Publication

IMF [to 30 May 2020]

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

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May 29, 2020

IMF Executive Board Approves a US\$732 Million Disbursement to Bangladesh to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

May 28, 2020

Opening Remarks at UN Event on Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19

May 28, 2020

Address at the UN Conference on Financing SDG Implementation: The Role of Integrated National Financing Frameworks

African Development Bank Group [to 30 May 2020]

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

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Egypt: African Development Bank approves emergency relief aid to tackle food insecurity for vulnerable workers whose livelihoods are impacted by COVID-19

27-May-2020 - The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank on 25 May, 2020 approved a \$500,000 emergency assistance grant to Egypt to provide food relief, and to contribute to restoring the livelihoods of vulnerable populations severely affected by COVID 19.

African Natural Resources Centre unveils publication to advance critical land policy reforms

26-May-2020 - In response to challenges across Africa around land ownership and use, the African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) of the African Development Bank is launching a series of articles to aid policy debate.

Asian Development Bank [to 30 May 2020]

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

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28 May 2020

ADB Study Maps Supply Chains for Key Products in COVID-19 Response

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has released a landmark study which maps supply chains for critical products in the global response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, clearing the way for the identification and removal...

26 May 2020

ADB Approves \$250 Million Support for Nepal's COVID-19 Response

ADB today approved a \$250 million concessional loan to help the Government of Nepal fund its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which includes measures to strengthen the country's public health systems and mitigate the...

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank [to 30 May 2020]

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

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

News

Beijing, China, May 29, 2020

AIIB Approves USD750-M Loan to the Philippines for COVID-19 Response

As part of a coordinated international effort, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a USD750-million loan to the Philippines to stave off the worst public health and economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IFAD International Fund for Agricultural Development [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

28 MAY

IFAD's Sara Mbago-Bhunu to join renowned Global South Experts on Commission on Sustainable Agricultural Intensification

Islamic Development Bank [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

Fitch Affirms Islamic Development Bank at 'AAA': Outlook Stable

27 May 2020

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:: INGO/Consortia/Joint Initiatives Watch

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

Action Contre la Faim – Action Against Hunger [to 30 May 2020]

<http://www.actioncontrelafaim.org>

Communiqués de presse

Coronavirus en France

Action contre la Faim face au Covid-19 : Quelles actions sont prises en France ?

Posté le 29 mai 2020

Avec de moins en moins de cas confirmés de Covid-19 en France, l'épidémie semble ralentir. Si les Français entament la phase du déconfinement progressif, dehors, dans les camps de fortune ou les logements précaires, le risque de contamination reste important pour les populations les plus vulnérables.

Alliance for International Medical Action (ALIMA) [to 30 May 2020]

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

PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

Amref Health Africa [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases

Press Releases Strategic Partnerships

Amref Partners with Popular Kenyan Artist Juliani to Mobilise Kenyan Youth on the COVID-19 Response

May 22, 2020

Aravind Eye Care System [to 30 May 2020]

<https://aravind.org/>

Aravind News

No new digest content identified.

BRAC [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest

May 31, 2020

COVID-19: Update from Asif Saleh (30 May 2020)

May 27, 2020

Lockdown in Bangladesh sees violence against women rise: The double challenge of accessing justice during a pandemic

Clubhouse International [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

Coronavirus -- Weekly Updates from the Clubhouse Community

Danish Refugee Council [to 30 May 2020]

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

NEWS

No new digest content identified.

ECPAT [to 30 May 2020]

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

News & Updates

No new digest content identified.

Fountain House [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Humanity & Inclusion [nee Handicap International] [to 30 May 2020]

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

All news

COVID-19: "Leave no one behind"

PUBLISHED ON May 27th 2020

One of the poorest countries in the world and already confronted by one of its worst humanitarian crises, the Central African Republic must now face the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. HI's teams are working to ensure people with disabilities and vulnerable individuals at risk from exclusion are included in epidemic prevention actions.

Heifer International [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

HelpAge International [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

No new digest content identified.

ICRC [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected News Releases, Statements, Reports

Somalia: Killing of health workers from rural clinic an appalling tragedy

The ICRC is deeply shocked by the killing of eight people in Gololey village in the Balcad district in Hirshabelle.

29-05-2020 | *News release*

The COVID crisis is becoming a protection crisis

As-delivered by Laetitia Courtois, ICRC's Permanent Observer to the UN and Head of Delegation, New York

28-05-2020 | *Statement*

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement appeals for 3.1 billion Swiss francs (3.19 billion US dollars) to curb COVID-19's spread and assist world's most vulnerable amid the pandemic

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is appealing for 3.1 billion Swiss francs (3.19 billion US dollars) to urgently scale up its global response to curb COVID-19's rapid spread and assist the world's most vulnerable people amid the

28-05-2020 | *News release*

Amid COVID-19, we must not lose focus on violations and abuses in war

Secretary-General Guterres' report card on the state of protection highlights the enormous violations and the failures to protect men, women and children around the globe. Communities caught in the crossfire of armed conflict suffer shock after shock,

27-05-2020 | *Statement*

IFRC [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases, Announcements

Global

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement appeals for 3.1 billion Swiss francs (3.19 billion US dollars) to curb COVID-19's spread and assist world's most vulnerable amid the pandemic

Geneva, 28 May 2020 —The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is appealing for 3.1 billion Swiss francs (3.19 billion US dollars) to urgently scale up its global response to curb COVID-19's rapid spread and assist the world's most vulnerable people amid the pandemic.

28 May 2020

International Medical Corps (IMC) [to 30 May 2020]

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

Story

No new digest content identified.

IRC International Rescue Committee [to 30 May 2020]

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

Media highlights

No new digest content identified.

IRCT [to 30 May 2020]

<https://irct.org/>

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Islamic Relief Worldwide [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

Bangladesh

[Islamic Relief supports recovery efforts in aftermath of Cyclone Amphan](#)

Published: 28 May, 2020

Landsea [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Medecins du Monde [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

[International Donors Conference for refugees and migrants in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

International Donors Conference in solidarity with Venezuelan refugees and migrants in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean

Published on 26 May 2020

The undersigned organizations are writing in regards to the "Donors Conference in solidarity with Venezuelan refugees and migrants in the countries of the region," to be virtually held next Tuesday May 26, 2020, convened by the Government of Spain and the European Union, with the support of UNHCR and IOM. This conference represents an important opportunity given the urgency of increasing the financing of the response to the Venezuelan crisis with a sustainable, planned and appropriate allocation of funding. We reiterate our will to work together in the unprecedented context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CSO Coalition for the Defense of the Rights of Refugee, Migrant and Displaced Populations in LAC (LAC RMD Coalition), formed by Care, HIAS, IPPF / RHO, NRC, Plan Internacional, Oxfam, Save the Children,

International World Vision, and as observers International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Mercy Corps [to 30 May 2020]

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

News Releases & Alerts

May 29, 2020

[News Alert: Administration's Decision to Terminate U.S. Relationship With the WHO Could Not Be Worse-Timed](#)

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[MSF opens COVID-19 centre in Venezuela](#)

Project Update 29 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[Continuing essential medical services during COVID-19](#)

Project Update 28 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[Unregulated market for personal protective equipment puts lives at r...](#)

Press Release 28 May 2020

Brazil

[MSF responds to the COVID-19 pandemic in Amazonas](#)

Press Release 27 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[Offering extra protection against COVID-19 to Lebanon's most vulnera...](#)

Project Update 26 May 2020

Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic

[MSF concludes COVID-19 response in Spain](#)

Press Release 25 May 2020

Operation Smile [to 30 May 2020]

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

[Program Schedule](#)

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

OXFAM [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected News/Announcements

Governments must back WHO call to share vaccine information: Oxfam

29 May 2020

"The pharmaceutical industry's attempt to rubbish the World Health Organisation's initiative suggests that they care more for profits than people's health," said Anna Marriott, Health Policy Manager for Oxfam, in response to the World Health Organisation's call for governments to back a voluntary scheme to share trial data and patents relating to vaccines and treatments for the coronavirus.

UN Climate Summit pushed back to November 2021

28 May 2020

"The postponement should not delay urgently needed action on climate change which is already increasing poverty and suffering around the world", said Danny Sriskandarajah, Oxfam GB Chief Executive, in response to the announcement that the UN Climate Summit is being pushed back to November 2021 —a year after it was originally scheduled.

Proposal for recovery fund and EU budget a breakthrough

27 May 2020

Today, the European Commission presented a coronavirus crisis recovery package for the EU.

New swarms of locusts threaten to increase hunger in East Africa reeling from floods and coronavirus

27 May 2020

Oxfam warned today that millions of people in East and Central Africa, already suffering due to flooding and the impact of coronavirus, are at risk of increased hunger and poverty as the region braces for the latest generation of locusts which are due to hatch in June —just when crops are to be harvested.

\$10 billion raised to fund development of coronavirus vaccine

26 May 2020

Oxfam reaction to the announcement by the European Commission that \$10.4 billion had been raised to fund the research and development of vaccines, treatments and tests for the coronavirus.

Over 1 million women in Burkina Faso caught between conflict and COVID-19

24 May 2020

More than a million women and girls in Burkina Faso are facing increased sexual violence, hunger and water shortage as a result of the coronavirus pandemic on top of the existing conflict, said Oxfam today.

Norwegian Refugee Council [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest news from NRC

Press release

Venezuela / 27. May 2020

New resources to save lives and to reduce suffering of people affected by the Venezuelan crisis

Over 700 million euros raised today prove the commitment of governments and donors to respond to Venezuela's refugee and migrant crisis.

Global | 26. May 2020

Immediate Covid-19 support to partners

Adapting current assistance to ensure continued support to vulnerable communities, along with taking care of staff and experts have been NORCAP's main priorities in the Covid-19 response.

Pact [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Partners In Health [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

May 29, 2020

Research: Rwanda Referral Program Saving Cancer Patients' Lives

Clinicians at PIH-supported Butaro District Hospital provided access to vital radiotherapy at a time when none was available in the country.

May 29, 2020

Testing for COVID-19 Along the Haiti-Dominican Republic Border

Zanmi Lasante staff screen and provide COVID-19 rapid diagnostic tests for travelers entering Haiti from the Dominican Republic, helping stop the spread of the virus throughout Haiti.

PATH [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Plan International/BORNEfonden [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Save The Children [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

29 May 2020 - *Lebanon*

Lebanon: Students miss half the school year due to double impact of economic and coronavirus crisis

28 May 2020 - *Global*

COVID-19: Number of children living in household poverty to soar by up to 86 million by end of year

25 May 2020 - *Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal*

COVID-19 hygiene measures must be enforced in schools set to reopen in West and Central Africa, says Save the Children

SOS-Kinderdorf International [to 30 May 2020]

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

All News

Press Release

Children are the hidden victims of Latin America's Corona crisis

May 28 2020 - Latin America has been declared the new epicentre of the global COVID-19 pandemic. With weak healthcare systems, informal economies and high levels of inequality, the crisis presents an unprecedented challenge for struggling families.

Tostan [to 30 May 2020]

<http://www.tostan.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

Women for Women International [to 30 May 2020]

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

Article

May 27, 2020

Connected Without Contact: Innovating with Mobile Technology

World Vision [to 30 May 2020]

<http://wvi.org/>

Newsroom

World Vision responds to COVID-19 crisis in Myanmar

May 28th 2020

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Electronic Frontiers Foundation

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

No new digest content identified.

Freedom House [to 30 May 2020]

<https://freedomhouse.org/>

Latest Updates

United States: Executive Order Would Undermine Free Speech Protections Online

Press release
May 28, 2020

United States: Freedom House Applauds Passage of the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act

Press release
May 27, 2020

Poland and Hungary Must Not Be Ignored

Perspectives
May 26, 2020

Human Rights Watch [to 30 May 2020]

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

Featured Commentary, Announcements, Statements

May 29, 2020

US: Provide Reparations for 1921 'Tulsa Race Massacre'

State and local authorities in Tulsa, Oklahoma should provide reparations for the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, when a white mob killed several hundred black people and destroyed a prosperous black neighborhood.

The Case for Reparations in Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 29, 2020 *News Release*

Senegal/Chad: No Reparations for Ex-Dictator's Victims

China and Tibet

May 28, 2020 *Dispatches*

Ai Weiwei's Mass Activism Partnership with Human Rights Watch

Europe/Central Asia

May 27, 2020 *Report*

UK: Children in England Going Hungry with Schools Shut

Transparency International [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

Open procurement and transparency of company ownership needed as Zimbabwe responds to COVID-19

Issued by Transparency International Zimbabwe

Transparency International Zimbabwe (TI-Z) notes with concern a recent example of skewed public procurement process for medicinal supplies to combat COVID-19. In a letter referenced "Items procured..."

28 May 2020

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ChildFund Alliance [to 30 May 2020]

<https://childfundalliance.org/News/Statements>
No new digest content identified.

CONCORD [to 30 May 2020]

[http://concordeurope.org/Latest News and Events](http://concordeurope.org/LatestNewsandEvents)

Jargon-busting guide to building a global sustainable economy

May 29, 2020

Do you know the difference between a green economy and a feminist economy? Confused by acronyms like CSR and RBC? And what are Business and Human Rights Guiding Principles anyway? A sure way to lose public interest in and support for building a sustainable global economy is to overwhelm people with jargon.

Liberty after COVID-19: What do we want to live for?

May 26, 2020

The decisions that leaders make today will impact our lives longer than the outbreak itself. What will happen to our democracies and civil liberties when the immediate threat from the pandemic subsides?

The Elders [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases and Major Announcements
Guest Blog

Climate Change: a threat to human health in Nigeria. Let's take action!

28 May 2020

Adegbile Deborah Morayo, a 12-year-old climate activist from Nigeria, writes about living with the impacts of environmental degradation and how this drives her passion to be a climate activist advocating for the right to a clean and healthy environment.

Opinion

ASEAN must act to save Rohingya refugees in the Bay of Bengal

26 May 2020

As thousands of displaced Rohingya are struggling to find sanctuary in the Bay of Bengal, Ban Ki-moon calls on governments in the region to take action, uphold the rule of law and show solidarity for those in peril on the sea

Refugees & Migration

Evidence Aid [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest Content

H2H Network Supports Global Response to Covid-19 with Package of Humanitarian Services

Deep and broad technical expertise focuses on supporting ongoing humanitarian activities in regions with fragile health systems

GENEVA, 27 MAY 2020 – The H2H Network grants second round of funding to specialist organisations working in 17 countries to provide technical services in support of the global humanitarian response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The H2H Network reactivated its fund for member agencies to deliver a deep and broad package of services in support of the humanitarian sector, globally and locally. The reactivation follows an initial round of funding in February 2020 when the H2H Network supported a package of humanitarian services aiming to counter misinformation with facts in relevant languages and accessible formats, focusing on countries with less resilient healthcare systems...

Gavi [to 30 May 2020]

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

News releases

Virtual Conference

4 June 2020

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

26 May 2020

New Zealand announces NZ\$ 7 million pledge to Vaccine Alliance

Getty Conservation Institute [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 30 May 2020]

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

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

Updates

Strategy Development Open Consultation

29 May 2020

The Global Fund has launched an open consultation to develop the next Global Fund Strategy.

We strongly encourage all stakeholders to contribute to this consultation by identifying the most pressing challenges and opportunities in the fight against the three diseases; building resilient and sustainable systems for health; promoting and protecting human rights and gender equality; and mobilizing resources. We also want your views as to how these priorities are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and broader changes in the health and development landscape. We have prepared a series of framing questions to answer.

See how to contribute and read background information on our new [Strategy Development](#) page.

Voices

On the Front Lines: Responding to COVID-19

28 May 2020

Sourcing & Management of Health Products

COVID-19 Response: Diagnostics Procurement

27 May 2020

Voices

COVID-19 Threatens to Derail Fight Against HIV, TB and Malaria

27 May 2020

Updates

Search for Independent Members of the Inspector General Nomination Committee

25 May 2020

Hilton Prize Coalition [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

ICVA - International Council of Voluntary Agencies [to 30 May 2020]

<https://icvanetwork.org/>

Latest resources, events, content

Upcoming events

Análisis Rápido de Género de América Latina y el Caribe: El Estado de las Mujeres y la COVID-19 en América Latina y el Caribe

June 2, 2020 - 10:00am to 11:00am

Online webinar

WEBINAR: Localisation during COVID-19

June 2, 2020 - 11:00am to 12:00pm

Online

COVID-19: Reaching the furthest behind

June 2, 2020 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Online Webinar

Towards an ASEAN People-Centered Approach to COVID-19? The role, response and scope of cooperation among CSO networks

June 2, 2020 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Webinar Online

CARE & UN Women Rapid Gender Analysis for Latin America and the Caribbean: Reducing Inequalities in times of COVID-19

June 3, 2020 - 10:00am to 11:00am

Online

InterAction [to 30 May 2020]

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

Global & Public Policy Positions

Statement on the President's Announcement to Pull Out of the World Health Organization

May 29, 2020

"The President's decision to terminate the U.S. relationship with the World Health Organization (WHO), during this global pandemic, is shortsighted and could have sweeping negative effects.

"To protect us all and combat this deadly virus, America must undertake a global response that uses all the tools available. The WHO cannot simply be replaced and cutting off U.S. funding makes the world and America less safe as we face a range of global health threats."

Blog Post

Refugees Through the Eyes of American Third Graders

Caryn Schorr |

May 29, 2020

Global Development Practice

Global Hunger in the Time of COVID-19

Sara Nitz Nolan

May 28, 2020

Crises & Countries in Conflict

InterAction's Response to COVID-19

InterAction

May 28, 2020

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3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

CHS Alliance [to 30 May 2020]

<http://chsalliance.org/>

No new digest content identified.

Development Initiatives [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

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Active Learning Network for Accountability and Performance in Humanitarian Action (ALNAP) [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

28 May 2020

COVID-19 Portal Update

Week of 25 May

The COVID-19 pandemic has had repercussions across the humanitarian sector which the number of new relevant learning resources reflects.

CERAH – Geneva Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action [to 30 May 2020]

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

CERAH News

Book launch: The Uncounted: Politics of Data in Global Health

26.5.2020

Join us on Thursday, 11 June 2020 4-5pm CEST for the launch of "The Uncounted" the new book by our faculty member Meg Davis.

Disasters Emergency Committee [to 30 May 2020]

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

LATEST PRESS RELEASES

No new digest content identified.

EHLRA/R2HC/HIF [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Groupe URD [to 30 May 2020]

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

Publications

Report on Environmental Footprint of humanitarian assistance for DG ECHO, 2020

07/05/2020

The objective of this review is to take stock of DG ECHO's position and practices on this issue in view of identifying areas for progress. This review aims to map out existing environmental mainstreaming initiatives in the humanitarian sector (DG ECHO, other donors) as well as the existing practical tools used by the humanitarian community, which will serve as evidence on which DG ECHO can base its internal reflection in order to identify how it can support its partners in this complex endeavour to reduce their environmental footprint.

International Humanitarian Studies Association [to 30 May 2020]

<https://ihsa.info/>

Resources

Weekly Humanitarian Blog posts selection

Week from 18th to 24th May

IHSA is pleased to present its selection of humanitarian blog posts #9. It presents recently published blog posts that are relevant to humanitarian studies.

In this week's selection, our main themes are food crisis, the challenges of remote research, and

ethical decision-making. Covid-19 lockdowns have drastically reduced some people's income (whether from lost work or closure of markets) and their ability to access food. Many have to choose between health and hunger. It also affects the income of aid agencies, and the lack of aid leads to additional hardship. Covid often comes on top of other crises; for example locust swarms in Africa and Asia, or ongoing conflicts and displacement. Doing remote research in crises when researcher's and participant's mobility is limited is hard but not impossible. Qualitative enquiry is particularly difficult but no less needed in a crisis which is as much a social and medical phenomenon. Ethical issues such as consent and confidentiality remain crucial but also require new thinking. Our week's special on remote research gives some ideas.

INEE – an international network for education in emergencies [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP) [to 30 May 2020]

<https://phap.org/>

Association news

No new digest content identified.

Sphere [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

[Palliative care: why it is crucial in any COVID-19 response](#)

29 May 2020 | Sphere

Aninia Nadig, Sphere's Policy and Practice Manager, shares her thoughts about the importance of providing palliative care in responses to COVID-19. Despite some progress, palliative care still does not receive enough attention...

Start Network [to 30 May 2020]

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

News and Blog

[Three key lessons to improve risk-based decision-making](#)

by Sarah Barr

28 May 20

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Brookings

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

Accessed 30 May 2020

Latest Research

Report

[What happens in an outcome-based financing model when a major crisis hits?](#)

Emily Gustafsson-Wright
Friday, May 29, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Redesigning unemployment benefits: A social value-based approach

Mallika Thomas

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Health Care Policy

Making ACA enrollment more automatic for the newly unemployed

Christen Linke Young and Sobin Lee

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Essential but undervalued: Millions of health care workers aren't getting the pay or respect they deserve in the COVID-19 pandemic

Molly Kinder

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Report

The wealth of generations, with special attention to the millennials

William G. Gale, Hilary Gelfond, Jason Fichtner, and Benjamin H. Harris

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Center for Global Development [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Publications, News and Events

May 29, 2020

Planning for School Reopening and Recovery After COVID-19

Most governments around the world have temporarily closed schools in an attempt to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. As they start to plan for reopening, we have compiled a series of short and accessible briefs that provide the best available rigorous evidence on five critical dimensions of school reopening and recovery.

Shelby Carvalho , Jack Rossiter , Noam Angrist , Susannah Hares and Rachel Silverman

May 28, 2020

How to Enhance UK Aid Effectiveness: Written Evidence

On 30th April, Ian Mitchell submitted written evidence on aid effectiveness to the UK's International Development Select Committee.

Ian Mitchell

May 28, 2020

Principles for Phone-Based Assessments of Learning

While some studies measure student involvement in educational activities during the crisis through phone-based surveys, the literature on assessing learning by phone is almost nonexistent, despite the fact that learning loss has major implications for school dropout and rising inequality. In this article, we draw on our pilot testing of phone-based assessments in Botswana, along with the existing literature

on oral testing of reading and mathematics, to propose a series of preliminary principles to guide researchers and service providers as they try phone-based learning assessments.

Noam Angrist , Peter Bergman , David Evans , Susannah Hares , Matthew Jukes and Thato Letsomo

May 27, 2020

How to Prioritize Early Childhood? A Note on the Recent Experience in Colombia

This paper assesses Colombia's recent expansion in comprehensive early childhood care, underscoring the importance of strong high-level political commitment, inter-institutional coordination and stable financing.

Mauricio Cárdenas and Ana María Cadena

May 27, 2020

Gendered Impacts of COVID-19 School Closures: Insights from Frontline Organizations

COVID-19 school closures pose significant operational and financial risks to frontline organizations delivering vital education services, including non-governmental organizations, school operators, and other service providers. In this survey, we ask these organizations about the challenges they are facing in light of COVID-19 closures, particularly for girls. The responses shed light on how COVID-19 is affecting education service operations—and what providers are doing in response.

Maryam Akmal , Susannah Hares and Megan O'Donnell

May 27, 2020

The COVID-19 Development Innovation Agenda: An Economic and Financial Lens

The economic innovation agenda in pandemic response should be rooted in what we know about human behavior, and getting sustained scale in important mitigation solutions will require creativity. Behavior change initiatives such as handwashing, encouraging facemasks, and avoiding mass gatherings will be less costly for a stretched public service and a scared citizenry than other solutions effective in more developed economies.

James Habyarimana , Gulzar Natarajan and Alix Peterson Zwane

CSIS [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Reports

Report

Challenges to Continued U.S. Leadership Ahead of Global HIV's Next Phase

May 28, 2020 | Maggie McCarten-Gibbs, Sara M. Allinder The world is off-track to meet the first UNAIDS Fast Track goals toward controlling the global HIV epidemic. Concerted, well-financed, and targeted action is needed now to get on track. United States actions could make or break the next phase of the HIV response.

Report

Partners, Not Proxies: Capacity Building in Hybrid Warfare

May 27, 2020 | Melissa Dalton, Hijab Shah Security partners operate on the front lines of hybrid warfare environments. A principled approach to security partnerships and integrating partners into civilian-led campaigns for hybrid warfare will increase alliance-wide strategic action and operational effectiveness.

Report

International Perspectives on Space Weapons

May 27, 2020 | [Todd Harrison](#)

This report analyzes international perspectives on space weapons and the weaponization of space, focusing relatively more on countries other than the United States, Russia, and China.

Report

Strategic Dialogue: Shaping a U.S. Strategy for the "Ghosts" of Iraq

May 26, 2020 | [Anthony H. Cordesman](#) The United States and Iraq must address the "ghosts" of Iraqi politics, economy, and security before a meaningful strategic dialogue can be made, writes CSIS's Burke Chair in Strategy.

ODI [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Press Releases & Reports

China's Distant Water Fishing fleet is more than five times larger than estimated - new ODI report

Press release | 26 May 2020

A new report from the Overseas Development Institute sheds a light on the scale, impact and governance of China's Distant Water Fishing (DWF) fleet.

Counting carbon in global trade: why imported emissions challenge the climate regime and what might be done about it

Research reports and studies | May 2020 | Aarti Krishnan and Simon Maxwell

This set of essays argues that imported carbon emissions have been left out of the climate framework

DFI health investments as a Covid-19 response: the need for more risk-taking and innovation

Briefing papers | May 2020 | Samantha Attridge and Matthew Gouett

This note discusses the role of development finance institutions in the context of Covid-19.

From the ground up: it's about time for local humanitarian action

Research reports and studies | May 2020 | Larissa Fast and Christina Bennett

Humanitarian action is always stronger with local action. We explore how the system should shift to support and prioritise local humanitarian actors.

The evidence base on anticipatory action

Working and discussion papers | May 2020 | Lena Weingartner, Tobias Pforr and Emily Wilkinson

This paper takes stock of the available evidence on the benefits of anticipatory action prior to the onset or deepening of a crisis.

RoRI [Research on Research Institute] [to 30 May 2020]

<http://researchonresearch.org/>

We're an open and independent new initiative providing data, analysis and intelligence on how to make research systems more strategic, open, diverse and inclusive.

RoRI News

The Missing £4 Billion - new report

28.05.2020

In the UK, as in other countries, geographical imbalances in economic performance are exacerbated by regional imbalances in R&D spending.

A new report for the innovation foundation Nesta, co-authored by Richard Jones (University of Manchester and Associate Director, RoRI) and Tom Forth (Open Data Institute Leeds) outlines 12 recommendations for "levelling up" prosperity and harnessing R&D to redress longstanding regional economic inequality. The report is available free to download here.

Alongside the report, produced in association with RoRI, the authors have developed the Design the Future visualisation tool which lets you experiment with different R&D priorities, and shows you the effect this could have on different places across the UK.

Urban Institute [to 30 May 2020]

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

Publications

Employer-Sponsored Insurance Access, Affordability, and Enrollment in 2018

This brief examines access to, affordability of, and reliance on ESI using data from the 2008–18 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey-Insurance Component (MEPS-IC). We provide estimates for full- and part-time employees, those working in small and large firms, and those in establishments with majority and fewer low-wage employees in 2018—both nationally and by state. Understanding ESI for workers in small firms,

[Emily M. Johnston](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Dulce Gonzalez](#), [Erik Wengle](#)

May 29, 2020

Research Report

Home Visiting Career Trajectories: Snapshot of Home Visitors' Qualifications, Job Experiences, and Career Pathways

Introduction Until recently, limited research has been available on home visiting staff or on the professional development system that supports them. In 2016, the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the Administration for Children and Families, in collaboration with the Health Resources and Services Administration, contracted with the Urban Institute to study the home visiting workforce in MIECHV

[Heather Sandstrom](#), [Devon Genua](#), [Cary Lou](#), [Sarah Benatar](#)

May 29, 2020

Brief

Incorporating Long-Term Services and Supports in Health Care Proposals

Recent health care reform proposals have included coverage for long-term services and supports (LTSS), reflecting a fundamental change in the way many policymakers discuss health care. To inform broader discussions of these health care reform proposals, we project costs and distributional effects for three stylized proposals for public LTSS benefits. Each proposal would significantly expand the public role in

[Melissa M. Favreault](#)

May 29, 2020

Research Report

Washington Housing Initiative: Context and Contribution

Launched in 2018, the Washington Housing Initiative identifies and acquires rental properties in neighborhoods facing rising property values in the Washington, DC area, and keeps a majority of the apartments affordable for households with moderate incomes. This report describes the Washington Housing Initiative and its potential contributions in the context of the region's long-term housing challenges. It

[Margery Austin Turner](#), [Mica O'Brien](#)

May 28, 2020

Brief

[COVID-19, Unemployment Compensation, and State Medicaid Expansion Decisions](#)

In this analysis, we expand upon our earlier work to show how the additional levels of unemployment insurance provided through the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program affects eligibility for subsidized coverage in expansion and nonexpansion states. We then simulate the effects on eligibility of extending the additional federal unemployment compensation, currently limited to 16 weeks, through the

[Linda J. Blumberg](#), [Michael Simpson](#), [Matthew Buettgens](#), [John Holahan](#), [Jessica Banthin](#)

May 28, 2020

Brief

[Uninsured New Mothers' Health and Health Care Challenges Highlight the Benefits of Increasing Postpartum Medicaid Coverage](#)

Alarming increases in US maternal mortality have generated national attention and a search for policy solutions to promote maternal health. This analysis uses 2015–18 data from the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) to document access and affordability challenges facing uninsured new mothers and 2015–17 data from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment and Monitoring System (PRAMS) to describe the health status of

[Stacey McMorro](#), [Lisa Dubay](#), [Genevieve M. Kenney](#), [Emily M. Johnston](#), [Clara Alvarez Caraveo](#)

May 28, 2020

Brief

[Housing Finance At A Glance: A Monthly Chartbook, May 2020](#)

The May 2020 edition of At A Glance, the Housing Finance Policy Center's reference guide for mortgage and housing market data, includes updated figures describing originator profitability and unmeasured costs, Fed purchases, mortgage insurance activity, and a special quarterly feature on GSE loan composition, repurchase rates, defaults, and loss severity. Housing Finance at a Glance: Monthly Chartbooks

[Laurie Goodman](#), [Alanna McCargo](#), [Edward Golding](#), [Jim Parrott](#), [Sheryl Pardo](#), [Karan Kaul](#), [Sarah Strochak](#), [John Walsh](#), [Alison Rincon](#), [Caitlin Young](#)

May 27, 2020

Research Report

[Better Connecting Students to Jobs: A Guide for Policymakers to Encourage and Support Integrating Competencies in Postsecondary Education and Training](#)

Although employers may require degrees, these credentials may not be the best signal of skills for hiring qualified workers. And students may not see investing in years of postsecondary education as cost-effective. Using competencies to communicate skills could facilitate smarter hiring practices and create a more flexible, lower-cost education system of shorter-term credentials that are valued in the labor

[Molly M. Scott](#), [Lauren Eyster](#), [Christian Collins](#), [Semhar Gebrekristos](#), [Yipeng Su](#)

May 27, 2020

Brief

Assessing the Impact of Utah's Reclassification of Drug Possession

Utah adopted criminal justice reform legislation (H.B. 348) in 2015 to curb prison population growth and invest in behavioral health treatment, including reclassifying first and second drug possession convictions from felonies to misdemeanors. Our analysis finds that Utah successfully reduced the number of felony drug possession convictions, with a 71 percent drop between 2014 and 2018.

Additionally, people

[Brian Elderbroom](#), [Leah Sakala](#), [Ammar Khalid](#)

May 26, 2020

Brief

State Tax and Economic Review, 2019 Quarter 4

State tax revenues showed continued growth in the first half of fiscal year 2020. State government tax revenues from major sources showed solid year-over-year growth at 6.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2019. Preliminary data show strong growth in January and February before declines in March as the economy shut down in response to the COVID-19 epidemic. Despite overall concerns about economic slowdown and

[Lucy Dadayan](#)

May 26, 2020

Research Report

The Wistar Institute [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

World Economic Forum [to 30 May 2020]

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

Media

World Economic Forum Releases Framework to Help Investors Address Six Global Risks

News 28 May 2020

Global Leaders Unlock Ways for Precision Medicine to Fight COVID-19, Cancers and Emerging Infectious Diseases

News 27 May 2020

- The need to use precision medicine (including targeted vaccines and antiviral drugs) in the worldwide response to COVID-19 is widely recognized as necessary to return to normalcy – however, barriers exist to develop and distribute any effective vaccines or drugs
- To unlock the tools and data needed to develop preventive vaccines and cutting-edge treatments, over 40 leaders co-designed the first [Precision Medicine Vision Statement](#)
- Case studies illustrate solutions and pitfalls to avoid so that healthcare systems can accelerate adoption of precision medicine and better address a range of health issues from cancer to the COVID-19 crisis.

[See Week in Review above for detail]

**Future Vaccines, Wearable Bio-sensors, Tissue Engineering and Aerospace Navigation:
Meet the 2020 Cohort of Young Scientists**

News 26 May 2020

Dramatic Rise of Cybersecurity Risks from COVID-19 Prompts Action Plan

News 26 May 2020

:: COVID-19 has accelerated the global transition to a new reality of unprecedented digital dependency, heightened cyber risks and vulnerabilities

:: Leaders and organizations are forced to digitally adapt their organizations faster than ever to remain relevant

:: Five principles developed to help global leaders reinforce the cyber resilience and cybersecurity of their organizations in a context of rampant global change and uncertainty

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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 30 May 2020]

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

News

No new digest content identified.

BMGF - Gates Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Blue Meridian Partners [to 30 May 2020]

<http://www.emcf.org/capital-aggregation/blue-meridian-partners/>

Blue Meridian Partners is a new capital aggregation collaboration that plans to invest at least \$1 billion in high-performance nonprofits that are poised to have truly national impact for economically disadvantaged children and youth.

No new digest content identified.

Annie E. Casey Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

Clinton Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Release

No new digest content identified.

Co Impact [to 30 May 2020]

www.co-impact.io

Co-Impact is a global philanthropic collaborative for systems change focused on improving the lives of millions of people around the world.

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Ford Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Equals Change Blog 29 May 2020

[Is Gender Equality Out of Reach during COVID-19? We don't buy it.](#)

By Nicolette Naylor

Equals Change Blog 27 May 2020

[How to thank essential workers? Give them the support they deserve.](#)

By Sarita Gupta and Rachel Korberg

J. Paul Getty Trust [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

GHIT Fund [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Grameen Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest Updates

No new digest content identified.

Conrad N. Hilton Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Our News

National Foster Care Month: How to Support Foster Youth During COVID-19 May 28, 2020

IKEA Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Stories

Health workers lead calls for a healthy recovery

During the lockdown, voices from many countries and sectors have been speaking up for a better world after COVID-19. Today, 200 health professionals' organisations—representing over 40 million doctors, nurses and...

You can read the letter here: <https://healthyrecovery.net/> [See Week in Review above]
May 26, 2020

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [to 30 May 2020]

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

No new digest content identified.

Kaiser Family Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

May 27, 2020 *News Release*

Poll: Nearly Half of the Public Say They or a Family Member Skipped or Delayed Care Due to Coronavirus, But Most Plan to Get Care in the Coming Months

Nearly One in Four Expect a Family Member to Turn to Medicaid in the Coming Year, and Majorities across Party Lines Oppose Medicaid Cuts to Address State Budget Shortfalls Amid the threat of coronavirus, nearly half (48%) of Americans say someone in their family has skipped or delayed getting some...

Kellogg Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Selected Announcements

Standing together for racial equity and community

May 30, 2020

The outrage continues to grow and with good reason.

The horror of watching one Black man's life being choked off requires outrage. The violence and inhumanity that killed George Floyd, minute by awful minute, is a prism for the callous force of structural racism. Every screen is witness to its brutal contempt for human life.

The resulting fury — first locally, now nationally and internationally — expresses our collective grief in a moment of solidarity.

Because when no version of "the talk" can keep a person of color safe, when leaders fail to lead and systems don't protect, fury only rises. That's why the crowds are growing and filled with people of

every color and age. They voice a common humanity crying for leadership and resolve.
We stand with them today, as we have for decades...

Aga Khan Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

27 May 2020

[AKHS launches Emergency Response Centre for COVID-19 patients in Booni, Pakistan](#)

MacArthur Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

May 21, 2020 | *Grantee Stories / Chicago Commitment*

[Responding to Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19](#)

Access Living, Teamwork Englewood, and Mujeres Latinas en Acción have adapted their work to meet the extraordinary needs their communities face during the pandemic.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

<https://mellon.org/>

Mellon News, Press Releases

Shared Experiences Blog

["Thinking Deeply about What Is Essential:" Kaywin Feldman on Leading the Nation's Museum in Uncertain Times](#)

May 2020

The National Gallery of Art director shares her thoughts on the role of culture in times of crisis and how to make a great institution even more significant to an increasingly diverse America.

Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

[New awards to enable experimental leaps in quantum materials](#)

May 28, 2020

"The Experimental Investigator awards are the largest grant portfolio within the EPIQS Initiative. We expect that such substantial, stable and flexible support will propel quantum materials research forward and unleash the creativity of the investigators."

[Perspective: Serving on the frontlines of COVID-19, and what this pandemic means for diagnosis](#)

by: Daniel Yang, M.D.

May 27, 2020

Open Society Foundations [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press releases

No new digest content identified.

David and Lucile Packard Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

News

Perspectives

Elevating the Voice of Science amid COVID-19 – A Conversation with Science Editor-in-Chief and 1991 Packard Fellow, Holden Thorp

May 27, 2020

Pew Charitable Trusts [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

Rockefeller Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

The Latest

Announcements

The Rockefeller Foundation Announces New Awards to Strengthen Covid-19 Response in Communities Across Africa and Asia

NEW YORK, May 28, 2020 – The Rockefeller Foundation announced today that it will award three new grants to support organizations that are working with countries, communities, and regions in Africa and Asia to leverage data and technology to bolster their Covid-19 response. These grants will enhance data collection through contact tracing, symptom checking, and testing that can generate data that is crucial for ensuring efficient Covid-19 responses across community, country, and regional levels. The Foundation is also expanding its support of off-grid technologies that can quickly address the energy needs of healthcare facilities currently operating without electricity...

Field Note

Integrating Digital Technology and Public Health to Fight Covid-19: Linking China's Experiences to the World

Wuhan native Chang Liu joined a WHO team two days after the shutdown. Now he and his colleagues, hoping to save lives, are urgently sharing digital lessons learned.
05.27.20

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 30 May 2020]

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

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

Science Philanthropy Alliance [to 30 May 2020]

<http://www.sciencephilanthropyalliance.org/what-we-do/news/>

"...a group of organizations working together to increase philanthropic support for basic scientific research on a global basis..."

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 30 May 2020]

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

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Wellcome Trust [to 30 May 2020]

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

Explainer | 29 May 2020

[How can we get effective treatments for COVID-19?](#)

From repurposed drugs to new therapies – researchers are working at incredible speed to find the best ways to treat COVID-19 patients.

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Candid [formerly Foundation Center and GuideStar] [to 30 May 2020]

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

Press Room

No new digest content identified.

Council on Foundations [to 30 May 2020]

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

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

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:: Journal Watch

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

American Journal of Infection Control

May 2020 Volume 48, Issue 5, p471-590

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

The Importance of Hand Hygiene in the Current Healthcare Environment

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Preventive Medicine

May 2020 Volume 58, Issue 5, p613-756

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Public Health

May 2020 110(5)

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

[Reviewed earlier]

American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

Volume 102, Issue 5, May 2020

<http://www.ajtmh.org/content/journals/14761645/102/5>

Editorial

[The Importance of Diagnostic Testing during a Viral Pandemic: Early Lessons from Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Philip J. Rosenthal](#)

Pages: 915–916

Perspective Piece

[How Is the World Responding to the Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Compared with the 2014 West African Ebola Epidemic? The Importance of China as a Player in the Global Economy](#)

[Elisa M. Maffioli](#)

Pages: 924–925

Articles

oa **[Safety and Immunogenicity of Different Formulations of a Tetravalent Dengue Purified Inactivated Vaccine in Healthy Adults from Puerto Rico: Final Results after 3 Years of Follow-Up from a Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Phase I Study](#)**

Clemente Diaz, Michael Koren, Leyi Lin, Luis J. Martinez, Kenneth H. Eckels, Maribel Campos, Richard G. Jarman, Rafael De La Barrera, Edith Lepine, Irma Febo, David W. Vaughn, Todd M. Wilson, Robert M. Paris, Alexander C. Schmidt and Stephen J. Thomas

Pages: 951–954

<https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.19-0461>

Annals of Internal Medicine

19 May 2020 Volume 172, Issue 10

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

[New issue; No digest content identified]

Antiquity – A Review of World Archeology

Issue 374 - April 2020

<https://antiquity.ac.uk/latest>

[Reviewed earlier]

Artificial Intelligence – An International Journal

Volume 283 June 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/283/suppl/C>

[New issue; No digest content identified]

BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Global Health

May 2020 - Volume 5 - 5

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

[Reviewed earlier]

BMC Health Services Research

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[Harnessing health plan enrollee data to boost membership in patient-powered research networks](#)

Patient-powered research networks (PPRNs) have been employing and exploring different methods to engage patients in research activities specific to their conditions. One way to intensify patient engagement is ...

Authors: Xiaoxue Chen, Abiy Agiro, W. Benjamin Nowell, Sara Loud, Robert McBurney, Kalen Young, Rebecca Sutphen, Elizabeth Bourquardez Clark, Cristina M. Burroughs, Jeffrey R. Curtis, Antoine G. Sreih, Peter A. Merkel and Kevin Haynes

Citation: BMC Health Services Research 2020 20:462

Content type: Research article

Published on: 25 May 2020

BMC Infectious Diseases

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[Clients' perceptions of barriers and facilitators to implementing hepatitis C virus care in homeless shelters](#)

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) is highly prevalent among homeless persons, yet barriers continue to impede HCV testing and treatment in this population. We studied the experiences of homeless individuals related to a...

Authors: Carmen L. Masson, J. Konadu Fokuo, August Anderson, Jesse Powell, Barry Zevin, Dylan Bush and Mandana Khalili

Citation: BMC Infectious Diseases 2020 20:386

Content type: Research article

Published on: 29 May 2020

BMC Medical Ethics

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Medicine

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[Pregnancy outcomes in asylum seekers in the North of the Netherlands: a retrospective documentary analysis](#)

With more than 20,000 asylum seekers arriving every year, healthcare for this population has become an important issue. Pregnant asylum seekers seem to be at risk of poor pregnancy outcomes. This study aimed t...

Authors: A. E. H. Verschuuren, I. R. Postma, Z. M. Riksen, R. L. Nott, E. I. Feijen-de Jong and J. Stekelenburg

Citation: BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth 2020 20:320

Content type: Research article

Published on: 25 May 2020

BMC Public Health

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

Estimating utility value for female genital mutilation

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) is a clear violation of women's rights and can have adverse and irreversible health effects as well. Worldwide, more than 200 million women and girls have undergone FG...

Authors: Cyrus Alinia, Bakhtiar Piroozi, Fariba Jahanbin, Hossein Safari, Amjad Mohamadi-Bolbanabad, Ali Kazemi-Karyani, Ghobad Moradi, Fariba Farhadifar and Mohammad Ebrahimi

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:811

Content type: Research article

Published on: 29 May 2020

Adapting the myPlan safety app to respond to intimate partner violence for women in low and middle income country settings: app tailoring and randomized controlled trial protocol

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a leading threat to women's health and safety globally. Women in abusive relationships make critical decisions about safety and harm reduction while weighing multiple competi...

Authors: Michele R. Decker, Shannon N. Wood, S. Rachel Kennedy, Zaynab Hameeduddin, Catherine Tallam, Irene Akumu, Irene Wanjiru, Ben Asira, Benjamin Omondi, James Case, Amber Clough, Richard Otieno, Morris Mwititi, Nancy Perrin and Nancy Glass

Citation: BMC Public Health 2020 20:808

Content type: Study protocol

Published on: 29 May 2020

BMC Research Notes

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

(Accessed 30 May 2020)

[No new digest content identified]

BMJ Open

May 2020 - Volume 10 - 5

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/10/5>

[Reviewed earlier]

Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 98, Number 5, May 2020

<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/98/5/en/>

[Reviewed earlier]

Child Care, Health and Development

Volume 46, Issue 3 Pages: 249-396 May 2020

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/13652214/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal

Volume 103 May 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-abuse-and-neglect/vol/103/suppl/C>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Therapeutics

April 2020 Volume 42, Issue 4, p551-728, e65-e86

<http://www.clinicaltherapeutics.com/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Clinical Trials

Volume 17 Issue 3, June 2020

<https://journals.sagepub.com/toc/ctja/17/3>
Ethics

[Economic vulnerability and payment for research participation](#)

Luke Gelinas, Sarah A White, Barbara E Bierer

First Published February 17, 2020; pp. 264–272

Abstract

There has been significant analysis of the ethical and regulatory issues involved with paying research participants, but less attention has been focused specifically on paying economically vulnerable individuals and the unique challenges it may present. This is important, as individuals of lower socio-economic standing are present in all disease groups and study populations. Moreover, clinical research is often conducted in economically under-developed locales, such as lower- or middle-income countries as well as impoverished locales of otherwise wealthy nations (such as, for example, rural Appalachia in the United States). Is it ethical to offer payment in such contexts? What are the ethical considerations relevant for determining payment rates and practices to individuals who are economically vulnerable? We offer an analysis of these issues, focusing on four unique areas of concern: (1) whether the risk of undue influence is greater for economically vulnerable individuals than for wealthier ones; (2) whether payment unacceptably raises the risk of 'unjust influence' or disproportionate representation of poor people in clinical research; (3) the positive reasons in favor of paying economically vulnerable people that stem from the ethical value of fairness; and (4) appropriate compensation rates for economically vulnerable populations. Our analysis supports the position that payment to economically vulnerable populations is ethically justified and indeed desirable when certain conditions are met.

Conflict and Health

<http://www.conflictandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 30 May 2020]

[Child marriage practices among the Rohingya in Bangladesh](#)

Previous research suggests that child marriage may be accelerated during times of crisis and insecurity as resources are scarce and child marriage may be a survival strategy for girls and their families. In 20...

Authors: Andrea J. Melnikas, Sigma Ainul, Iqbal Ehsan, Eashita Haque and Sajeda Amin
Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:28
Content type: Research
Published on: 25 May 2020

A systematic literature review of the ethics of conducting research in the humanitarian setting

Authors: William Bruno and Rohini J. Haar
Citation: Conflict and Health 2020 14:27
Content type: Research
Published on: 24 May 2020

Abstract

Background

Research around humanitarian crises, aid delivery, and the impact of these crises on health and well-being has expanded dramatically. Ethical issues around these topics have recently received more attention. We conducted a systematic literature review to synthesize the lessons learned regarding the ethics of research in humanitarian crises.

Methods

We conducted a systematic review using the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis (PRISMA) guidelines to identify articles regarding the ethics of research in humanitarian contexts between January 1, 1997 and September 1, 2019. We analyzed the articles to extract key themes and develop an agenda for future research.

Results

We identified 52 articles that matched our inclusion criteria. We categorized the article data into five categories of analysis: 32 were expert statements, 18 were case studies, 11 contained original research, eight were literature reviews and three were book chapters. All included articles were published in English. Using a step-wise qualitative analysis, we identified 10 major themes that encompassed these concepts and points. These major themes were: ethics review process (21 articles, [40.38%]); community engagement (15 articles [28.85%]); the dual imperative, or necessity that research be both academically sound and policy driven, clinical trials in the humanitarian setting (13 articles for each, [25.0%]); informed consent (10 articles [19.23%]); cultural considerations (6 articles, [11.54%]); risks to researchers (5 articles, [9.62%]); child participation (4 articles [7.69%]); and finally mental health, and data ownership (2 articles for each [3.85%]).

Conclusions

Interest in the ethics of studying humanitarian crises has been dramatically increasing in recent years. While key concepts within all research settings such as beneficence, justice and respect for persons are crucially relevant, there are considerations unique to the humanitarian context. The particular vulnerabilities of conflict-affected populations, the contextual challenges of working in humanitarian settings, and the need for ensuring strong community engagement at all levels make this area of research particularly challenging. Humanitarian crises are prevalent throughout the globe, and studying them with the utmost ethical forethought is critical to maintaining sound research principles and ethical standards.

[Excerpt]

Informed consent

Like formal ethical review, informed consent is another core component of modern research ethics and was separately discussed in ten articles [[21](#),[22](#),[23](#), [27](#), [37](#), [38](#), [44](#), [46](#), [65](#), [66](#)]. Our results highlight several unique considerations when contemplating informed consent in humanitarian settings. For

example, Western norms of written consent might be impossible if research is carried out in a population with low literacy rates or when written consent can violate the need for complete anonymity or expeditious research [21, 22, 44]. Controversy surrounding traditional ideas of informed consent were highlighted by Chiumento et al. in their literature review [22]. The authors explain that despite the general consensus that informed consent was central to ethical research, there were some authors who emphasized a more informal process that considered “consent as a partnership between researchers and participants” [22]. Some authors surveyed in the study supported flexibility in informed consent by utilizing a “consent framework” that presumably ensures norms such as autonomy and capacity, but allows some latitude for the researcher to adapt to the circumstances. Germane to this point is what Black et al. describe as “dynamic consent”—where a participant’s willingness to be involved in a project is constantly reassessed [44].

Chiumento et al. explain that because of cultural norms, the typical processes of consent may be undesirable or even impossible [21]. In their case study of research conducted in a post-conflict setting in South Asia, they explain that the procurement of informed consent first required permission from gatekeepers (i.e. household males and village elders) [21]. They outline the concept of negotiated consent in which collaboration with researchers helps to distil what exactly culturally specific consent would look like and proceed with an ad-hoc consent process [21].

Our results suggest that special attention be paid to informed consent during clinical trials conducted in the humanitarian setting [29, 46, 51]. Particularly illustrative is the idea of informed consent for experimental therapies during the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014–2015 [46]. Authors raise the question as to whether or not informed consent, free of coercion, can really be possible when potential subjects are faced with such a deadly disease [23].

The use of participatory visual methods (PVM) poses specific challenges with regard to informed consent. The methods ask researchers to encourage subjects to engage in creative forms of communication and expression, such as drama, photography, film, drawing, design, creative writing and music. The products can then be used to engage the community and answer research questions. However, as participants are synthesizing novel content during the study, and are often encouraged to draw on traumatic experiences as inspiration for this content, fully informed consent is impossible. This is because neither participants nor investigators can completely anticipate which direction their facilitated creative endeavors might turn [44, 65]. This type of research may require more creative or dynamic forms of consent such as frequent check-ins with participants, or “dynamic consent”, as described above...

Contemporary Clinical Trials

Volume 91 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/contemporary-clinical-trials/vol/91/suppl/C>

Special Interest Papers

Review article Open access

Considerations for development of an evidence dossier to support the use of mobile sensor technology for clinical outcome assessments in clinical trials

Mobile sensors offer enormous potential for the collection of informative clinical endpoints in clinical trials to support regulatory decision making and product labelling. There are currently no specific guidelines on the information needed to enable regulators to review and accept proposed endpoints derived from mobile sensors for use in drug development trials.

M.K. Walton, J.C. Cappelleri, B. Byrom, J.C. Goldsack, ... M. Daumer
Article 105962

The CRISPR Journal

Volume 3, Issue 2 / April 2020

<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/crispr/3/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

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)

Topical Collection

Ethical Issues in Genetic Testing for Inherited Cancer Predisposition Syndromes: the Potentially Conflicting Interests of Patients and Their Relatives

Joanna Kenny, Stephanie Burcher, Kelly Kohut...

This review uses clinical cases to highlight some of the ethical dilemmas currently faced by oncologists, geneticists and others who request genetic testing for inherited cancer disorders.

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>

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[Reviewed earlier]

Disability and Rehabilitation: Assistive Technology

Volume 15, Issue 4, 2020
<http://informahealthcare.com/toc/idt/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Volume 14 - Issue 1 - February 2020
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/disaster-medicine-and-public-health-preparedness/latest-issue>
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Disasters

Volume 44, Issue 2 Pages: 233-432 April 2020
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14677717/current>
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EMBO Reports

Volume 21 Issue 5 6 May 2020
<https://www.embopress.org/toc/14693178/current>
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Emergency Medicine Journal

<https://bmcmemergmed.biomedcentral.com/articles>
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Emerging Infectious Diseases

Volume 26, Number 5—May 2020
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/>
[Reviewed earlier]

Epidemics

Volume 31 June 2020
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/epidemics/vol/31/suppl/C>
Research article Open access

[**The time scale of asymptomatic transmission affects estimates of epidemic potential in the COVID-19 outbreak**](#)

Sang Woo Park, Daniel M. Cornforth, Jonathan Dushoff, Joshua S. Weitz
Article 100392

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 2, April 2020

<https://academic.oup.com/eurpub/issue/30/2>

[Reviewed earlier]

Food Policy Volume 75

Volume 92 April 2020

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/food-policy/vol/92/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 30 May 2020]
[No new digest content identified]

Genome Medicine

<https://genomemedicine.biomedcentral.com/articles>
[Accessed 30 May 2020]
Comment

[The Medical Genome Initiative: moving whole-genome sequencing for rare disease diagnosis to the clinic](#)

Authors: Christian R. Marshall, David Bick, John W. Belmont, Stacie L. Taylor, Euan Ashley, David Dimmock, Vaidehi Jobanputra, Hutton M. Kearney, Shashikant Kulkarni and Heidi Rehm

Citation: Genome Medicine 2020 12:48

Content type: Comment

Published on: 27 May 2020

Abstract

Clinical whole-genome sequencing (WGS) offers clear diagnostic benefits for patients with rare disease. However, there are barriers to its widespread adoption, including a lack of standards for clinical practice. The Medical Genome Initiative consortium was formed to provide practical guidance and support the development of standards for the use of clinical WGS.

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)

Vol. 8, No. 1 March 30, 2020
<http://www.ghspjournal.org/content/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Global Public Health

Volume 15, 2020 Issue 6
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rgph20/current>
[Reviewed earlier]

Globalization and Health

<http://www.globalizationandhealth.com/>
[Accessed 30 May 2020]

[Meeting the challenges posed by per diem in development projects in southern countries: a scoping review](#)

Authors: Oumar Mallé Samb, Christiane Essombe and Valéry Ridde

Content type: Research

28 May 2020

Health Affairs

Vol. 39, No. 4 April 2020

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

Integrating Social Services & Health

[Reviewed earlier]

Health and Human Rights

<https://www.hhrjournal.org>

[Accessed 30 May 2020]

Papers-in-Press

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Health Economics, Policy and Law

Volume 15 - Issue 2 - April 2020

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

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Health Policy and Planning

Volume 35, Issue 4, May 2020,

<https://academic.oup.com/heapol/issue/35/4>

[Reviewed earlier]

Health Research Policy and Systems

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

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Human Gene Therapy

Volume 31, Issue 9-10 / May 2020
<https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/hum/31/9-10>
[Reviewed earlier]

Human Rights Quarterly

Volume 42, Number 2, May 2020
<https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/42280>

Article

Measuring Modern Slavery: Law, Human Rights, and New Forms of Data

Todd Landman

pp. 303-331 DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2020.0019](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2020.0019)

ABSTRACT

This article argues that many of the lessons learned and achievements made in the measurement of human rights over the past four decades are equally applicable to the measurement of modern slavery. It shows that modern slavery encompasses a significant subset of human rights found in international law, the parameters of which can be delineated and operationalized in ways that make the phenomenon amenable to measurement across a wide range of different data. These include events-based data, standards-based data, survey-based data, and new forms of data made possible through machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) applications. The article shows that the measurement of modern slavery needs to overcome many of the same challenges that confront efforts at measuring human rights, including the fundamental problem of unobservability, inherent bias through the use of convenience reporting, and the specification of the concept of modern slavery itself. Overcoming these challenges opens up new possibilities to make what many claim to be an intractable problem of development tractable and helps contribute to the Sustainable Development Goal target to end modern slavery by 2030.¹

Article

"Sleeping Beauty": The Right to Science as a Global Ethical Discourse¹

S. Porsdam Mann, Y. Donders, C. Mitchell, V. J. Bradley, M. F.

ABSTRACT

Everyone has a human right to science (RtS), as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Despite its significance for scientists and society, this right has not received the attention it deserves. To remedy this, the [End Page 332] United Nations called for input from academic and scientific communities in 2009. Its Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is currently drafting a General Comment—a document of authoritative guidance to state parties on the normative contents of the RtS. The scientific community is therefore in a unique position to influence how this right is elucidated within a human rights context. Informed by a systematic review of the relevant literature, we first explore the history, importance, and content of the RtS. We then examine a few important topics that fall within the remit of the RtS but were absent or inadequately addressed in the extant literature, and conclude by discussing the implications of the RtS for science policy.

Article

UAVs for the Benefit of People: The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Within the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission

Ambassador Ertuğrul Apakan, Cono Giardullo

pp. 479-487 DOI: [10.1353/hrq.2020.0024](https://doi.org/10.1353/hrq.2020.0024)

ABSTRACT

This article explores the adoption of drones by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's (OSCE's) Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine, a first time for the organization, to overcome the impediments imposed by the sides to its monitoring of the security situation in Eastern Ukraine. This article begins by tracing back the origin of the SMM drone program and the challenges posed by jamming, shooting, and the presence of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) belonging to conflicting parties. This article then highlights the contributions made in direct benefit to the residents of the conflict-affected regions, mainly providing critical information for the repair works conducted along the line of contact and by increasing awareness of the security risks nearby entry-exit checkpoints and civilian buildings. The article concludes that a more systematic and coordinated sharing of drones' images with specific international partners, complements [End Page 479] the work of SMM monitors and allows the humanitarian responders to perform a more effective needs assessment and advocacy work.

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

Editorials

Building vaccine acceptance through communication and advocacy

Kristen A. Feemster

Pages 1004-1006 | Published online: 13 May 2020

...Conclusion

The key issues for increasing the number of vaccinated people worldwide, especially children, is to increase the supply of available vaccines, assure funding and affordability for lower-income countries, improve distribution and storage networks, assure the availability of healthcare workers to administer vaccines, improve the ability of the population to access vaccination centers, and minimize refusal / hesitation to maximize acceptability of vaccines.

It is noteworthy that among these key issues, all involve physical activities except for the final issue, which is the subject of this Special Issue. Vaccine acceptance / hesitation / refusal is unique in being a state of mind for the potential vaccinee or caregiver, such that different methods must be applied to improve acceptability. The ability of workers in the field to improve acceptability will be directly reflected in increased vaccinations with concomitant reductions in morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable diseases. This is a major public health challenge for the coming decade and beyond, which also will be very important for the success of new vaccines in the development pipeline.

This Special Issue includes an extensive number of articles around this theme which we recommend be reviewed.

Infectious Agents and Cancer

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

[Accessed 30 May 2020]

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Infectious Diseases of Poverty

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

[Accessed 30 May 2020]

Psychological status and behavior changes of the public during the COVID-19 epidemic in China

A cluster of pneumonia cases were reported by Wuhan Municipal Health Commission, China in December 2019. A novel coronavirus was eventually identified, and became the COVID-19 epidemic that affected public health...

Authors: Xi Liu, Wen-Tao Luo, Ying Li, Chun-Na Li, Zhong-Si Hong, Hui-Li Chen, Fei Xiao and Jin-Yu Xia

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2020 9:58

Content type: Research Article

Published on: 29 May 2020

Tuberculosis infection prevention and control: why we need a whole systems approach

Infection prevention and control (IPC) measures to reduce transmission of drug-resistant and drug-sensitive tuberculosis (TB) in health facilities are well described but poorly implemented. The implementation ...

Authors: Karina Kielmann, Aaron S. Karat, Gimenne Zwama, Christopher Colvin, Alison Swartz, Anna S. Voce, Tom A. Yates, Hayley MacGregor, Nicky McCreesh, Idriss Kallon, Anna Vassall, Indira Govender, Janet Seeley and Alison D. Grant

Citation: Infectious Diseases of Poverty 2020 9:56

Content type: Opinion

Published on: 25 May 2020

International Health

Volume 12, Issue 3, May 2020,

<https://academic.oup.com/inthealth/issue/12/3>

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International Human Rights Law Review

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

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

Big Data, Small Area

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Heritage Studies

Volume 26, Issue 5 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

International Journal of Human Rights in Healthcare

Volume 13 Issue 2 2020

<https://www.emerald.com/insight/publication/issn/2056-4902/vol/13/iss/2>

Special Issue: Sex trafficking and violence against women

Minor sex trafficking of girls with disabilities

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen, Hannah A. Silverstein, Nicole F. Kahn, Sandra L. Martin

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the associations between minor women' (girls') disability status and victimization via minor sex trafficking.

Multiplicity of stigma: cultural barriers in anti-trafficking response

Annie Isabel Fukushima, Kwynn Gonzalez-Pons, Lindsay Gezinski, Lauren Clark

The purpose of this study is to contribute to the social understanding of stigma as a societal and cultural barrier in the life of a survivor of human trafficking.

Raising awareness of human trafficking in key professional fields via a multidisciplinary educational approach

Adam Awerbuch, Naomi Gunaratne, Juhi Jain, Panagiota Caralis

Human trafficking (HT) for sex and labor services is among the fastest growing criminal enterprises, causing significant physical and psychological morbidity to victims...

International Journal of Infectious Diseases

April 2020 Volume 93, p1-388

[https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712\(20\)X0003-8](https://www.ijidonline.com/issue/S1201-9712(20)X0003-8)

[Reviewed earlier]

International Migration Review

Volume 54 Issue 2, June 2020

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

[Reviewed earlier]

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

January-June 2020 Volume 18 | Issue 1 Page Nos. 1-95

<http://www.interventionjournal.org/currentissue.asp?sabs=n>

ARTICLES

What works in psychosocial programming in humanitarian contexts in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of the evidence

Emily E Haroz, Amanda J Nguyen, Catherine I Lee, Wietse A Tol, Shoshanna L Fine, Paul Bolton

Evidence for suicide prevention strategies with populations in displacement: a systematic review

Emily E Haroz, Ellie Decker, Catherine Lee, Paul Bolton, Paul Spiegel, Peter Ventevogel

Three models of scaling up mental healthcare post-disaster: common challenges

Boris Budosan, John Mahoney, Winnie Campos Dorego, Sabah Aziz, Kesavan Ratnasabapathipillai

Engaging men to promote resilient communities among Syrian refugees in Lebanon

Angela Veale, Fiona Shanahan, Alaa Hijazi, Zeina Osman

Abstract

Engaging Men programmes seek to challenge the social norms, attitudes and practices that increase the risk of gender-based violence against girls and women while also harnessing positive male power to prevent violence and promote safety. This paper examines the impact of an Engaging Men intervention that engaged 1028 Syrian refugee and 440 Lebanese men in a 12-week training course structure.

There were four core objectives: promoting peaceful interactions with others, reducing violence and gender-based violence, child protection and caregiving, and increasing community safety and harmony through a community project. Focus group discussions were conducted with 130 men, 28 wives, and 17 children of male participants, 10 family visits and 20 individual interviews by peer researchers. The findings were that programmes facilitated a safe emotional space for men to meet collectively to talk about their problems, to become more attuned and reflective about their relationships with their wives and children, which resulted in improved patterns of interaction and communication, increased openness and greater tolerance by men of changing gender roles in families as a result of displacement. The discussion calls for greater integration of psychosocial programming with other forms of programming from livelihoods to political advocacy and that programmes incorporate clear guidance on perpetrator accountability.

Key implications for practice

:: An intervention engaging with 1500 Syrian and Lebanese men reduced stress and improved family relations. Changes to gender-equitable attitudes were less clear.

:: Interventions to engage refugee men should address refugee men's psychosocial needs in addition to viewing men's engagement as a means to protecting women and children.

:: Findings highlight the importance of clearly defining the focus, aims and scope of interventions engaging with men, and that programmes incorporate clear guidance on perpetrator accountability.

JAMA

May 26, 2020, Vol 323, No. 20, Pages 1989-2104

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/currentissue>

Viewpoint

COVID-19: Beyond Tomorrow

The Potential Effects of Coronavirus on National Health Expenditures

Sherry Glied, PhD; Helen Levy, PhD

has active quiz has multimedia has audio

JAMA. 2020;323(20):2001-2002. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.6644

This Viewpoint discusses the likely effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on US health care spending and on estimates of its share of gross domestic product (GDP).

[Audio Interview](#): COVID-19 and US Health Care Spending

COVID-19: Beyond Tomorrow

The Business of Medicine in the Era of COVID-19

David M. Cutler, PhD; Sayeh Nikpay, PhD; Robert S. Huckman, PhD

free access has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;323(20):2003-2004. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.7242

This Viewpoint discusses the shifting landscape of health care financing, regulation, and delivery as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, and discusses regulatory and other changes that need to be in place if telehealth and physician practice and hospital mergers become the “new normal” once the pandemic is controlled.

Securing the Safety Net and Protecting Public Health During a Pandemic Medicaid’s Response to COVID-19

Chethan Bachireddy, MD, MSc; Christopher Chen, MD, MBA; Mohammad Dar, MD

free access

JAMA. 2020;323(20):2009-2010. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.4272

This Viewpoint reviews options legally available to state Medicaid programs to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including increasing coverage of the uninsured, expanding telehealth capabilities, removing financial barriers to testing and treatment, and easing limits on drug prescriptions.

Social Media and Emergency Preparedness in Response to Novel Coronavirus

Raina M. Merchant, MD, MSHP; Nicole Lurie, MD, MSPH

free access has active quiz

JAMA. 2020;323(20):2011-2012. doi:10.1001/jama.2020.4469

This Viewpoint discusses the ways social media can be used as a critical tool in managing the COVID-19 outbreak, such as by directing users to trusted sources and counteracting misinformation, and how it can transform aspects of preparedness and response for the future.

JAMA Pediatrics

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

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

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JBI Database of Systematic Review and Implementation Reports

May 2020 - Volume 18 - Issue 5

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

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Journal of Adolescent Health

May 2020 Volume 66, Issue 5, p515-634

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Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research

Vol. 68 (2020)
<https://www.jair.org/index.php/jair>
[Reviewed earlier]

Journal of Community Health

Volume 45, Issue 3, June 2020
<https://link.springer.com/journal/10900/45/3>
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Journal of Cultural Heritage

Volume 42 Pages 1-290 (March–April 2020)
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Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development

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Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics

Volume 15 Issue 3, July 2020
<http://journals.sagepub.com/toc/jre/current>
Ethical Issues in Research with Vulnerable Populations
[Recognizing the Role of Research Assistants in the Protection of Participants in Vulnerable Circumstances](#)
[Judith Friedland, Elizabeth Peter](#)
First Published August 30, 2019; pp. 143–152

Ethical Issues in Research with Vulnerable Populations
[The Concept of Vulnerability in Mental Health Research: A Mixed Methods Study on Researcher Perspectives](#)
[Corinne Lajoie, Jelena Poleksic, Dearbhail Bracken-Roche, Mary Ellen MacDonald, Eric Racine](#)
First Published February 10, 2020; pp. 128–142

[Offering Payment in Clinical Research: Enrolling Individuals With or at Risk for Opioid Use Disorder](#)

[Candace Wickliffe, Holly Fernandez Lynch, Emily A. Largent](#)

First Published January 10, 2020; pp. 163–174

Ethical Issues in Informed Consent

Dynamic Consent: An Evaluation and Reporting Framework

Megan Prictor, Megan A. Lewis, Ainsley J. Newson, Matilda Haas, Sachiko Baba, Hannah Kim, Minori Kokado, Jusaku Minari, Fruzsina Molnár-Gábor, Beverley Yamamoto, Jane Kaye, Harriet J. A. Teare

First Published November 15, 2019; pp. 175–186

Automating Dynamic Consent Decisions for the Processing of Social Media Data in Health Research

Chris Norval, Tristan Henderson

First Published November 6, 2019; pp. 187–201

Providing Incentives to Youth Participants in Research: A Literature Review

Jenny L. Afkinich, Dara R. Blachman-Demner

First Published December 12, 2019; pp. 202–215

Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health

May 2020 - Volume 74 - 5

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Xiaomei Yao et al

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Challenges and strategies to research ethics in conducting COVID-19 research

Xitao Ma et al

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Volume 31, Number 1, February 2020

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Authors: Ali Elbeddini and Aniko Yeats

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Editorial

[COVID-19 in Africa: no room for complacency](#)

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Articles

[Triple combination of interferon beta-1b, lopinavir–ritonavir, and ribavirin in the treatment of patients admitted to hospital with COVID-19: an open-label, randomised, phase 2 trial](#)

Ivan Fan-Ngai Hung, et al

[Use of renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system inhibitors and risk of COVID-19 requiring admission to hospital: a case-population study](#)

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[Estimating excess 1-year mortality associated with the COVID-19 pandemic according to underlying conditions and age: a population-based cohort study](#)

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[Voluntary collective isolation as a best response to COVID-19 for indigenous populations? A case study and protocol from the Bolivian Amazon](#)

Hillard S Kaplan, et al

Viewpoint

[Access to lifesaving medical resources for African countries: COVID-19 testing and response, ethics, and politics](#)

Matthew M Kavanagh, et al

... Every life has equal worth. Yet global allocation of testing and other resources currently means that some are forced to wait, while those ahead in the global procurement line take precedence. In 2020, we have the opportunity to learn from past mistakes by countering market forces, thus ensuring that lives on the African continent count equally. Doing so will take both moral clarity and political courage.

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Human resource

In this week's issue, four papers provide in-depth insights gleaned from the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD). A successor to 2016's ExAC database, which held the exomes of 60,706 individuals, gnomAD aggregates 125,748 exomes and 15,708 whole-genome sequences. This increase in size and scope has allowed the gnomAD Consortium to catalogue not only single nucleotide variants between individuals but also more complex structural variants, made up of 50 or more nucleotides. In the main paper, [Konrad Karczewski and colleagues](#) review the database and explore variants that can inactivate protein-coding genes. In a second paper, [Beryl Cummings and co-workers](#) show that RNA expression data can be used to guide variant interpretation. In another paper, [Eric Minikel and colleagues](#) probe how the gnomAD data might help to identify genetic targets for drugs. And in the fourth paper, [Ryan Collins and co-workers](#) set out a catalogue of 433,371 structural variants and analyse them for their influence on physiological traits.

Editorial | 27 May 2020

[Coronavirus misinformation needs researchers to respond](#)

Researchers must be transparent and acknowledge what is known and what isn't.

World View | 19 May 2020

[To set coronavirus policy, model lives and livelihoods in lockstep](#)

Economists must improve tools to weigh trade-offs between health and wealth, says Andy Haldane.

The Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD)

Article | 27 May 2020 | Open Access

[The mutational constraint spectrum quantified from variation in 141,456 humans](#)

A catalogue of predicted loss-of-function variants in 125,748 whole-exome and 15,708 whole-genome sequencing datasets from the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD) reveals the spectrum of mutational constraints that affect these human protein-coding genes.

Konrad J. Karczewski, Laurent C. Francioli[\[...\]](#) & Daniel G. MacArthur

Article | 27 May 2020 | Open Access

[A structural variation reference for medical and population genetics](#)

A large empirical assessment of sequence-resolved structural variants from 14,891 genomes across diverse global populations in the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD) provides a reference map for disease-association studies, population genetics, and diagnostic screening.

Ryan L. Collins, Harrison Brand[\[...\]](#) & Michael E. Talkowski

Article | 27 May 2020 | Open Access

[Transcript expression-aware annotation improves rare variant interpretation](#)

A novel variant annotation metric that quantifies the level of expression of genetic variants across tissues is validated in the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD) and is shown to improve rare variant interpretation.

Beryl B. Cummings, Konrad J. Karczewski[[...](#)] & Daniel G. MacArthur

Analysis | 27 May 2020 | Open Access

[Evaluating drug targets through human loss-of-function genetic variation](#)

Analysis of predicted loss-of-function variants from 125,748 human exomes and 15,708 whole genomes in the Genome Aggregation Database (gnomAD) provides a roadmap for human 'knockout' studies and a guide for future research into disease biology and drug-target selection.

Eric Vallabh Minikel, Konrad J. Karczewski[[...](#)] & Daniel G. MacArthur

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Volume 38 Issue 5, May 2020

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Volume 20 Issue 5, May 2020

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Perspective

Sharing Health Data and Biospecimens with Industry — A Principle-Driven, Practical Approach

Kayte Spector-Bagdady, J.D., M.Bioethics, Raymond Hutchinson, M.D., Erin O'Brien Kaleba, M.P.H, and Sachin Kheterpal, M.D., M.B.A.

Regulations give substantial discretion to individual organizations when it comes to sharing deidentified data and specimens with outside entities. Academic medical centers are practically and ethically compelled to establish best practices for such sharing.

Flattening the Curve for Incarcerated Populations — Covid-19 in Jails and Prisons

Matthew J. Akiyama, M.D., Anne C. Spaulding, M.D., and Josiah D. Rich, M.D.

Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly

Volume 49 Issue 3, June 2020

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Vol. 145, Issue 5 1 May 2020

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[Pandemic preparedness and responses: WHO to turn to in a crisis?](#)

The PLOS Medicine Editors

Editorial | published 29 May 2020 PLOS Medicine

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[Health care workers in conflict and post-conflict settings: Systematic mapping of the evidence](#)

Lama Bou-Karroum, Amena El-Harakeh, Inas Kassamany, Hussein Ismail, Nour El Arnaout, Rana Charide, Farah Madi, Sarah Jamali, Tim Martineau, Fadi El-Jardali, Elie A. Akl

Research Article | published 29 May 2020 PLOS ONE

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[Environmental non-governmental organizations and global environmental discourse](#)

Stefan Partelow, Klara Johanna Winkler, Gregory M. Thaler

Research Article | published 27 May 2020 PLOS ONE

<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0232945>

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[Cultural evolution of conformity and anticonformity](#)

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Kaleda Krebs Denton, Yoav Ram, Uri Liberman, and Marcus W. Feldman

PNAS first published May 27, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2004102117>

[Ancient genomes from present-day France unveil 7,000 years of its demographic history](#)

Samantha Brunel, E. Andrew Bennett, Laurent Cardin, Damien Garraud, Hélène Barrand Emam, Alexandre Beylier, Bruno Boulestin, Fanny Chenal, Elsa Ciesielski, Fabien Convertini, Bernard Dedet, Stéphanie Desbrosse-Degobertiere, Sophie Desenne, Jérôme Dubouloz, Henri Duday, Gilles Escalon,

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Past and future decline of tropical pelagic biodiversity

Moriaki Yasuhara, Chih-Lin Wei, Michal Kucera, Mark J. Costello, Derek P. Tittensor, Wolfgang Kiessling, Timothy C. Bonebrake, Clay R. Tabor, Ran Feng, Andrés Baselga, Kerstin Kretschmer, Buntarou Kusumoto, and Yasuhiro Kubota

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13 May 2020 Volume 287 Issue 1926

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Volume 182 Pages 1-198 (May 2020)

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Review article Open access

How to improve adherence with quarantine: rapid review of the evidence

R.K. Webster, S.K. Brooks, L.E. Smith, L. Woodland, ... G.J. Rubin

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[Ensuring health equity during the COVID-19 pandemic: the role of public health infrastructure](#)

Opinion and analysis /

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Review

How Did Chinese Government Implement Unconventional Measures Against COVID-19 Pneumonia

Yu X, Li N

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Science

29 May 2020 Vol 368, Issue 6494

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Editorial

COVID-19 research in Africa

By Linda-Gail Bekker, Valerie Mizrahi

Science 29 May 2020 : 919

Policy Forum

A strategic approach to COVID-19 vaccine R&D

By Lawrence Corey, John R. Mascola, Anthony S. Fauci, Francis S. Collins

Science 29 May 2020 : 948-950 Full Access

A public-private partnership and platform for harmonized clinical trials aims to accelerate licensure and distribution

[No abstract]

Ethics and governance for digital disease surveillance

By Michelle M. Mello, C. Jason Wang

Science 29 May 2020 : 951-954 Full Access

Summary

Digital epidemiology—the use of data generated outside the public health system for disease surveillance—has been in use for more than a quarter century [see supplementary materials (SM)]. But several countries have taken digital epidemiology to the next level in responding to COVID-19. Focusing on core public health functions of case detection, contact tracing, and isolation and quarantine, we explore ethical concerns raised by digital technologies and new data sources in public health surveillance during epidemics. For example, some have voiced concern that trust and participation in such approaches may be unevenly distributed across society; others have raised privacy concerns. Yet counterbalancing such concerns is the argument that “sometimes it is unethical not to use available data” (1); some trade-offs may be not only ethically justifiable but ethically obligatory. The question is not whether to use new data sources—such as cellphones, wearables, video surveillance, social media, internet searches and news, and crowd-sourced symptom self-reports—but how.

Review

Pervasive shifts in forest dynamics in a changing world

By Nate G. McDowell, Craig D. Allen, Kristina Anderson-Teixeira, Brian H. Aukema, Ben Bond-Lamberty, Louise Chini, James S. Clark, Michael Dietze, Charlotte Grossiord, Adam Hanbury-Brown, George C. Hurtt, Robert B. Jackson, Daniel J. Johnson, Lara Kueppers, Jeremy W. Lichstein, Kiona Ogle, Benjamin Poulter, Thomas A. M. Pugh, Rupert Seidl, Monica G. Turner, Maria Uriarte, Anthony P. Walker, Chonggang Xu

Science29 May 2020 Restricted Access

Shifting forest dynamics

Forest dynamics are the processes of recruitment, growth, death, and turnover of the constituent tree species of the forest community. These processes are driven by disturbances both natural and anthropogenic. McDowell et al. review recent progress in understanding the drivers of forest dynamics and how these are interacting and changing in the context of global climate change. The authors show that shifts in forest dynamics are already occurring, and the emerging pattern is that global forests are tending toward younger stands with faster turnover as old-growth forest with stable dynamics are dwindling.

Science Translational Medicine

20 May 2020 Vol 12, Issue 544

<https://stm.sciencemag.org/>

Editorial

Ethical and societal implications of cellular health-monitoring devices

By Anna Deplazes-Zemp, Martin Fussenegger, Nikola Biller-Andorno

Science Translational Medicine27 May 2020 Restricted Access

As cell engineering is used to develop new types of implanted health-monitoring devices, this may raise ethical issues for individuals and society.

Social Science & Medicine

Volume 251 April 2020

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Stanford Social Innovation Review

Spring 2020 Volume 18, Number 2

https://ssir.org/issue/spring_2020#

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

Systematic Reviews

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How effective are digital interventions in increasing flu vaccination amongst pregnant women? A systematic review protocol

Pregnant women and their unborn babies are at increased risk of complications as a result of flu, yet uptake of the flu vaccination in the UK remains low. Digital interventions have proven effectiveness in cha...

Authors: Joanne Parsons and Helen Atherton

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Torture Journal

2019 Volume 29 - No.3

<https://irct.org/publications/torture-journal/143>

This issue of the Torture Journal takes its focus on measuring torture rehabilitation processes and results. Scientific contributions on this subject include a measurement of rehabilitation outcomes with an instrument designed at the Marjorie Kovler Center in Chicago; a validation study examining diagnoses of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Complex Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (CPTSD) in refugee and torture survivor populations; and a study of gender-based violence in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

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

Finally, Secretary-General of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, Lisa Henry, and Chief Executive Officer of STARTTS Centre in Australia, Jorge Aroche, provide an open letter to the Torture Journal readers and a celebratory text of STARTTS' 30th anniversary respectively.

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

Volume 21 Issue 3, July 2020

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Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases

Volume 34 March–April 2020

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Volume 25, Issue 5 Pages: i-iv, 507-643 May 2020

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UN Chronicle

Vol. LV Nos. 3 & 4 2018 December 2018

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

New Technologies: Where To?

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

An International Interdisciplinary Journal for Research, Policy and Care

Volume 15, Issue 2, 2020

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World Heritage Review

n°94 - January 2020

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/review/94/>

Current Issue

New World Heritage sites 2019

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

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